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A Study and Comparison of the Former and Future Exodus of Israel

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A SPECIAL RESURRECTION FOR ALL OF ISRAEL'S DEAD

Of all of the nations on the earth, no other nation like the people of Israel has been so widely scattered throughout other nations and peoples. A great number of graves throughout the world hold the dead of Israel; many go back for centuries, and only God knows who they are. Every one of these will be raised from the dead to participate in the great gathering and return to the land promised to their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as well as David who will become their king. The Twelve Apostles, who are to sit on twelve governmental seats of authority will be on the scene, as well as the “*out-called [ekklesia] ones*” of the Acts period, trained, experienced and ready to be positioned in their appointed places under God’s government.

There are those who died in Egypt during the 215 years before Israel’s great exodus, and many that perished in the wilderness during the forty years of wandering.

God has knowledge of those who died in the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities, those who died in other nations and the land of Israel. The soil of almost every nation of the world also holds some of the dead of Israel. God knows all about them, He knows them all by name and will call them up from their graves, giving them life and breath, and He will bring them into the land of Israel:

Thus saith the Lord GOD; “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people,

and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put My spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it,” saith the LORD (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

When all of God’s people Israel, the living and the resurrected dead, are gathered together into that place of separation that Ezekiel 20:35 describes as the “*wilderness of the peoples,*” the number of the living descendants of Abraham will indeed be as innumerable as the dust of the earth (Genesis 13:15-16). Ezekiel describes this resurrection scene as an “*exceeding great army.*”

The vision of Israel’s future gathering that God gave Balaam was of an organized, peaceful, innumerable host:

For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? (Numbers 23:9-10).

When the call has gone out for God’s people Israel to return to their land, and they are gathered one by one, this gathering place, “*the wilderness of the peoples*” is where Elijah will be fulfilling his great work of restoration (Matthew 17:11). The disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, a scene that also involved Moses and Elijah, asked the Lord Jesus about the promised sending of Elijah, as the prophet Malachi had written:

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before

the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse (Malachi 4:5-6).

Most of organized religion has no place for the future work of Elijah in their prophetic programs, yet the Scriptures make it very plain that this prophet must come on the scene before the Day of the Lord, which has its beginning before the Great Tribulation period.

Otis Q. Sellers explains this subject very well.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, "Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things" (Matthew 17:11).

From this we know that the work of Elijah is not to be insignificant. He will “*restore all things,*” and this will be done before the beginning of the great and notable day of the Lord. It must be noted here that Elijah does his great work in the time period and under the conditions brought about by the manifest sovereignty of God which inaugurates the government of God on the earth. He is the one who will indicate the exact boundaries of the land God prom-

ised to Abraham, the boundaries of the land allotted to each tribe, the division of Israel according to their tribes, the identification of the Aaronic family, the three divisions of the tribe of Levi, the restoration of the judges and counselors as promised in Isaiah 1:26, the identification of historical sites, the restoration and proper observance of the feasts. Today no one knows how Passover was observed in the time of Christ. All this will be restored by Elijah when God governs the earth.¹

The work of Elijah in the coming exodus is a reflection of the work that Moses did for Israel in the exodus confusion; it was an orderly process under God’s control and instruction. When the Israelites reached Horeb, the Mount of God where they were to meet with God and be given the law, they camped in an orderly plan by tribe and by family, as Moses later describes the camp, and the tribal positions relating to the newly completed Tabernacle:

Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father’s house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch (Numbers 2:2).

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Isaiah writes with great wonder at such a future gathering:

Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or, shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children (Isaiah 66:8).

Our God is a God of order. The redemption of the entire earth and the restoration of Israel in every way will be a marvelous order of beauty, and men will be speaking of these great events from one generation to another.

THE MIRACLE OF GOD-GIVEN HEALTH

The first exodus:

Every individual who came out of Egypt was miraculously an able-bodied person, old or young. God supplied their every need, their safety, their food and water, even anticipating the need for the Egyptian's gold, silver and precious raiment for the soon-to-be-built Tabernacle and its furnishings:

He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them (Psalm 105:37-38).

During God's face-to-face dealing with Israel at Mt. Horeb He sought their singular faithfulness to Himself. To do this would bring great reward:

And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill (Exodus 23:25-26).

However, Israel failed to obtain this status.

The coming exodus:

A greater and more glorious series of events will take place when God's government comes into this earth. Because of Christ's victory over sin and death, perfect health and life flowing from God will be the portion of all that the Kingdom of God touches. The nations as well as Israel will experience this benefit of Jesus

Christ's great salvation. When the call goes out for Israel's return to the land, those living on the earth at that time will already be experiencing the benefits of Christ's salvation. Every sickness, physical handicap, and even their stony heart will have already been removed:

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God (Ezekiel 36:26-28).

He Who scattered Israel will gather them:

Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travails with child together: a great company shall return thither (Jeremiah 31:8).

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert (Isaiah 35:5-6).

MESSIAH BRINGS THESE GIFTS FOR MEN

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive: Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that THE LORD God might dwell among them (Psalm 68:18).

In Psalm 67:1-2 the Psalmist declares that the coming intervention of God would bring His "saving health to all nations." The prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah, as well as many other inspired writers of the Old Testament, foretold the great signs and healing miracles that would be the identifying credentials of the promised Messiah. Scripture portions such as those above are good examples. If we compare these statements with the Gospel record of the many signs and wonders performed by Jesus, we are looking at solid evidence that He indeed was the promised Christ. Every sign and miracle that has been recorded in the Gospels is an in-



indication of what men could expect when Messiah governs the earth, that period in time in which the coming exodus will take place.

Sickness and death will be under the control of the Messiah, and the gift of perfect health, the experience of being "made whole" will also be the portion of every son and daughter of Israel, living or resurrected. This gift of being "made whole" is a universal truth for all people living in all nations on the earth when God brings His rule to the earth. The other side of the coin is that, while all receive the gifts of Messiah's victory, many who are judged unworthy by Him will lose everything due to their own sins.

THE INSTANT CHANGE FROM MORTALITY TO IMMORTALITY

... ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem (Isaiah 27:12-13).

Resurrection, the restoration of life to one who is dead, is a truth that is greatly expanded in the New Testament gospels and epistles:

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (I Corinthians 15:51-52).

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is [the] Son of Man (John 5:25-27).

The fact should be emphasized that the gift of life, light and perfect health will be the portion of all living in all nations when the great change comes, or it will become their portion at their resurrection. All men, even the rebellious, will be beneficiaries. This is the gift of Jesus Christ, bought with His victory over death. Whether individuals will continue to live to enjoy this life in God's

Kingdom will be determined as their record is reviewed by the Judge of all the earth (II Timothy 4:1).

FOOD, CLOTHING AND SHELTER

The first exodus:

These items are said to be the basic needs of mankind. To this most men would agree. It is our special interest in this study to search out the record of the first exodus as to how God answered these needs for the people who came out of Egypt. They were under His care and responsibility for over forty years in a cursed wilderness. He took care of every detail:

And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet; you have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or similar drink; that you may know that I am the LORD your God (Deuteronomy 29:5-6).

The prophet Nehemiah writes a prayer of praise:

Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, to lead them on the road; nor the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way they should go. You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, and gave them water for their thirst. Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness, they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell (Nehemiah 9:19-21).

The Psalmist makes mention of the miraculous things that God did for Israel in the Egyptian exodus and the days that followed:

Marvelous things did He in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan [Egypt]. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and He made the waters to stand as an heap. In the daytime also He led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. He cleaved the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths. He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers (Psalm 78:12-16).

He commanded the clouds from above, and

opened the doors of heaven, and had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. Man did eat angels' food: He sent them meat to the full (:23-25).

The coming exodus:

Will the glory of the coming exodus exceed these marvels? It will be greater and more glorious for many reasons, some of which have been pointed out, but also consider the greater numbers of people involved and the multitude of exit points from which God's covenant people will come. Also, God states that His reputation is at stake, and even though Israel had failed Him so many times before, He will accomplish what He set out to do – His promises are always kept. The manifest power and the glory of the coming exodus of Israel from among the nations will so exceed the first that the memory of the first exodus from Egypt will dim in comparison:

“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives Who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ but, ‘The LORD lives Who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the LORD, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks” (Jeremiah 16:14-16).

Another important reason is that God will restore them for His own reputation's sake:

But I had pity for Mine Holy Name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; ‘I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine Holy Name's sake, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye went.’ And I will sanctify My Great Name, which was profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD,” saith the Lord GOD, “when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your

own land” (Ezekiel 36:21-24).

A NEW HEART ATTITUDE FOR ISRAEL

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the nations. Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Not for your sakes do I this,” saith the Lord GOD, “be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel” (Ezekiel 36:25-32).

THE ABUNDANCE OF A CURSE-FREE EARTH

Thus saith the Lord GOD; “In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be built. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, ‘This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited’” (Ezekiel 36:33-35).

“The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be

victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are My people,” declares the Sovereign LORD (Ezekiel 34:27-30, NTV).

SOME THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE TEMPLE

In pointing out the greater glories of the coming exodus, the restoration of the city of Jerusalem and the existence of a new Temple accepted of God must be set forth as most important to the center of His government:

For the LORD shall comfort Zion [Jerusalem]: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody (Isaiah 51:3).

If God should unveil Jesus Christ to the world today, His authority over the nations would instantly become manifest and extend to the ends (most remote places) of the earth, including Jerusalem and the Temple site where the new Temple will stand. There is of course no Temple at the present time but many of the prophets refer to its existence when speaking of the time of Heaven’s government in the earth.

The prophet Ezekiel, instructed by God’s Spirit, was given a detailed description of the new Temple that will be built according to the plans given by God, as was the wilderness Tabernacle and Solomon’s Temple:

Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write it down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. This is the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the temple (Ezekiel 43:10-12).

The questions should be asked “Where does Israel worship during the building of the new sanctuary? Where do the representatives of the nations coming to Jerusa-

lem present themselves during the years of construction?” There are no easy answers to the question, but the Lord will provide. There could be the provision of a temporary Tabernacle, made again by the skill of the resurrected Bezaleel (Exodus 38:22-23) and others of the children of Israel. The existence of another temporary Tabernacle carried by the Priests in the march into the Promised Land would be in keeping with the pattern displayed by God of retracing Israel’s footprints of failure with His success. There will be no Ark of the Covenant housing tables of stone this time as the new Covenant will be written on their hearts:

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah – not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,” says the LORD. “But this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days,” says the LORD: “I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” says the LORD. “For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more” (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

“Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the LORD, “that they will say no more, ‘The ark of the covenant of the LORD.’ It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore (Jeremiah 3:16).

THE PILLAR OF CLOUD AND FIRE OVER JERUSALEM

When the LORD has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering (Isaiah 4:4-5).



Jerusalem will be the center of the earth for all nations, the Temple will be God's footstool where appointed representatives of the nations will seek for wisdom and instruction from the God of all nations:

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain [a government] of the LORD's House shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore (Isaiah 2:2-4).

THE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF THE MEETING PLACE

We know from Ezekiel 20:37-38 that the place called "the wilderness of the peoples," where God will meet with the whole nation of Israel, is not in the land into which God promised to bring them but in some other geographical location that is within walking distance of that Promised Land. I believe that, when God has brought the nation of Israel into the bond of the new covenant, the rebels and transgressors who are not allowed to enter the land will have been purged, the new nation, a united redeemed people will begin their march to enter and possess the land. This time it will be an absolute success:

Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be (Deuteronomy 11:24).

(There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.) (Deuteronomy 1:2).

CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF MOUNT HOREB

As to the geographical location of the "wilderness of the nations" meeting place, I would offer this enlightened

speculation: in this study many parallels between the first exodus and the coming exodus have been disclosed where God is going to accomplish in the new gathering what Israel failed to do in the old. While no man today knows the exact location of Mount Horeb, could it be that God once more wants to start with them at this special place in the wilderness of Sinai? The important events that have occurred at Horeb give us good reason for thinking that God may possibly use this "holy ground" again. Here are some facts for your consideration:

1. When Moses kept the flock of Jethro his Father-in-law, the priest of Midian, we are told in Exodus 3:1, 5 that he led the flock to the backside of the desert and came to "the mountain of God, even to Horeb." This is where he encounters God at the burning bush. Moses is instructed to stay at a distance and to remove his shoes, "for the place whereon you stand is holy ground."
2. Mount Horeb became the meeting place for Moses and Aaron when God brought Aaron out of Egypt to aid Moses:

And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him (Exodus 4:27).

3. God's assurance to Moses was that He would cause them to return to Horeb:

When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain (Exodus 3:12).

In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain (Exodus 19:1-2).

4. Horeb is the place where God instructed Moses to strike the rock to give the people water:

"Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel (Exodus 17:6).



5. Horeb, the Mount of God, is the site where both Moses (Exodus 33:18-23) and Elijah (I Kings 19:8-12) witness the power and glory of God. In the case of Elijah going to Mount Horeb, it was God who wanted him there for His own reasons and so arranged for him to go there. Elijah has a big commission to fulfill relating to the gathering of Israel. This visit may have been part of the preparation.
6. It is on Mount Horeb that God gave Israel the Law and makes the first Covenant with them (see Exodus 19-20). Will God parallel the first giving of the Law in Horeb by bringing Israel into the bond of the New Covenant in the same setting?
7. Moses did not enter the land the first time. Will God give him the privilege of leading the people on foot into the redeemed Promised Land? As it says in Isaiah,

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away (Isaiah 35:8-

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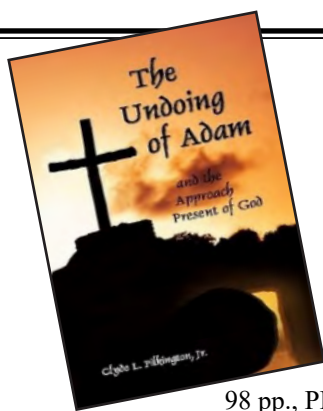
No man today knows the exact location of Mount Horeb, and it does not matter where God chooses to meet with His people, whether at Horeb or some other location, but this we do know: there is yet to be an orderly gathering of the nation of Israel. This final exodus from around the world will bring the Jews back to the land that God promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. No nation on Earth in that day will fail to grasp the significance of this *divine* act. The Lord will be exalted in that day as David has declared,

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; for all that is in Heaven and in Earth is Yours; Yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as Head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all (I Chronicles 29:11-12). **BSN***

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The Undoing of Adam and the Approach Present of God

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Christ is greater than Adam, undoing what Adam did. In fact, Christ's work at Calvary is greater than Adam's fall. All of God's creation will be gloriously saved by the successful work of "the Savior of the world" (John 4:42). Salvation is not dependent on us at all; it is all about Christ and His work alone. Paul taught that the exact same "all" who are condemned in Adam are the exact same "all" who are justified in Christ (Romans 5:18), and that the exact same "all" who die in Adam are the exact same "all" who are "made alive" in Christ (I Corinthians 15:22). Christianity has an Adam who is greater than Christ; however, it is Christ Who is greater than Adam.

A note concerning the cover: We wanted a cover that would immediately convey the theme of the book's content, choosing to go with a traditional "cross" scene to express the work of Christ at Calvary. Yet Christ did not die on a "cross," but was nailed to a simple "stake." An explanation is provided in the appendix. *See order form.*