**Adam a Magnificent & Tragic Prophetic Type of Christ**

Concrete Proof the Bible is a supernaturally designed Message whose origin

is an Eternal & Omniscient Being from outside our space-time domain

***Back in the 1930’s Harry Rimmer had a debate on the authority and Divine inspiration of the Bible.*** His atheist opponent opened his arguments with the following statement: “Rimmer is going to try to prove the inspiration of the Bible by referring to the Bible itself. In anticipation of this procedure, I desire to object. The Bible is the book under question and the subject of our investigation. Therefore, you cannot prove the Bible by appealing to the Bible. The argument and evidence must be based upon and derived from external sources. I demand that my opponent shall not refer to the contents of the Bible in seeking to prove its inspiration! The disputed book cannot be appealed to as evidence, as it would thus be testifying in its own behalf.”

***Rimmer gave the following response***: “Our eminent opponent has propounded a peculiar proposition in his opening remarks. ***He states that we cannot test the Bible by the Bible, as such would be contrary to acceptable procedure***. We are at a loss to understand the basis of such reasoning!

***Following his own suggested procedure***, ***imagine our opponent finds a special rock on the farm he recently purchased***. Detecting a yellow glint in the rock, he hastens to the assayer and says: ‘I have reason to believe that there is gold on my farm.’ The assayer would, of course, reply, ‘Bring me a specimen of the rock and I will make an assay and tell you if it has any value.’

“At once our opponent would reply, ‘You can’t test a thing by the thing itself! You take a brick out of the wall of this building, assay it and tell me if there is gold on my farm.’

“***Or let’s suppose he had reason to believe some enemy had put poison in his sugar bowl***. He hastens to the chemist and says: ‘I believe an attempt has been made to poison me.’ He would be saddened to have the ignorant chemist say to him, ‘Bring me the sugar bowl and I will analyze its contents and give you a scientific opinion.’

“At once our opponent would reply, ‘Oh, no! You can’t prove a thing by the thing itself! You take the saltshaker off your kitchen shelf, analyze its contents and tell me if there is cyanide in my sugar bowl.” (ref. “*Internal Evidence of Inspiration*” by Harry Rimmer, 1938, p. 7-9).

***The nature or content of many things can be proved scientifically or statistically by analyzing the object itself***. There are many different unique and supernatural aspects of the Bible that can be used as internal evidence of its supernatural inspiration.

Another reason you can use the Bible to prove the inspiration of the Bible is the fact that the Bible is not ‘one’ Book but a unity of 66 different books written by 40 different human writers over a period of 1500 years. Irrefutable evidence from an amazing array of eyewitnesses.

**One of the infallible concrete proofs of the Divine inspiration of the Bible is Predictive Prophesy. One of the most incredible forms of prophecy is Types.** They are the same in supernatural essence but different in form. In Types there is a “similarity” deliberately designed into the O.T. scriptures that will match up with, and bear witness to, some great N.T. truths (Hosea 12:10KJV; Heb. 7:15-17).

***There is absolutely no rational natural explanation for such supernatural phenomena***! One researcher notes that 2,895 verses out of a total 31,124 verses in the Bible deal with prophetic types that are specifically named as such. That’s 9%. Out of a total of 1,817 different predictions in the bible he lists 318 or 21% of the total as Types. (J. B. Payne, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy*)

**What are Prophetic Types**? **A simple definition of a type is** “a shadow, cast by Divine design, of good things to come” (Heb. 10:1). Types are temporary shadows compared to the eternal “body” (or reality) it reveals (Col. 2:16-17). As a cryptic form of Prophesy, they always prefigure something future. It is only through the fuller revelations of the N.T. that we can discover the meanings that were hidden from those who lived in the O.T. (I Pet. 1:10-12).

***The fulfillment of the OT type in the NT has come to be called the “antitype” or simply the fulfillment of the type.*** The resemblance between the types and their fulfillment are so many and so striking as to preclude the possibility of coincidence or accident. The only reasonable explanation is that they are a supernatural revelation of an omniscient, omnipotent, eternal God.

***Most of the Types were designed by the Holy Spirit to reveal truth about the person or work of Jesus***. Jesus said, “that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me” (Lk. 24:44; John 5:39, 45-46).

***For this study we will look at Adam as a prophetic Type of Christ***. Adam’s life was invested with a prefigurative (prophetic) meaning. He was a real historical person, but parts of his life, as recorded by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are designed to Parallel the future life of Christ as it would be recorded in the N.T. by the Same Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:14).

**With the Type of Adam & Jesus Christ we realize there is 4000 years of human history that separates these two historical figures**. Only an eternal God could oversee such a long history! There is 1500 years between the time Moses first records the history of Adam in the Old Testament & Jesus fulfilling them in the record of the New Testament. The fact that we have both the Old & New Testaments so we can read them ourselves gives us access to concrete irrefutable proof that something supernatural is being communicated to us in the Bible.

Because Adam is the first human prophetic type of the LORD Jesus Christ, and because so much is written about him in the New Testament, Adam becomes a model for understanding other Prophetic Types. Adam is “the figure (type) of him that was to come” (Rom. 5:14).

***When we study Prophetic Types we must realize there are both similarities and contrasts***. There are Similarities because everyone called of God is “predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son” (Rom. 8:28-29). It is a process of transformation that begins in this life (2 Cor. 3:18) but is only perfected at the 2nd Coming of Christ (I John 3:2-3).

The contrasts are due to the fact that Jesus Christ is the only sinless human being to have ever lived (Heb. 4:15; I Pet. 1:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 9:14; Acts 3:13-14; 4:27, 30). “In Him is no sin” (I John 3:5) {sin nature}. “He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” (I Pet.2:22). He was Sinless in deed & word. Jesus “knew no sin” (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus never even had a sinful thought! But every other human being is a sinner by birth & sinful works (Ps. 51:5; Job 14:4; Eph. 2:2; Rom. 3:23). ***The contrasts allow the Holy Spirit to more vividly & clearly highlight the perfection of the Person & Work of Christ***.

**Illustration**: What is the best way to look at beautiful pieces of fine white crochet; so detailed they are treasures of art. The best way to see all the incredible detail and amazing artwork is to place it on dark black velvet background. Then the pattern has such a profound impact on you because it jumps out with such clarity that it fully reveals the incredible skill & design of the artist. So it is with Prophetic Types when the Holy Spirit is trying to reveal some of the fine details of the Person & Work of Christ. They jump out so much more clearly when we observe them against the background of the imperfect Types of the Old Testament that were blackened with sin!

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| **The 1st Adam & 1st Man (1 Cor. 15:45-47)** | | **The Last Adam & 2nd Man (1 Cor. 15:45-7)** |
| **PROPHETIC CONTRASTS** | | |
| **1** | The only son of God by direct creation (Gen. 1:26-27; 5:1; Lk. 3:38) | The “only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16) eternally co-existent (John 5:26; Isa. 63:16) |
| **2** | Adam He is Created | Jesus is the Creator (John 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17) |
| **3** | Head of the old Creation (Gen. 1:26-28) all his natural offspring & descendants | Head of the new Creation (Eph. 1:22-23); all His spiritual offspring (John 1:12-3; 2 Cor. 5:17) |
| **4** | Became a living soul (I Cor. 15:45) by receiving the Holy Spirit (Gen. 2:7) | Became a “quickening (*life giving*) spirit” by giving the Spirit (I Cor. 15:45; John 20:19-22) |
| **5** | Lost the presence of the Holy Spirit in His life (the breath of life – Gen. 2:7) when he sinned (Gen. 2:17) | Gives God’s Holy Spirit to repentant sinners – John 20:21-22 (John 14:15-17, 26; 15:26; 16:13-15) when they trust Him as savior |
| **6** | The 1st man was of “the earth, earthy” & we bear his image (I Cor. 15:47-49; Gen. 5:3) | The 2nd man “is the LORD from heaven (I Cor. 15:47-49) & we will bear His image (2 Cor. 3:18; I John 3:2-3) |
| **7** | Permission given to eat an abundance of food in the Garden but still gave in to temptation (Gen. 1:29; 2:16) | Voluntarily abstained from all food in the wilderness & triumphed over temptation (Matt. 4:1-11) |
| *Like all of us, they were tempted with “the lust of the flesh, & the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life” (I John 2:16-17). Adam & Eve (Gen. 3:4-6); Jesus (Matt. 4:3-11; Lk. 4:1-13)* | | |
| **8** | In pride wanted to become “like gods” (Gen. 3:5) | Jesus was God! In humility became like man to save us from sin (Heb. 2:14-18; Phil. 2:7-8) |
| **9** | Challenged by satan & believed his subtle lies (Gen. 3:1-7; 2 Cor. 11:3) | Challenged by satan but rejected his subtle lies (Matt. 4:1-11). Jesus is the Truth! |
| *Adam tempted after God expressed His approval: Everything was very good (Gen. 1:31). Jesus tempted after God’s approval: “This is my Son in whom I am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17)* | | |
| **10** | Deceived in part because Eve did not accurately memorize God’s word (Gen. 3:3; I Tim. 2:14; 2 Cor. 11:3) | Not deceived because he remembered God’s Word accurately & was submitted to it: “It is written” (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). |
| *The Devil still deceives the whole world (IJohn 5:19). He still attacks God’s Word to keep us from believing it. Why? He knows its power (John 6:63; Eph. 1:13; IPeter 1:23-5; Jam. 1:18)* | | |
| **11** | Satan caused them to doubt God’s goodness (He is keeping you from being gods - Gen. 3:5) | Jesus tempted to doubt God’s goodness (why does God let Him be hungry – Matt. 4:3). |
| *One of satan’s main tactics is to cause doubt about what God said: Adam – “Has God said?” (Gen. 3:1); Christ, the last Adam – “If thou be the son of God” (Matt. 4:3, 6; 27:39-43, 54)* | | |
| ***Romans 5:12-21 – Two Men: keys to understanding the Redemptive History of Humanity*** | | |
| **12** | Adam sinned by disobeying God & brought sin into the world (Rom. 5:12) | Jesus obeyed God (Heb. 10:5-7; John 8:29). He “puts away sin!” (Heb. 9:26) |
| **13** | **Sin of 1 man**: Death enters humanity by his sin & passed on to the whole race for all sinned (Rom. 5:12; 3:23) | **The Perfection of 1 man**: Life is restored through the righteousness of Christ & passes on to the many through faith (Rom. 5:1-2) |
| **14** | By **the trespass** of 1 man the many died (Rom. 5:15) | By **the gift of the grace** by 1 man, the many are made alive (Rom. 5:15) |
| **15** | The **judgment** was from 1 transgression resulting in **condemnation** (Rom. 5:16) | The **free gift** arose from many transgressions resulting in **justification** (Rom. 5:16) |
| **16** | By the trespass of 1 man **death reigned** through the one (Rom. 5:17) | Those who receive the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through 1 man, Jesus (5:17) |
| *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (I Cor. 15:22). In Christ we have a profoundly more intimate relationship with God than Adam had before the fall* | | |
| **17** | By the offence of 1 judgment came to all men to condemnation (Rom 5:18) | Through the righteousness of 1 the free gift came to all men unto justification of life (5:18) |
| **18** | By the disobedience of 1 man the many were **made sinners** (Rom. 5:19) | By the obedience of 1 man shall many be **made righteous** (Rom. 5:19) |
| **19** | Sin passed on through the flesh. We became partakers of the fallen sin nature | Righteousness gifted by the Spirit. We become partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4) |
| **20** | Caused sin to abound (Rom. 5:20-21) | Causes grace to abound (Rom. 5:20-21) |
| **21** | We receive our corruptible body of flesh (*with a sin nature* – Rom. 7:18-20; Eph. 2:3) by inheritance from Adam (Gen. 2:23; 5:3; 1Cor. 15:49) | We will receive our incorruptible glorified spiritual body by resurrection (*with a divine nature* - 1 Cor. 15:50-4; 2 Cor. 5:1-5; Rom. 8:8-11; Phil 3:21; I John 3:2). |
| *Romans 5 reveals the entrance of sin, reign of sin, condemnation & death through Adam;*  *But in Christ, the gift of grace & righteousness unto justification so we can reign in life!*  A GLORIOUS NEW BEGINNING FOR ALL HUMANITY WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST! | | |
| **22** | Adam was Defeated by satan  (Gen. 3; I Pet. 5:8-9) | Jesus Defeats satan  (Rev. 20:2, 3, 10; Heb. 2:14; I John 3:8) |
| **23** | The 1st question by God in the O.T.: “Where art thou” (Gen. 3:9) | The 1st question by man in the N.T.: “Where is he that is born King of the Jews?” (Matt. 2:2) |
| **24** | Adam tried to hide his sin  (Job. 31:33; Gen. 3:8, 10) | Exposed the horror of our sin by Crucifixion: Gospels; I Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:4-6, 11; Heb. 9:28 |
| *The unexplainable nature & horror of sin most clearly seen when the sinless Son of God who only did good (Act 10:38) wrongly suffers the monstrous brutal torture of crucifixion* | | |
| **25** | He was to have dominion over all this World but gave control to satan through sin (Eph. 2:2; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) | Jesus has begun His Lordship over this World & all creation (Eph 1:19-23). Eventually takes back full control (Rev. 11:15; Dan. 7:13-14) |
| *Satan still deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:19; 20:3, 8-10; 2 Thess. 2:9-11; I John 5:19). But we can resist & defeat satan’s lies & attacks (James 4:7; I Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 6:10-18)* | | |
| **26** | Brought suffering & death to all creation (Gen. 3:8-19; Rom. 8:20-23). Brought death to the living | Brings in a new creation with no suffering or death (Rev. 21:1-5); & brings life to the dying (Eph. 2:5; John 10:10; 11:25-6; 2Tim. 1:9-10) |
| **27** | God clothed them with coats of skins (*a Lamb*) (3:21). They were redeemed as God provided a way to cover their sin | Jesus is ‘the Lamb of God’ who redeems us (John 1:29, 36). If saved we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:27) |
| *God makes the 1st sacrifice for Adam & Eve. A substitute dies in their place. Their sin is atoned by the blood of the Lamb. They are saved by faith in the blood sacrifice supplied by God! What a Type! Christ is God’s Last Sacrifice for mankind (Hebrews 10:11-14; 9:12, 26)* | | |
| **2 Gardens: The 1st Adam in EDEN; The last Adam in GETHSEMANE** (John 18:1) | | |
| **28** | In Eden all was delightful | In Gethsemane all was terrible (Matt. 26:36-38) |
| **29** | Adam & eve talked with satan | Jesus prayed to his Heavenly Father (26:39) |
| **30** | Adam sinned | The savior suffered (Mk. 14:34; Lk. 22:44) |
| **31** | Adam fell in defeat | The redeemer rose to triumph (Lk. 22:45) |
| **32** | Conflict by day | Conflict by night (Mk. 14:26-27) |
| **33** | The whole human race was lost | Christ ‘lost none’ (Jon 18:9; 17:12; Heb. 7:25) |
| **34** | Adam took the fruit from Eve’s hand | Christ took the cup from His Father’s hand |
| **35** | Adam hid himself | Christ boldly showed himself (Matt. 26:46) |
| **36** | God sought Adam | The last Adam sought God (Lk. 22:41-42) |
| **37** | From Eden Adam was driven | From Gethsemane Christ was led (Mk. 14:53) |
| **38** | **Eden**: the sword was drawn (Gen. 3:24) | **Gethsemane**: the sword was sheathed (18:11) |
| *Gethsemane means “olive press” (Mk. 14:32; Matt. 26:36) Where olives are crushed under the weight of a great stone, forcing out every drop of olive oil. It was truly Jesus’ olive press as he was crushed under the weight of our sin & guilt (Luke 22:44). But it lead to the pouring out of the Holy Spirit (typified by olive oil) on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4, 16-21, 32-33)* | | |
| **JESUS "MADE A CURSE FOR US” to REDEEM US FROM ADAM’s CURSE** (Gal. 3:13)  “He who knew no sin became sin for us” (2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 8:3) | | |
| **39** | Adam’s curse – sorrow (Gen. 3:17) | Christ became a man of sorrows (Isa. 53:3) |
| **40** | Eve’s curse – pain & travail of birth (Gen. 3:16) | Christ experienced “the travail of his soul  (Isa. 53:11; Act 2:24) |
| **41** | The Ground’s curse ‘thorns & thistles’ (Gen. 3:18) | Christ bears the crown of thorns for all creation (John 19:2; Matt. 27:29; Rom 8:22-6) |
| **42** | Adam’s curse – sweat (Gen. 3:19) | Christ sweats blood! (Lk. 22:44) |
| **43** | Shame of nakedness from the guilt of sin (Gen. 3:7, 10)  ***Lived in Bondage to the Flesh*** | Jesus bore the shame of our nakedness on the cross (John 19:23). Now no guilt (Heb. 13:4)  ***We overcome the Flesh*** (Rom. 8:1-11) |
| **44** | Alienation & Separation from God (Gen. 3:8, 23-24)  ***Bondage to satan*** | “My God my God, why hast thou forsaken me” (Matt. 27:46; Ps. 22:1; Us – Eph. 2:11-13)  ***We can overcome satan*** (Rev. 12:10-11) |
| **45** | Physical & spiritual death (Eph. 2:1); returns to the dust (Gen. 3:19) | Christ tasted death for every man (Heb. 2:9; Ps. 22:15) Death couldn’t hold Him (Act 2:24) |
| **46** | 1st promise of a Savior (Gen. 3:15) | Salvation finished by Jesus (John 19:30) |
| **47** | Judgment pronounced on satan (Gen. 3:14-15). A fatal crushing of the head. | Christ executes the final judgment on satan (Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:2, 10) |
| **48** | 1st Paradise closed by a sword (3:23-24) ***Bondage to the World*** (Eph. 2:2) | Paradise opened to all who believe (Lk. 23:43)  ***We can overcome the world*** (I John 5:4-5) |
| **“And there shall be no more curse”** (Rev. 22:3). Hallelujah! | | |
| **PROPHETIC PARALLELS (similarities in the Type)** | | |
| **49** | Adam was “crowned” with God’s glory before the fall (Ps. 8:4-6) | Jesus is the very “brightness of God’s glory” (Heb. 1:3) & fulfills Psalm 8 (Heb. 2:6-9) |
| *Jesus restores to believers the glory the 1st Adam lost (Heb. 2:10-11; I Cor. 15:41-42; 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:21; Dan. 12:2-3) & clothes us in Garments of salvation (Gen. 3:21; Isa. 61:10)* | | |
| **50** | Given authority over all the Earth  (Gen. 1:26-28) | Given authority over all Creation  (Phil. 2:9-11; Matt. 28:18; Rev. 5:8-14) |
| **51** | Adam & Eve were naked & not ashamed before God (Gen. 2:26) | Once we trust in Christ all our guilt & shame before God is gone (Eph. 5:26-27; Heb. 13:4) |
| **52** | Adam a worker of the soil (Gen. 2:15) is taught by God to farm (Isa. 28:24-29) | Jesus is a worker of the soil of men’s hearts (Matt. 13:3-8, 18-23) |
| **THE GREAT MYSTERY OF ADAM’S BRIDE & CHRIST’S CHURCH (Eph. 5:28-32KJV)** | | |
| **53** | Eve is made from the wounded side of Adam (Gen. 2:21-23). For the rest of his life, he bears the scars by which he gave life to & obtained his wife | The Church is given life out of wounded side of Christ on the Cross (John 19:33-37). The rest of eternity Jesus bears the scars necessary to obtain His wife (John 20:27; Rev. 5:6) |
| **54** | Eve is taken from Adam’s side while in a ‘deep sleep’ [*typifies death*]  (Gen. 2:21) | Jesus in the ‘deep sleep’ of death on the Cross redeems His Bride with His own blood  (John 19:33-34; I Pet. 1:18-19) |
| *When Adam’s side was opened, no doubt blood flowed out as well. Thus Adam “died” (deep sleep) & shed his blood so that, when he arose from his deep sleep, he would have a wife to love & cherish all the days of his new life (Eph. 5:25, 27, 30-32KJV)* | | |
| **55** | “This is now bone of my bones, & flesh of my flesh” (Gen. 2:23) | “we are members of his body, of his flesh, & of his bones” (Eph. 5:30,32KJV; I Cor. 12:12-13, 27-28) |
| **56** | “a man… shall cleave unto his wife & they shall be **one flesh**” (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:5; Mk. 10:7-8; I Cor. 6:16) | “they two shall be **one flesh**” (Eph. 5:31). This is the great mystery (Eph. 5:32). We are also **one Spirit** with Jesus (I Cor. 6:17) |
| *The great unfathomable mystery about sexuality creating a profound ‘oneness’ or union is a major reason for fleeing fornication, so you don’t sin against your own body (I Cor. 6:15-20)* | | |
| **57** | God blessed them to be “fruitful & multiply (Gen. 1:28). They bear many children (Gen. 5:4) | God blesses Christ & His Bride (*the Church*) to be fruitful & multiply & bear many children (Isa. 53:10; Heb 2:13; John 1:12-13; Rom 8:16-17) |
| *We are given a wonderful revelation of the fruitfulness of Christ & His Church in* ***Revelation 5:8-14!*** *Hallelujah! Who would turn down such an invitation as* ***Revelation 22:17*** | | |

**What our LORD Jesus Christ has done for us as “the Last Adam” & “the Second Man” can be summarized as follows**:

As the Last Adam Christ is the sum total of humanity (“in him all things consist – Col. 1:17). Christ was crucified as the last Adam. All that was in the 1st Adam was gathered up and done away with in Him. As the Last Adam Christ wiped out the old human race (I Cor. 15:22) with its curse. We are included in His death (Rom. 6:5). We died in Him as the last Adam.

***The Cross is thus the mighty act of God which translates us from our old life “in” Adam and gives us new life “in” Christ***.

As the Second Man, Christ is the head of a new race. On the Cross, Christ did away with the first man in whom God’s purpose was frustrated. He rose again from the dead as the Head of a new human race in whom God’s original purpose will be ultimately fulfilled. As the second man, Christ’s resurrection includes us (Rom. 6:5). We live “in” Him as the Second man. We are a new Creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17)

Thus we understand the Apostle Paul’s emphasis on being a man “in Christ.” (read Ephesians 1:1, 6, 7, 11, 13: 2:6, etc). Only God can place us “in Christ” (I Cor. 1:30; 12:13, 18). He places us spiritually “in Christ” when we believe the gospel, repent of our sins, and trust Jesus alone for our eternal salvation from the just penalty due our sins (Ephesians 1:9-14).