

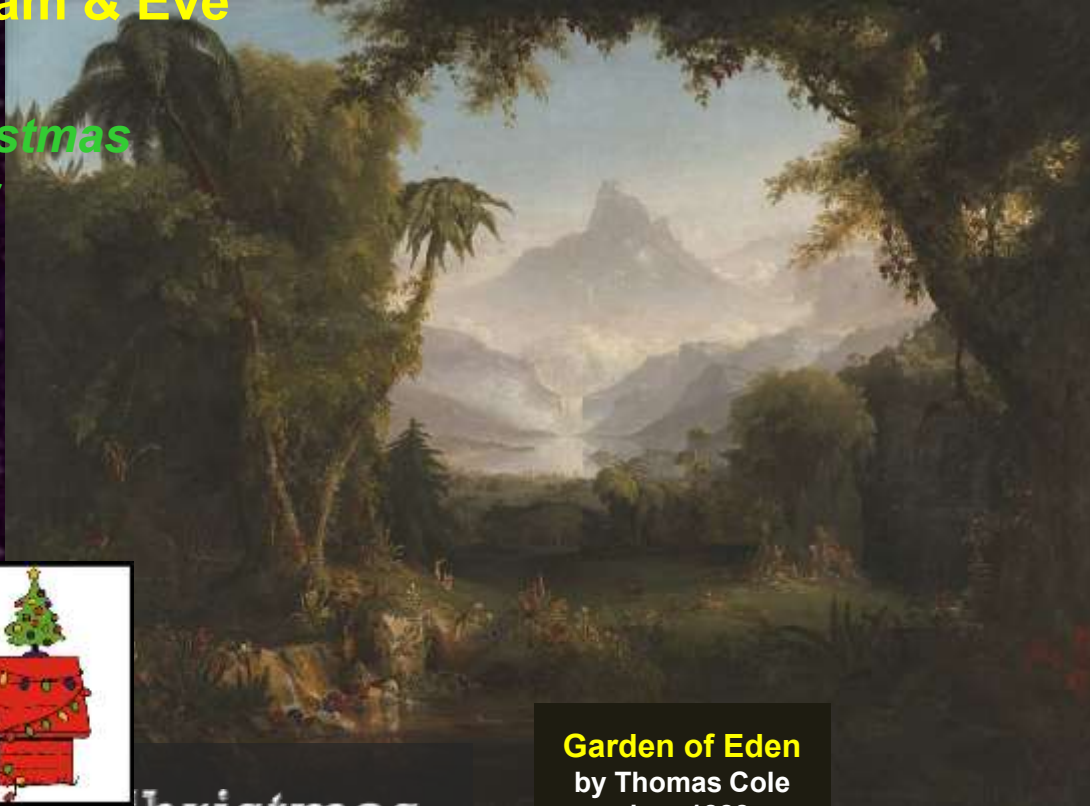
- 1 Created in *His Image*
- 2 Creation of Adam & Eve
- 3 First Sin

GENESIS

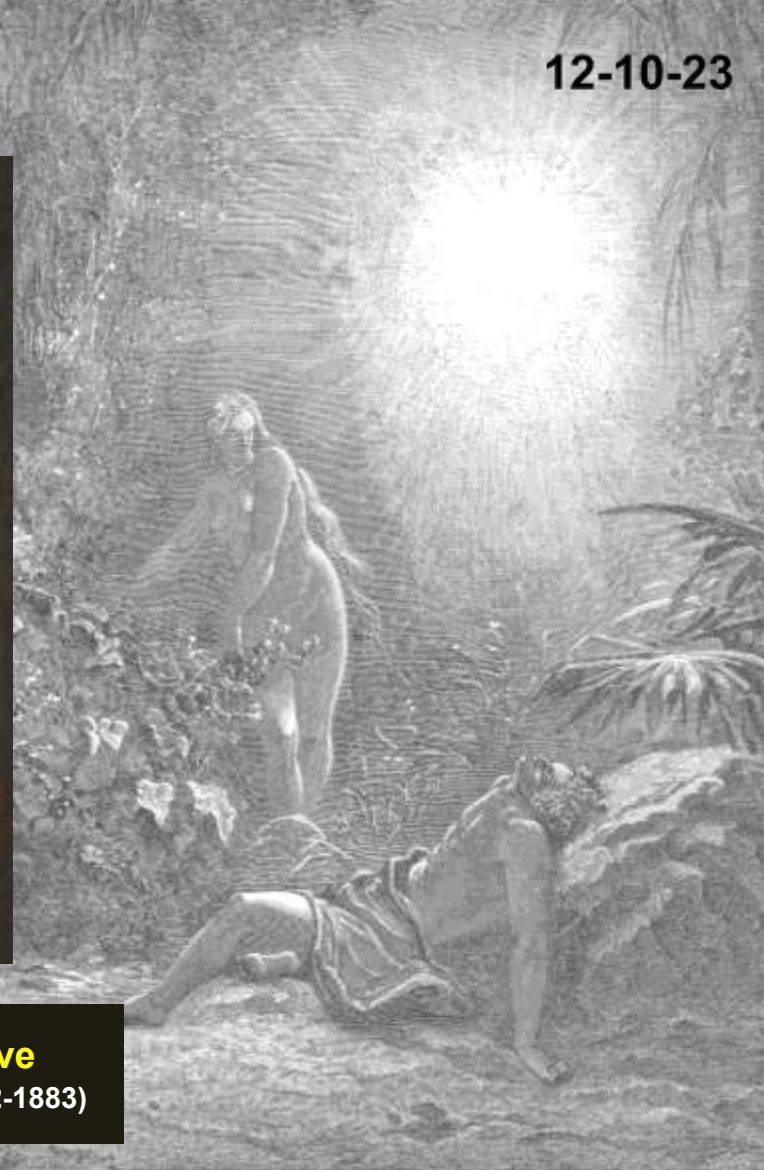
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Dec 24 & 31 Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

- 6-7 Judgment
- 8 LAND!
- 9-10 Protect
- 11 Stalled
- 12-14 Promised
- 15-16 Impatience
- 17-18 Established
- 19 Purged



Garden of Eden
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circa 1828



Creation of Eve
Gustave Doré (1832-1883)



Merry Christmas



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Genesis—All about FAMILY – 1-2 The Foundation

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gave himself up for her**



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I should never have dared to draw the comparison,
nor should any man have drawn it ...

but that the Holy Spirit moved the pen of Paul ...

we shall not be intruding into the secret places of the
Most High if we now enter upon ... this wondrous theme.

Verily ... apostle in 32nd verse, “This is a great mystery:
but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”

It is a mystery, a subject far too deep for the mere intellect
to dive into its depths, and too sacred for us
to think or speak of except with utmost solemnity of heart.

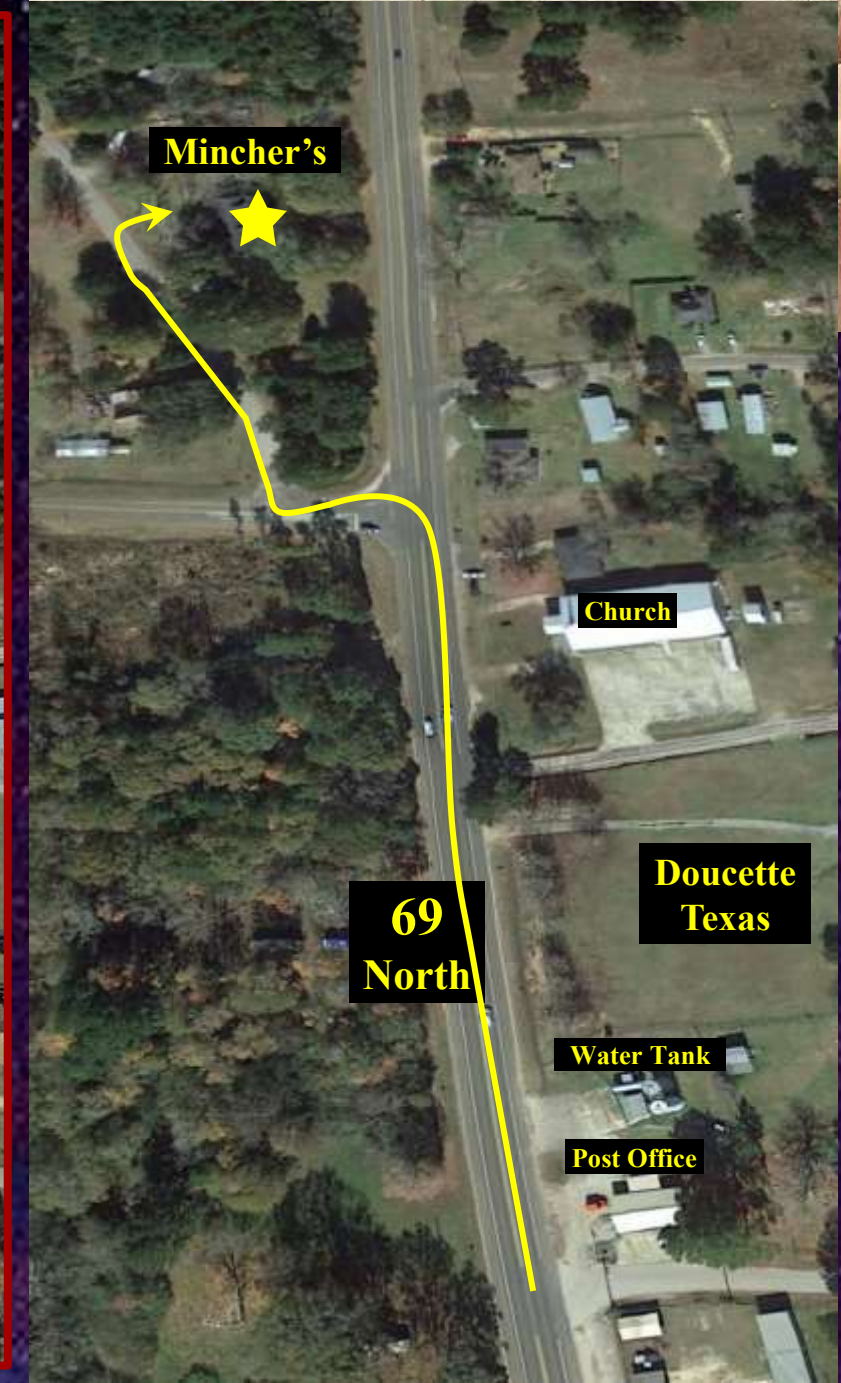
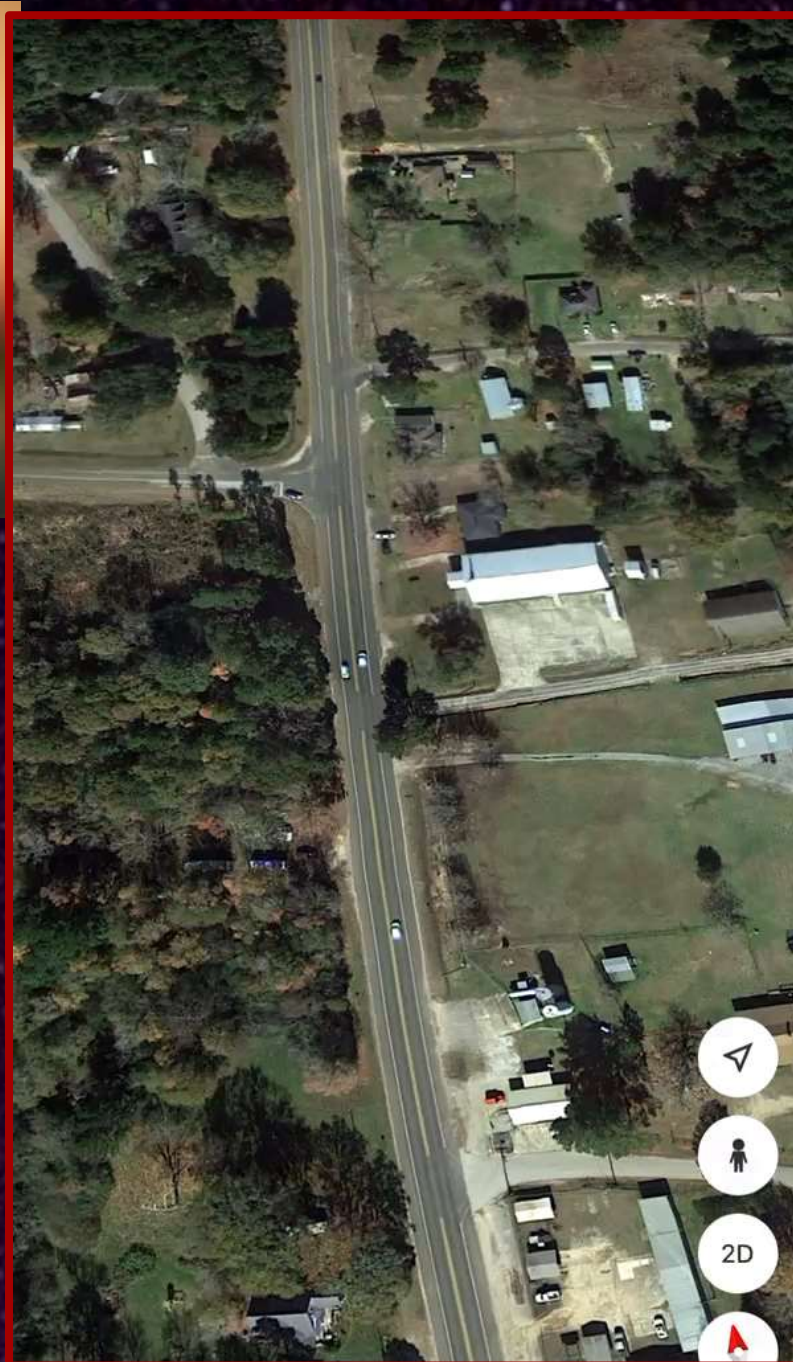
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Genesis

1:31 God saw all that he had made,
and it was **VERY GOOD**.

And there was evening, and there was morning
—the **SIXTH DAY**.



What means **THIS?** – to the 6th Day, No Evil, No Fall, Not a Fallen Angel

2:1 Thus the heavens & the earth were
completed in **ALL** their vast array.

2 By the 7th day God had finished the work he had been doing;
so on the 7th day God **RESTED** from all his work.

3 God blessed the 7th day & made it **HOLY**....

4 This is the **ACCOUNT** of the heavens & the earth
when they were created.... < “account” or “generations” of
ALL the above & then a **REPEAT** of the creation of **MAN** with more

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How shall I order my speech in the presence of such ...?

How shall I be free & yet be guarded?

How shall I take you to the edge of this great Sea of Truth?...

**“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church”:
a parallel is drawn between poor mortals like ourselves who
occupy the position of husbands and our glorious Lord
who is God over all, blessed for ever.**

**In boundless condescension, he deigns to occupy the same place
in reference to HIS CHURCH which he calls HIS BRIDE,
he himself being the Bridegroom who is soon to come.**



Genesis



Genesis DIVIDES its own self accordingly:

Gen 2:4 **Generations/Account of Heavens & Earth**

Gen 5:1 **Generations/Account of Adam**

Gen 6:9 **Generations/Account of Noah**

Gen 10:1 **Generations/Account of sons of Noah**

Gen 11:1 **Generations/Account of Shem**

Gen 11:27 **Generations/Account of Terah**

Gen 25:12 **Generations/Account of Ishmael**

Gen 36:1 **Generations/Account of Esau**

Gen 37:2 **Generations/Account of Jacob**

Gen 2:4 This is the **ACCOUNT** of the heavens & the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth & the heavens.

Gen 11:27 This is the **ACCOUNT** of Terah's family line. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor & Haran. Haran became the father of Lot.

Gen 37:2 This is the **ACCOUNT** of Jacob's family line.

12 Days of Christmas



1st – Partridge in a Pear Tree is Jesus Christ

2nd Day – 2 Two Turtle Doves Old & New Testaments

3rd Day – 3 Three French Hens Faith, Hope, & Love

4th Day – 4 Calling Birds 4 Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John

5th Day – 5 Golden Rings Torah, First 5 bks of the Old Testament

6th Day – 6 Geese a-Laying 6 Days of Creation



7th Day – 7 Swans a-Swimming 7 Gifts of Holy Spirit—
Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, & Mercy

8th Day – 8 Maids a-Milking 8 Beatitudes

9th Day – 9 Ladies Dancing 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit—
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, & Self Control

10th Day – 10 Lords a-Leaping Ten Commandments

11th Day – 11 Pipers Piping 11 Faithful Disciples

12th Day – 12 Drummers Drumming: 12 Points of the Apostles' Creed

Genesis



2:4 This is the account of the heavens & the earth when they were created....

5-6 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth ... for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth ... but **STREAMS CAME UP** from the earth & watered the whole....

7 Then the Lord God formed a **MAN** from the dust of the ground breathed into his nostrils the **Breath of Life**, and the man became a living being.

“Breath” only 4x – ^ here and v

Gen 7:22 during flood, **ALL** on dry land that had *breath* of life ... **DIED**

Prov 20:27, human *spirit* is the Lamp of the Lord

Isaiah 30:33, regarding the **FIRE PIT** ready for pagan king
breath of the Lord, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it ablaze.

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just as Christ loved the church and
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**Special love which Christ has towards his own church,
towards all believers,
towards his chosen people,
towards those whom his Father gave him,
of whom he says, "THEY ARE MINE."**

**I may invite each of you who are included in either of these descriptions
to drink in the sweetness of that gracious text,
"I have loved thee with an EVERLASTING LOVE."**

**That means, "I have loved thee with a special and
peculiar and distinguishing love."**

Genesis 2 – Foundation of the FAMILY = Husband & Wife

Genesis



2:7 Lord God formed the MAN from the dust ...
breathed into his nostrils the Breath of LIFE
the MAN became a LIVING Being.

“LIFE” only 85x – with 503x other variations
mostly trans “Alive” & “Living” also as “running” as in running water

“LIVING Being” – same root as LIFE
“Being” refers to *body* alive or dead

“the MAN” is *ha-adam* 136x of the 316 other uses of ADAM

That is to say, the verse is straight forward ...

Gen 2:7 GOD formed Mankind from DUST ... gave LIFE

VERY common words ... unremarkable ... normal ... EASY

God created ALL living things ... then BREATHED LIFE into HUMANKIND

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Man – Mankind –
Humanity

316x

then 236
other variations

Adam & Eve for Children

FAMILY



Genesis

2:8 Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there He put the man he had formed.

9 Lord God made all kinds of trees grow ... pleasing to the eye & good for food. In the middle of the garden were the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Easy to see the *poetic* element ...

As some believe, even MYTHICAL element
Or the TREE symbolizing something

TREE 329x in OT ... as a TREE or WOOD, as in Gopher WOOD

So – Trees of Life & Knowledge are **TREES**



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Merry Christmas



Genesis

10-14 River watering the garden flowed from Eden

... from there ... into four headwaters.

... 1st Pishon, 2nd Gihon, gold of that land good ...

... 3rd river is the Tigris, runs on east side of Ashur,

... 4th river is the Euphrates.

15 Lord God took the man and put him in
the Garden of Eden
to work it and take care of it.

Critics easily point out these **DISTANT** places ...
NAMED even before Adam has a family

Moses inspired from a history passed orally from Noah & Abram
that is over 3,000 years old ... kinda *helps* the critic

We believe Moses—God *thru* Moses, *from* Jacob, *from* Abram, *from* Noah



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His is the strongest **LOVE** that ever was....

He has loved the sinner till he has made him a saint;

He has loved the foul and filthy till he has
washed them with water by the Word, and
presented them unto himself without spot,
or wrinkle, or any such thing....

He is not ashamed to call us brethren ...

He does not hesitate to speak of his beloved as ***His* SPOUSE** ...

He takes great delight in her.

Gen 2-3 First Family – 4-50 Family of God – NT Church is Bride



Genesis

2:16 Lord God commanded the MAN,
“You are free to eat from
ANY tree in the garden;
17 but you must NOT eat from the
Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil
for when you eat from it you
WILL CERTAINLY DIE.”

So much is taking place ... rather **TOOK PLACE**
Yet notice that Adam – The Man – got news
of the **TREES FIRST** ... before he named **ALL** the animals
before the arrival of Woman ... before naming her EVE in ch 3

From ch 3, we know in ch 2 Adam had NOT yet eaten from the Tree of Life



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Genesis



2:18 Lord God said,
“It is not good for the MAN to be alone.
I will make a helper suitable for him.”

19 Lord God had formed out of the ground
ALL the wild animals and all the birds in the sky.
He brought them to the MAN to see what he would name them;
whatever the MAN called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So the MAN gave NAMES to ALL the livestock,
the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for the MAN no suitable helper was found.

Note vs 20 ... KJV trans “the MAN” as “Adam”...

Hebrew is *ha-adam* ... so we see where translators got Adam

No big deal, but we see clearly that Adam is **THE MAN**

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Man – Mankind –
Humanity

316x

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other variations

O Holy Night

FAMILY



Genesis



2:21 So the Lord God caused the
THE MAN to fall into a deep sleep; and
while he was sleeping,

God took one of **THE MAN**'s ribs and then closed up the flesh.



22 Then the Lord God made a **WOMAN** from the rib
he had taken out of **THE MAN**, and he **BROUGHT** her to **THE MAN**.

Interestingly enough ...

Leissah is trans “woman” **ONLY** here
2:23 *issah* is “woman”

Most everywhere else both trans “**WIFE**”

Don't make too much out of these

Just **KNOW** for 6,000 yrs 3 greatest religions saw **HUSBAND & WIFE**

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Man – Mankind –
Humanity

316x

then 236
other variations

אִשָּׁה

lə'iššāh

Woman
Wife

53x

אִשָּׁה

iššāh

Woman
Wife

147x

781 other
variations

Adam & Eve for Children

FAMILY



Genesis



23 THE MAN said,
“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘**WOMAN**,’
for she was taken out of man.”

Oh my ... The MAN called her, WOMAN ...

Crowning Achievement of His Life ...

Naming of his **HELPER** ...

his **LIFEMATE** ...

his **WIFE** ...

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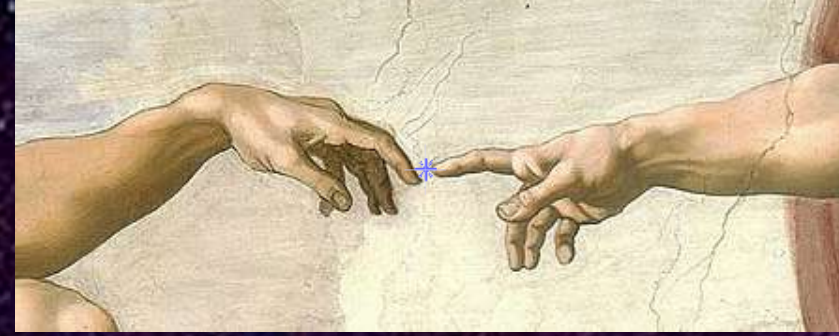
Think of it, my soul, that
Jesus takes great delight in thee.
He became a man, and it was
NOT good even for such a Man [*as Christ*] to be alone.

He could not rest till He had found thee out,
and had wooed and won thee.

Wilt thou ever deny Him thy company?
wilt thou refuse Him thy heart of hearts?
wilt thou hide from Him the secret of thy soul?



Genesis



2:24 That is why **THE MAN** leaves his father and mother and is

united to his **WIFE**, and
they become **ONE FLESH**.

25 **THE MAN**—**KJV Adam**—and his **WIFE** were both naked,
and they felt no shame.

Clearly ... the story of humanity's **BEGINNING** ...

Set *inside* the context of **CREATION** ... Anchored in **MARRIAGE**

recall: Gen 2:4 Generations/Account of Heavens & Earth

Gen 5:1 Generations/Account of Adam

SO – Gen 2–4 are the *Generations* of Heaven & Earth

WHAT Generations? - Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, & *their* children

that is: *Generations* of Heaven & Earth are **ANCHORED** in the **FAMILY**

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He has, as it were, entered into the same boat
with his people.

He has made a household ...

himself the Husband, and HIS church the *spouse*.

Oh, who shall tell it all out?

I do but touch the surface of

this boundless sea as with a swallow's wing;

happy are you if you dare to plunge into its depths....



Genesis

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THE story of humanity's BEGINNING ... Anchored in **MARRIAGE**

Genesis 1 & 2 TWO Versions of Creation ... ending in Marriage
always intending marriage to be for LIFE ... even forever

Revelation 21 & 22 TWO Versions of *the* Holy City Descending ...

Revelation Ending with an Angel showing
the elderly Apostle John the BRIDE, the **Holy City**

Creation *Begins* with the **FAMILY** of Adam & Eve ...

Heaven *Begins* with the **FAMILY** of God in the **Eternal City**

A detailed illustration of a winter scene. In the background, a small stone church with a steeple and a cross on top is nestled among snow-covered evergreen trees. The church's windows are lit with a warm yellow glow, and a red bow is tied to its door. A path of snow leads from the foreground towards the church. In the middle ground, there are more snow-laden trees and a few birds in flight. The foreground shows a snowy landscape with some small evergreens and a few more birds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and festive.

FAMILY



FAMILY—from Creation to Heaven

Christmas Blessings