

THE WOMAN AND THE MANCHILD

- 1.** The WOMAN in Genesis is Eve (“life giver”), whose SEED (Jesus) would “bruise” (wound, crush) the serpent’s head; Genesis 3:15. This is the first promise of a coming Messiah, a promised Redeemer after the Fall of man; Col. 2:15; John 12:31; Acts 26:18.
- 2.** The WOMAN’S SON (Head and Body), begins as a “seed”, which MULTIPLIES into a corporate Body, a “many-membered Son”; Galatians 3:29; Romans 6:3-5; 8:17.
- 3.** It was the POWER of the Highest that “OVERSHADOWED” the Woman, Mary, and the Man Jesus was conceived; Luke 1:26-38. And it will be the “overshadowed” Woman of Rev. 12, who produces “a man child”: “For unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder...”; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Rev. 12:2.
- 4.** Just as Jesus was born of a “BETROTHED VIRGIN”, it is also true that the “man child” company (the manifested sons of God), will be birthed out of a “betrothed virgin” Woman; Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23, the Bride without spot, blemish or wrinkle; Eph. 5:17.
- 5.** The Woman clothed with the sun in Revelation is called a great “wonder” (SIGN) in heaven; Rev. 12:1-2. She portrays the Body of Christ, one who has the qualities of a “virgin”; 2 Corinthians 11:2. A “virgin” is a symbol of a separated one, who is pure and unmarried. Jesus taught that there are wise and foolish “virgins”; Matthew 25:1-13.
- 6.** The book of Revelation describes 2 WOMEN:
 - a.** One is the Harlot Woman who rides the beast; she is an idolater, the false church system. She is unfaithful to Jesus, being “intimate with many men”; Jeremiah 3:1, 3; Proverbs, chapter 7; Nahum 3:4-5; Revelation, chapters 17-18
 - b.** The other Woman is clothed with the sun; she is the true Bride of Christ, who is intimate only with her husband (Jesus), the Wife of the Lamb who makes herself ready; Revelation 19:7-8; Song of Solomon 4:7-11.
- 7.** The bridal WOMAN REVEALS the LIGHT of heaven, which gives life, guidance, revelation, vision and illumination to the Earth. She is “clothed with the sun”; Song of Sol. 6:10; Phil. 2:15; Rev. 12:1.
 - a.** Jesus and His Body are the “light of the world”; John 8:12; Matthew 5:14; 13:43
 - b.** The Lord is referred to as the “Sun” in scripture; Psalm 84:11; Malachi 4:2.
- 8.** The sun-clad Woman has “put on Christ”: Romans 13:14, and is the recipient of God’s power and authority: Luke 24:49. This WOMAN IS ENDUED (root word “clothed”) with power from on high: the infilling of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost; Acts 2; Ephesians 5:18; 6:1.
- 9.** VIRGO (virgin) is a constellation in the heavens, a picture of the Woman: (Mazzaroth in scripture = Zodiac signs). From the Earth, we see that the “Sun” illuminates this image of the Woman, as it travels through each of the 12 constellations every year. The Father of Lights wrote His plan of Redemption in the stars; see Ps. 19:1-4; Job 38:31-33.

10. The Woman has conquered the “moon”: it is under her feet. She has been lifted to a higher dimension of light, above the “dim light” of the moon: types, shadows and rituals under the Law, to which fleshly Israel clings; Gal. 4:4-5. The moon reflects only a small portion from the light of the sun; it is “reflected” spiritual light; Col. 2:17; Hebrews 10:1.

11. Upon her head is a crown of 12 “STARS”, which is the number of divine government (12 tribes of Israel, and 12 Apostles of the Lamb). The glorious Church (Bride) without spot or blemish is crowned with divine truth and revelation before her child is born (as the manifested sons of God). She meditates upon the Word of God, having a mind full of heavenly truth, being transformed by the renewing of her mind; Romans 12:2.

12. A living union with Jesus Christ causes the Woman to be “with child”; she travails in birth, to bring forth a “man child” (overcomer). When the “soul” receives and is filled with the Spirit of Truth, the Seed of Christ begins to take form within; Eph. 4:13. The “overcomer” is IN the Church, even as the “temple” is IN the City; 1 Cor. 6:19.

13. Even as the Woman Rachel, was in “hard labor” to bring forth Joseph’s brother, Benjamin (son of the right hand); Gen. 35:16; 45:22, the birth of this “son” will cause a TRAVAIL in all creation. As the birth approaches, there will be a cry of pain and anguish of great tribulation upon Earth, and the “man child” shall be born. There will be a manifestation of God’s sons; this is what all of creation is waiting for; Romans 8:18-19.

14. The Bride, being a Woman, is a feminine term, but to the overcomer the Lord says: “HE (a masculine term) that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be HIS God, and HE (the man child), shall be My SON”; Revelation 21:7 Within the Woman’s Body, the “man child” is hidden in the womb. This “overcomer” is caught up to the throne of God; Acts 1:2, 9-11; Rev. 12:5. HE (Jesus’ Head and Body), will rule all nations with a rod of iron; Psalm 2:8-9; Revelation 2:26-27; 12:5; 19:15.

15. The Woman (the Body of Christ) is brought to maturity through GRACE, the 5-Fold ministries of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. They are exclusively given to help bring the Body of Christ to full stature; Ephesians 4:11-13.

16. And from the Woman there is yet MORE GRACE released (5 other hidden ministries). These excel beyond (are not limited to), just the “equipping of the saints”. Through many obstacles, they have overcome the “stigma” (of reproach, of being “misfits”, dead to the religious system); John 12:23-24. They confound the wisdom of worldly success, the experts and the influential; they reveal the WAYS of the Almighty and uncover mysteries of His Kingdom. They are not the famous, high profile, charismatic celebrities of the day.

A. In the O.T. we see a type of this group, who became the king’s mighty men (overcomers). They are insignificant in the eyes of men, “outcasts”.

1. They abandoned Saul’s fleshly system, and hid in a secret place with David, their king (who beheaded the giant, even as King Jesus defeated “satan”); see 1 Samuel 22:1-2

2. These individuals, along with their king, defeat the “offspring” of the giant still left in the Earth; 2 Samuel 21:18-22.

B. In the N.T. we see a similar group of “insignificant ones” (unseen, unnoticed, dishonored, unlearned); Acts 4:13, overcomers, according to 1 Corinthians 1:27-28, 31:

1. foolish things - (dull; stupid; absurd) ones to “confound” (to put to shame or disgrace) the wise; the foolishness of God is wiser than men; 1 Corinthians 1:25; 4:10-13.

2. weak things - (strengthless; feeble; impotent) ones to confound the things which are mighty. His strength is made perfect in weakness; His grace is magnified and His power is demonstrated in the face of human weakness; 2 Corinthians 13:4

3. base things – (ignoble; unknown; obscure) ones. God has regarded the “lowly estate” of His handmaiden; Luke 1:48, 51-53. Jesus “overshadows” our frailty!

4. despised things – (contemptible; least esteemed) ones; Isaiah 53:3; Luke 18:9; 22:37

5. things which are not – (a nothing, a nobody), those who bring to nothing (nullify) the things that are; Matthew 15:26-27; Luke 16:21. Moses who was a “somebody”, had to become a “nobody” before he became a deliverer; Exodus 2:10, 15.

A company of sons will pass through the veil and sit with Christ in His throne to rule and reign. The Lord shall use these “overcomers” to execute judgment upon the wicked; Jude 14-15; Rev. 19:14. After the “strong man” is bound, then we begin to “spoil his goods” cutting off the powers of darkness and his government from the Earth for 1,000 years; Mark 3:27. Jesus and His “overcomers” will exercise absolute dominion in the Earth.

17. There is a WOMAN under the LAW, and there is a WOMAN under GRACE:

Under The Law

Hagar

Leah

Peninnah

Naomi, Orpah

Vashti

O.T. Israel (A wife under the Law)

Under Grace

Sarah (produced Isaac)

Rachel (produced Joseph and Benjamin)

Hannah (produced Samuel)

Ruth (produced Obed, David’s grandfather)

Esther (who preserved a nation)

Mary (produced Jesus, the Law fulfilled)

18. “And in that day SEVEN WOMEN shall “take hold” of ONE MAN, saying, we will eat our “own bread”, and “wear our own apparel”: only “let us be called by thy name”, to “take away our reproach”; Isaiah 4:1. These 7 Women are the complete, entire professing Church. They consist of many “daughters of Jerusalem” and “virgins without number”; Song of Solomon 5:8; 6:8; 7 Churches of Revelation, chapters 2-3.

a. They “take hold” of the Lord Jesus Christ (they claim Him for themselves).

b. They want to eat their “own bread” (consume, feed upon pleasures, the substance of worldly and religious pursuits). Jesus said “My meat (food) is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish his work”; John 4:32, 34.

c. They want to wear their own “apparel” (clothing, raiment): false “coverings”: titles and religious garb. Achan coveted a false covering, a “Babylonian garment”; Joshua 7:21. The biblical covering is seen in Isaiah 4:5; Exodus 13:21-22, and the Mercy Seat is the “covering” over the Law.

d. They want to be called by His name (Christian); Isaiah 62:2; Revelation 3:12; 14:1

e. They want their reproach (the disgrace of being unmarried and barren) taken away; Isaiah 54:4-6; Daniel 9:16

f. These 7 Women (the professing Church) are polluted by their religious traditions, idolatrous practices and their own standards of self-righteousness. Their filth must be washed away; according to Isaiah 4:2-4; this is accomplished by:

1. The Spirit of “Judgment” – (a verdict; a sentence): designed to bring forth repentance, the fear of the Lord, changed character and lifestyle; Isaiah 26:9; Hebrews 10:30; 12:23.

2. The Spirit of “Burning” - (to kindle; to consume); His holy fire will remove the “stubble” and the “dross” (worthless things); Jer. 36:22; Malachi 3:2-3; 1 Cor. 3:13-15.

“Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord”; Jeremiah 9:23-24

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not” Isaiah 53:3

“For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree”; Luke 1:48, 52

“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits”; Romans 12:16

“For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not to bring to nought things that are; That no flesh should glory in his presence”; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

“We are fools for Christ’s sake...even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place...being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring (scum, refuse) of all things unto this day”; 1 Corinthians 4:10-13

“Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection...being destitute, afflicted, tormented; Of whom the world was not worthy; they (heroes of faith) wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth”; Hebrews 11:34-38

“My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong”; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

“Let us go forth therefore unto him without (outside) the camp, bearing His reproach”; Hebrews 13:13

“But we commend ourselves in every way as true servants of God; through great endurance, in tribulation and suffering, in hardships and privations, in sore straits and calamities, In beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless watching, hunger; By innocence and purity, knowledge and spiritual insight, long-suffering and patience, kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in unfeigned love; By speaking the word of truth, in the power of God, with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand (to attack) and for the left hand (to defend); Amid honor and dishonor; in defaming and evil report and in praise and good report. We are branded as deceivers (imposters), and yet vindicated as truthful and honest. We are treated as unknown and ignored by the world and yet we are well-known and recognized by God and His people; as dying, and yet here we are alive; as chastened by suffering and yet not killed; As grieved and mourning, yet we are always rejoicing, as poor ourselves, yet bestowing riches on many; as having nothing, and yet in reality possessing all things”; 2 Corinthians 6:4-10 (Amplified)

“For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones”; Isaiah 57:15

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels (a heart) of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering”; Colossians 3:12

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder, yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble”; 1 Peter 5:5

“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love”; Ephesians 4:1-2

“And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God”; 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

“I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes”; Matthew 11:25

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