

6-A **The Bride of Christ**

The Church is **THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**, The Second Adam. Eve, the mother of all living, the bride of the first Adam, came out of a wound in his side. So also, the Church, the bride of the Second Adam, Christ, was created out of a wound in His side. Just as Eve was told by God to "*be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth*" with physical children, so also we, as the bride of Christ, the Church, have a heavenly mandate to go forth and replenish the earth with spiritual children. Her offspring are BOTH the singular and the plural **SEED OF THE WOMAN** promised in **GEN 3:15**, which shall **BRUISE** the serpent and his **SEED**.

1. **GEN 2:23** And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
2. **GEN 3:15** And **I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between YOUR SEED and HER SEED; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."**
3. **GEN 24:1** Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So **Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,** 3 "and **I will make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites,** among whom I dwell; 4 "**but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."**
4. **GEN 41:45** And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. 46 Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.
5. **EXO 2:21** Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. 22 And she bore him a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."
6. **JER 31:31** "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— 32 "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. 33 "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.
7. **ISA 54:5** For **your Maker is YOUR HUSBAND, The Lord of hosts is His name;** And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. 6 For **the Lord has called you Like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, Like a youthful wife when you were refused,"** Says your God.
8. **JER 3:14** "Return, O backsliding children," says the Lord; "for **I am MARRIED to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.**
9. **HOS 2:19** "**I will BETROTH you to Me forever; Yes, I will BETROTH you to Me In righteousness and justice,** In lovingkindness & mercy; 20 **I will BETROTH you to Me in faithfulness,** And you shall know the Lord.
10. **ROM 7:4** Therefore, **my brethren (adelphos), you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be MARRIED (gameo) to another— to Him who was raised from the dead,** that we should bear fruit to God.
11. **ROM 16:20** And **the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
12. **1CO 3:5** Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 **I PLANTED, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.** 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For **we are God's fellow workers; YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, you are GOD'S BUILDING.** 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For **no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**
13. **2CO 11:2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For **I have BETROTHED (harmoizo) you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**
14. **GAL 4:26** but the **Jerusalem above is free, which is THE MOTHER of us all.** 27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." (quoted from **ISA 54:1**)

15. **EPH 5:22** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.
16. **EPH 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church (ekklesia), not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church (ekklesia).
17. **HEB 12:22** But you have come to MOUNT ZION and to THE CITY OF THE LIVING GOD, THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, TO THE SPIRITS OF JUST MEN MADE PERFECT, 24 TO JESUS THE MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.
18. **REV 12:1** And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a WOMAN clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: 2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. 3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5 And she brought forth A MAN CHILD, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. 6 AND THE WOMAN fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days (42 months). 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, HE PERSECUTED THE WOMAN which brought forth the man child. 14 AND TO THE WOMAN WERE GIVEN TWO WINGS OF A GREAT EAGLE, THAT SHE MIGHT FLY INTO THE WILDERNESS, INTO HER PLACE, WHERE SHE IS NOURISHED FOR A TIME, AND TIMES, AND HALF A TIME (3 1/2 YEARS), FROM THE FACE OF THE SERPENT. 15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. 16 And the earth helped THE WOMAN, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was wroth with THE WOMAN, and went to make war with THE REMNANT OF HER SEED, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.
19. **REV 21:1** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw THE HOLY CITY, NEW JERUSALEM, coming down out of heaven from God, PREPARED AS A BRIDE ADORNED FOR HER HUSBAND. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS WITH MEN, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

| |
|--------------------------------------|
| Committing Spiritual Adultery |
|--------------------------------------|

20. **NUM 25:1** Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. 2 They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel.
21. **JUD 2:17** Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do so.
22. **JER 3:20** Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, So have you dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel,” says the Lord.
23. **HOS 1:2** When the Lord began to speak by Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea: “Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from the Lord.”

24. **JER 3:8** “**Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.** 9 “So it came to pass, **through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land** and committed adultery with stones and trees. 10 “And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense,” says the Lord.