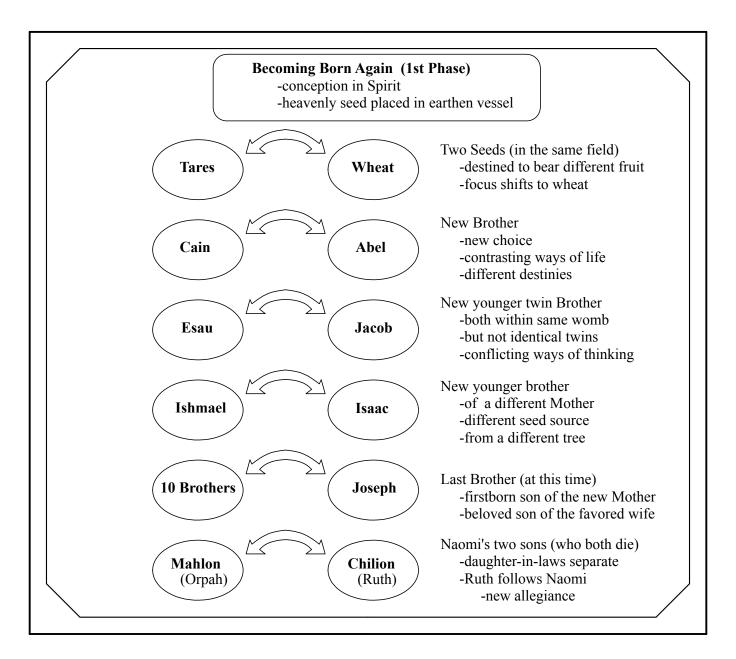


The Two Works of Christ



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Introduction:

This lesson is a sequel to the last lesson. As truth flows so does understanding. In this way there seems to be a sort of sequence throughout all of the lessons. Yet this lesson is a distinct sequel to the previous one. So let's summarize where we left off. In Lesson 9 we saw the two works of Christ. These were made clear from the following:

- the sacrificial types of the two goats on the Day of Atonement, and
- -of the two doves (anytime a leper was to be pronounced clean), and
- -the sending out of the dove from Noah's ark three times.

From these types we saw that the first work of Christ was atonement. The fulfillment of the atonement is not only providing a covering for the people to protect them from the penalty of sin, but doing that for a further purpose. This further purpose is to impart new life so that they could be led in a way to have sin removed. Atonement makes possible an exchange of lives. Therefore atonement is not complete until the new life is both imparted and received. His new life was imparted to us by the sending of the Holy Spirit...to help us to grow into the mind of Christ...into the full stature and maturity of Christ, for in Christ there is no sin. This new life must be received. Once received a new journey begins. Along this journey of trials & testings the people are covered by the blood atonement. This way they could fall and still rise again to continue on into Christ.

The second work of Christ is the actual removal of the sins through a process of dying in the wilderness. Only Caleb & Joshua are left...a man of Judah and a man of Joseph. The second work begins once we the receive the Atonement (Passover) & Holy Spirit (Pentecost)...and we are led away by His Spirit into wilderness dealings. As we grow in Christ the flesh nature suffers. Eventually we have victory over sin...God's power in us over sin arises. This is not in our strength. It is by His Life coming forth as a conquerer within. Then we are ready to return and to minister His Life to others. This will happen on a grand scale when His Body is resurrected fully in His image...from mortal to immortality...from corruptible to incorruptible. And this is when all creation will rejoice to see the Kingdom of God established upon the earth in the power of God. It will be a time of the fruit of righteousness abounding. Creation will rejoice that the kingdoms (including religions) of man will have all fallen to never rise again.

This lesson reveals in greater detail the second work of Christ.

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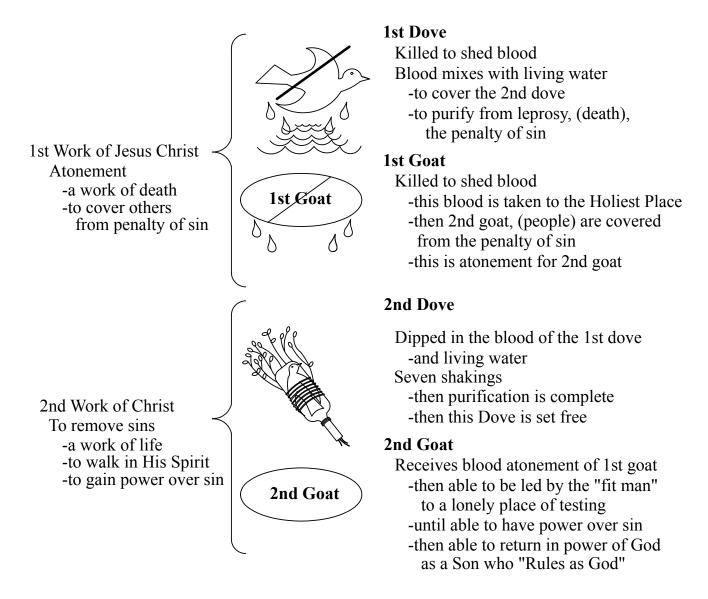
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Part 1: Born Again

Let's start with reviewing some basics of the last lesson. This sketch will refresh our memories.

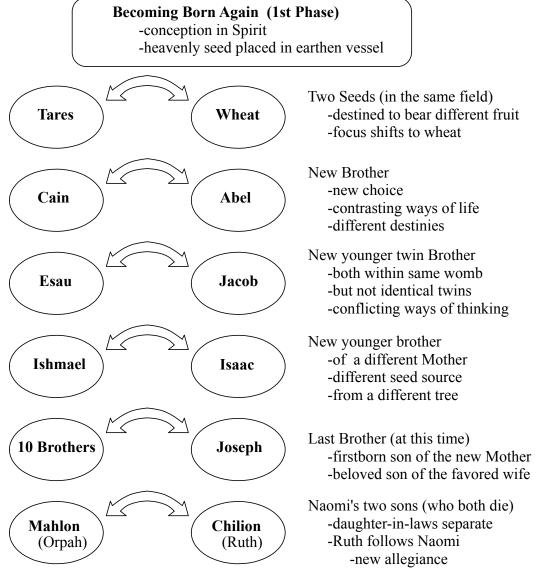


The first dove and the first goat both represent the first work of Jesus Christ. It is a Passover & Pentecost work. It is a work of bringing Salvation and sending His Spirit. That is what atonement is all about. It is the sacrifice of one life to impart life to another. His atonement for us is incomplete without the imparting of His life (His Spirit), into us.

The second dove and the second goat both represent the second work of Jesus Christ. This work begins with the receiving of the first work and then moving on into the Tabernacles work. It is a work of entering into the Holy Place and from there into the Holiest Place...into His image...His nature. It is a work of leaving Adam's image... while emerging into God's nature. It is a work of His Spirit in us to receive power over sin...over the flesh nature & the carnal mind that has ruled us, (Acts 1:8).

We receive His atonement first as His seed (Word). This is the first part of the first work. His nature (seed of His Life), is planted within. Some say that we are then "born again". But our full salvation is not a single event. Birth is an event after the seed has grown, (Philippians 2:12). It is a transition from one state into another. Our natural minds become aware of our sinful nature. This is the purpose of the Law. We see it in the priest laying hands on the head (mind/awareness) of the 2nd goat to impart the sins of the people. "Jesus replied, "Truly, truly, [solemnly, most earnestly] I tell you, no one can see God's Realm [the Divine Realm] unless he is born [begotten] from above."

John 3:3 James Moffatt Translation



Those in each column first separate one way or another. But they were all "replaced". There are many truths here, but our focus is to see a pattern of transition within. It starts for us (as the 2nd goat) arriving to where the blood atonement of the 1st goat is provided. Arriving here is a Passover work of Christ. By faith in the atoning blood of our Redeemer we are then ready to be led into a spiritual journey...exercising our faith to grow. In having the penalty of our sins covered we are equipped to get back up again when we fall. We can start on the path of the righteous, but at this point we don't really know where to go. We need to know.

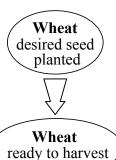
We need a fit man to lead us. The Holy Spirit is that fit man. He comes to lead us as part of the atonement of the 1st goat. It is the Pentecost work of Christ. This work is a part of the Passover work just as the (marriage) covenant at Mt Sinai on the 1st Pentecost was the purpose of the Passover work...to make covenant with "my firstborn sons", (Numbers 3). It is a shifting from the Law (natural mind), into the Spirit, (mind of Christ).

That is why the resurrection of Jesus Christ, fulfilling the wave offering is *NOT* one of the eight Holy Convocation Feast Days. Instead, it was the sign pointing to the Feast of Pentecost. The Feasts of Passover & Pentecost are tied together by a walk of 7 x 7 days. Together they are a work to bring life to a people, (those represented by the 2nd goat). It is a walk in the spirit. In cannot begin until the fit man shows up to lead us. We must receive the Holy Spirit or we don't move on. We must move on to have sins not just covered, but removed...no longer there within us. This is the 2nd part of being birthed from above as shown in the patterns below. It is the purpose of the 2nd goat being led off.

Becoming Born Again (2nd Phase)

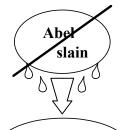
-gestation, growth in the Spirit

-heavenly seed develops in earthen vessel



The good soil is the one that receives Christ Jesus died so that abundant seed like Him would follow Together they are the Promised Seed, (singular...Head & Body...one new man) Jesus as a man in the flesh was the 41st generation from Adam Christ Jesus the Head is the 42nd generation...the generation of Jesus Christ Jesus the Body is the 42nd generation as well...the seed of Jesus Christ is Christ Jesus the Head *AND* the Body

- -it takes both goats to birth a people with sins removed
- -being led by His Spirit they gain power over sin.
- -it takes 41 encampments before moving into the Promised Land
- -this phase of the trek begins at Pentecost & ends at Tabernacles



Seth replaces Abel

Abel desired the blood (life) of God's sacrificial 1st goat/lamb

-his brother killing him is a type of the war within -the flesh nature against the new spirit nature

After separation the righteous seed within must die to bring forth fruit

- -this war within wages until the flesh nature is no more
- -as one grows in the mind of Christ the old nature fades
- -this is the process of being led by the fit man in trials
- -this is the purpose of being filled with the Holy Spirit
- -this new victorious nature grows from a small seed beginning



Boaz her new husband Chilion, like the seed of Christ within, must die

-this is the fulfilling of what remains of His suffering, (Colossians 1:24)

-this is the walking in identification with Christ, (Romans 6:5)

-we are guided by His Spirit as guided by a mother

we are garded by this spirit as garded by

And where will we go...where will it end?

-our journey will end in receiving our mother's inheritance

-it will require the marriage to a new man who can bring this in

-the Christ within is that new man...His nature

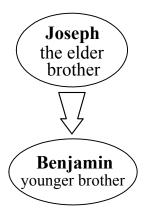
-we draw close to Him at the threshing floor...after many testings

-as we were faithful with things we knew to do...were led to do

Let's look at one more example of moving from Pentecost to Tabernacles.

Becoming Born Again (2nd Phase)

- -gestation (growth) in the Spirit
- -heavenly seed developed in earthen vessel



Joseph here is a type of Christ Jesus the Head Benjamin is a type of the last son born of the same mother Benjamin means "Son of the Father's right hand"

- -Christ Jesus is at/on the right hand of the Father, (Colossians 3:1)
- -This is also the right hand of the throne of God, (Hebrews 12:2)
- -This place is given to the Overcomers, (**Revelation 3:21**)
- -Benjamin is a type of the Overcomers, the Body of Christ
- -Benjamin is the 12th son, completing the "government/rulership"
- -Benjamin is "the new beginning", (Matthew 20:16)
- -Benjamin is revealed in a time of famine...after a long journey

The second step of being born from above is growing in the womb...in the Holy Spirit. The third step is the actual birthing. Birthing is what happens during Tabernacles. The Holy Spirit prepares us for the birth. The Holy Spirit leads us from within the Holy Place closer to the Holiest Place. We pass the Golden Candlestick where we become familiar with the 7-fold light of His Spirit. We move on by this light - not by the natural light of the carnal mind. We pass the Table of Shewbread, which has fresh manna on it. This manna is hidden to those in the Passover court. It is the hidden manna given to those who see it illuminated by the light of the Candlestick. This manna is not seen by the rest of the congregation. It is only seen in the separate place that the fit man has led us into. But it is not given to us to eat until we hear a certain trumpet sound.

"He who is having an ear—let him hear what the Spirit saith to the assemblies: TO HIM WHO IS OVERCOMING, I will give to him to eat from the hidden manna..."

Revelation 2:17 Young's Literal Translation

The sound is a message...a message of what is ahead. And what is ahead?... the Feast of Trumpets, the first of the four major feasts of Tabernacles, (see page 20). If we have ears to hear the truths of that trumpet sound, then we are given to eat of the hidden manna. And as we eat of the hidden manna we can more clearly hear the Trumpet message. As the hidden manna becomes a part of us we approach the Golden Altar of Incense. We offer ourselves as incense on the Feast of Atonement, the second major Feast of Tabernacles. The journey so far has been a free gift. But now we come to a point where suffering in the flesh nature is involved, (Leviticus 23:27).

Now we will look at examples of the third stage of being "born again". It is the actual birth. Enough maturity has come to be able to live outside of the womb. The conclusion of this stage is the resurrection of the body. We are then in the fullness of Christ the Body. There is only one man who has finished this race. That man is Christ Jesus the Head. He is the pattern for the Overcomers...for them also to be resurrected...as Christ the Body. We will then be fully in His image. His light & life will then be shining from within. Then there will be no need for the natural sun (natural understanding), by which to have light to walk in. It will be as a chick no longer needing an eggshell.

Becoming Born Again (3rd Phase)

- -birthing into His image
- -complete at resurrection...chick hatches from shell

The Father dwells in the Son The Life of God is from within In the image of the Father



Jesus completed the days of being in a mortal flesh body after 3 & 1/2 years of being led by the Holy Spirit. He returned in the power of God with a resurrected new creation spirit-body. At this point He was fully "born again". With the resurrection He inherited the immortality & nature & authority of the Father to be then in the fullness of Christ the Head.



This too is a process, just as the walk from Passover to Pentecost (the 1st work of Christ...the work of the 1st goat), was a process. Yes, this walk from Pentecost to Tabernacles is also a process. This 2nd work of Christ ends at the last of the four Feasts of Tabernacles. It is the walk of the 2nd goat on a journey to have sins removed.

"17...IF ANYONE IS IN [union with] CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION: THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, FOR ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW. [Goodspeed's Translation says "...the old state of things has passed away; there is a new state of things"...takes time]

2 Corinthians 5:17 Ferrar Fenton Translation

Let us look at a couple more patterns to reinforce this concept. It is the last phase of becoming born again. Like the birth of a chick it does not happen all at once. The egg grows within the mother. Next the egg parts from the mother. Then, after a time of incubation and growth, the chick breaks free from the confines of the shell.

Now in our next example the Male-child of **Revelation 12** is birthed from the Virgin Church. The Devil attempts to attack this son. But the child, like Jesus, has "nothing in him" by which the Devil can enter. He dwells in the place of the Father's authority. He is sealed of the Father in his forehead. He has the mind of Christ. His delight is to do the Father's will. However, this son (though now distinct from "the church" as an overcomer), must still mature through more testings (as did Jesus, **Hebrews 5:8**)...until the resurrection. He is still mortal in the process.

"4...the dragon [Devil] stood before the woman [Virgin Church] which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. 5. And she brought forth a man ["male" in the Hebrew] child [not yet full grown], who was to [someday when mature] rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne [place of authority]."

Revelation 12 KJV

Becoming Born Again (3rd Phase)

-birthing into His image

-end is resurrection...butterfly hatches from cocoon

The Father dwells in the Son The Son is His habitation...Mt Zion (Colossians 2:9 & Joel 3:17) The Life of God is from within In the image of the Father

The Male-child has entered the Tabernacles phase of growth, but has not yet received the resurrection of the body. Then he will be recognized by all. Until then he is in transition from the earthly body into a heavenly body...spirit body. This new body is not a "ghost". This new creation man is the new heavens and the new earth. He will be able to operate in both realms without the limitations of either.

The Male-child (the Body)

Let's stop a moment to clarify an important point. Religious tradition teaches that anyone (or most anyone), who accepts Jesus as Savior will be caught up to the throne of God to rule with Him during the millennium. That thought lacks sound Biblical foundation. Here's why. In Revelation chapter 2 & 3 the Lord speaks to seven churches, one at a time. Each time He concludes with a message of promises, but only for those within the churches that have ears to hear. He then addresses just those who hear as "... to him who overcomes...". These are those who hear the message sounded on the Feast of Trumpets, the first of the four holy convocations of the Feast of Tabernacles. It is a message to continue on through the other three Feasts of Tabernacles. These are the ones who are specifically given to rule & reign in Christ as His Body during the Millennium Age once their race is done. The others, righteous & wicked alike are resurrected at the end of that age.

This third phase of being born again is so important to understand that we will look at another example of it. It is the example of a change within the same person.

"...we are (even here and) now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be (hereafter), but we know that when He comes [forth in us] and is manifested [in us] we shall (as God's children) resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He (really) is [in ourselves and in other overcomers]."

1 John 3:2 The Amplified Bible

Becoming Born Again (3rd Phase)

-birthing into His image

-end is resurrection...transfiguration into a higher realm

Rules as God Becomes a part of the Divine Realm In the image of the Father

After a life of serving others Jacob comes face to face with God. Only the Lord could have brought him to this place. Jacob knows that he must change. But he cannot get free of fears. He is desperate and broken. Out of this brokenness the light of Christ begins to shine. Now Jacob hears a new message. He will walk differently now, in humbleness, in trusting God, in thanking God in all things. This is a new man...a true son...Israel.

"2....we are NOW CHILDREN [but just children] of God; and it is not yet revealed what we shall become [when we become full-grown/full-stature in Christ]. But we do know that when He is manifested [from within], we shall be like Him [in how we think & act, for in Him we'll live and move and have our new being]; because we shall see Him as He actually is [within us]...5....He was manifested [in us] to remove sins [the nature of Adam within]; and He is sinless. All who continue [the journey] with Him will not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him...8...This was the purpose for which the Son of God was manifested [within us at our Feast of Pentecost experience]...that He might destroy the works of the Devil [the works of the flesh nature within us]. 9. Every one born [begotten] from God does not practice sin; because His principle of life [of the Tree of Life] continues [to grow] in him; and he does not value sinning, because he has been born [begotten] from God. By means of this [life/fruit] the children of God [birthed from the seed of the Tree of Life-Christ] are manifest, as well as the children of the Devil [who remained in the Tree of Knowledge-Adam]."

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Israel

Part 2: Parting from The Tree of Knowledge

The prerequisite for resurrection is death. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it will not produce any fruit. The Father wants fruit. Jesus Christ is the first fruit. This implies a second fruit. The second fruit is a larger harvest. It is a company of many people who are to be resurrected in His image. The first fruit will always have the preeminence above all of the others, (**Colossians 1:18,19**). Some of His titles are *THE* First Fruit, the Elder Brother, the King of Kings, the High Priest, Savior, and Christ the Head.

Some of the titles of those who are called to be the next in order, (1Corinthians 15:23) are called the Firstfruits, the Firstfruit company, the Younger Brothers, Kings, Priests, the Overcomers, the 2nd Goat, and Christ the Body. They are those who follow the Lamb (His Holy Spirit), wherever He leads, overcoming wilderness trials by His grace through faith. Together they are Sons who receive the inheritance...the Father dwelling within.

"These are THE ONES WHO FOLLOW THE LAMB [the fit man, the Holy Spirit]
WHEREVER HE GOES [leads]. These were redeemed from among men, BEING FIRSTFRUITS
to God and to the Lamb."

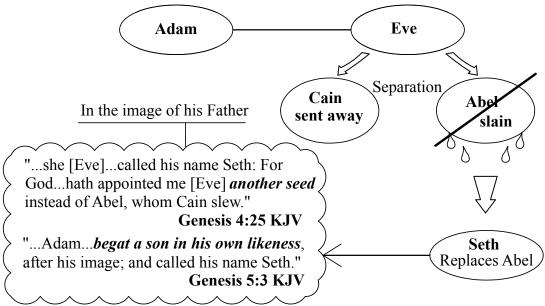
Revelation 14:4 NKJV

"And THEY [the 2nd goat, the live dove] OVERCAME HIM [Azazael, the Devil] BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB [first goat, first dove], and BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY [their walk in faith as led by the Holy Spirit under His grace covering]; and they loved not their lives unto the death [of their old Adam nature & lives]."

Revelation 12:11 KJV

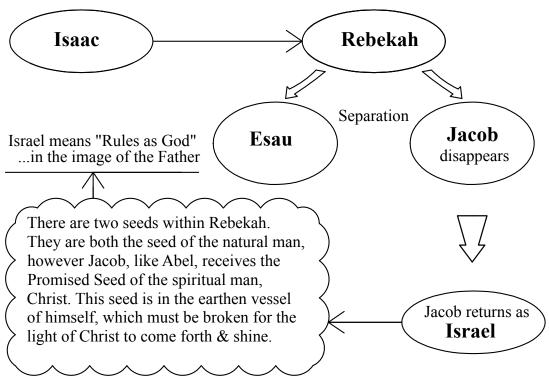
"HE WHO OVERCOMES SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS, and I will be his God and HE SHALL BE MY SON [part of the Body of His Son, Christ Jesus]." Revelation 21:7 NKJV

So the grain of wheat must fall into the ground & die in order to bring forth fruit. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil will fade away when the Tree of Life, (Christ) becomes the source. This is a 3-step process. First is a separation from evil. Then the good from the Tree of Knowledge must die. Then the Christ life can come forth in the image of the Father. Let's look at various aspects of this truth with Bible types starting with Cain & Abel.



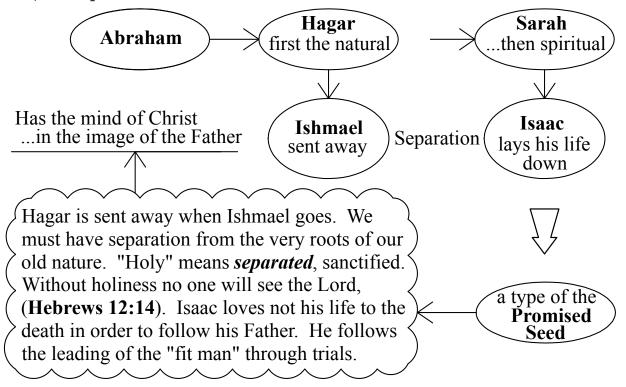
We notice first that a woman is needed to bring forth a son in the image of the Father. She brings forth two sons. One seems "evil" and one seems "good" but the only fruit that they each can bring forth ends in death. That is all that they can bring forth because they are a product of the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil. There is conflict between the two sons. Why? Once one has received the blood atonement covering of the Lamb there is an opposing way. On a higher level, both sons are within us for we too are descended from Adam's seed. And we receive His seed. So when God begins to open our eyes we start to separate from evil habits, evil people, evil thoughts. We cannot get very far...until our sin nature is covered by the blood of the lamb/goat. Then with His Holy Spirit within us, there is a choice. He leads us into the wilderness...into trials where this earthen vessel begins to erode and the treasure of His life begins to sprout. Our idea of what is good & evil gets replaced with seeing what is of Christ vs what is of Adam. They cannot coexist for long. Eventually both sons within go away and are replaced with a son in the Father's image.

Let's look at this same pattern from other places in the Bible. In each example the truth is expressed a bit differently to reveal other insights. We'll conclude with a summary.



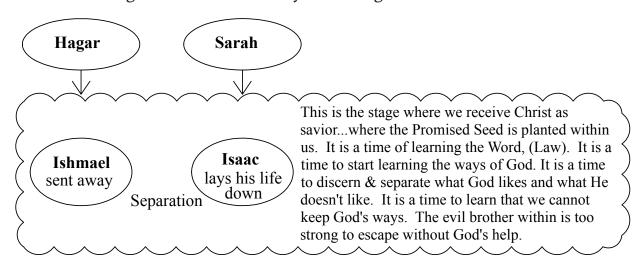
Isaac finds a wife. They have twin boys. But they are not identical twins. Each one is very different. But they are both of the seed of Adam...the wrong family tree. Once Jacob desires spiritual things there is conflict. Eventually there has to be a separation. There is. Jacob flees for his life from Esau. He receives God's Spirit at Bethel. He is then led on into the wilderness where he goes through trials for seven years...then another seven years, and then six more. Finally (in his third 7th year) he knows that he must deal with facing his twin. He cannot do it. But by wrestling with God...clinging desperately to Him for a blessing...to be set free from the curse of this evil twin within who is always stronger...he changes. His name is changed to reflect a change in nature. His walk is changed to one of depending upon the Lord. Christ has come forth within him. He deals with Esau in love. There is reconciliation before he moves on. -10

Shown below is our next example. Here we see that Abraham had two wives. Hagar represents the Law, (Word without Spirit). Sarah represents the Spirit, (Word and the Spirit). The Word apart from the spirit will only bring forth religion, which is a work of the flesh. Cain was religious. Ishmael too had a form of godliness, but he was not. The inheritance of the Father goes only to the "Son of Promise". This is the Son begotten from God. This is the Son of Sarah...the woman who receives the seed of life from above. It is the one who receives the blood atonement of the 1st goat and will stay under that covering of the 1st goat, (Christ), to gain power over sin. It is the one who receives the blood and living water of the 1st dove and then will stay tied through seven shakings until the leprosy (death) is conquered.



"22...Abraham had two sons...23. His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise [from God]. 24. These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants [Law & Grace]. One covenant [of the Law is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves [to hopelessly trying to sort good from evil and trying to be good]: This is Hagar. 25. Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia [where the Law was given] and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem [being the religious center for the Law], because she is in slavery with her children [who are in bondage without the Spirit to help obey]. 26. But the Jerusalem that is above [heavenly...of the Spirit] is free, and she is our mother [representing the Spirit, our source of His life]...28. NOW YOU, BROTHERS, LIKE ISAAC, ARE CHILDREN OF PROMISE. 29...the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. IT IS THE SAME NOW [and it is within us]. 30. But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." 31. Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman [so depend upon His Spirit to lead you through your wilderness trials]." Galatians 4 NIV -11Ishmael & Isaac are half-brothers. The Christ within us is connected to the evil within us just as the roots of tares & wheat intertwine. There comes a time however when there is a complete separation...at harvest time. Then the wheat is taken into the barn to be threshed, crushed, & baked...to become bread of life...His life...to feed others. It is no longer what we decide is good. It is knowing what He wants & wanting to do it. This is the New Covenant of His Grace that allows us to be changed into His image. It is the way of the cross. Because of the atonement work of Christ Jesus we are able to pick up our cross and follow Him.

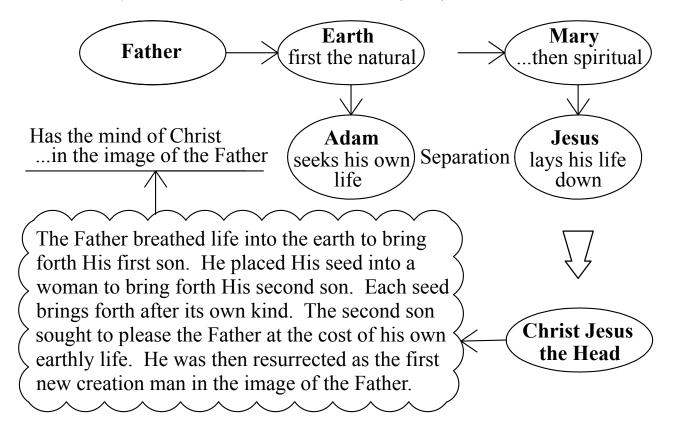
In each of the first three examples we see a separation between two sons who are brothers. The separation was by the death of one, or by the leaving of one or the other. After the separation, the one who had received the atoning covering of the blood of the 1st goat (faith in the coming Redeemer, Christ Jesus (**Hebrews 11**), gets replaced by a man who was made into the image of the Father. This replacement is symbolic of being changed into His image. It is by being the 2nd goat...then following the Spirit of God by grace through faith until His life emerges...to return as a very different goat.



Isaac at his altar episode realizes that he is as good as dead. It is there that he received the sacrifice of the ram with great joy. He experienced the covering of the blood atonement. He is set free by the work of the ram (1st goat) to move on to maturity. Now as the 2nd goat he'll be led on to grow into that maturity.

And so we move from the Law/Word/Tree of
Knowledge of Good & Evil into the Spirit. It is in the
Spirit that the Word can be fulfilled. It is the time to let
the "fit man", (Holy Spirit), lead us in the ways of the
cross...the way to Life in Christ. We move from
Passover to Pentecost where the Spirit then leads us on
into Tabernacles (final harvest). This journey will end
in us returning in the power and love of the Father...His
Life within us...His image within us and us in His
image. We are then a new creation...a new heaven &
earth seen together in a new creation man.

Each pattern has unique nuances of truth not seen so well in the others. Together they affirm the same overall pattern of His plan. Overlap these examples and there is great light and truth and understanding. Below we see the big picture. The Promised Seed is the treasure within Jesus. The earthen vessel is his earthly body that hides it.



"42. So also is the rising again of the dead: it is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; 43. it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44. it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body; 45. so also it hath been written, 'The first man Adam became a living creature,' THE LAST ADAM IS FOR A LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT, 46. but that which is spiritual is not first, but that which was natural, afterwards that which is spiritual. 47. The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord out of heaven; 48. as is the earthy, such are also the earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are also the heavenly; 49. and, according as we did bear the image of the earthy, WE SHALL BEAR ALSO THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY. 50. And this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood the reign of God is not able to inherit, nor doth the corruption inherit the incorruption;"

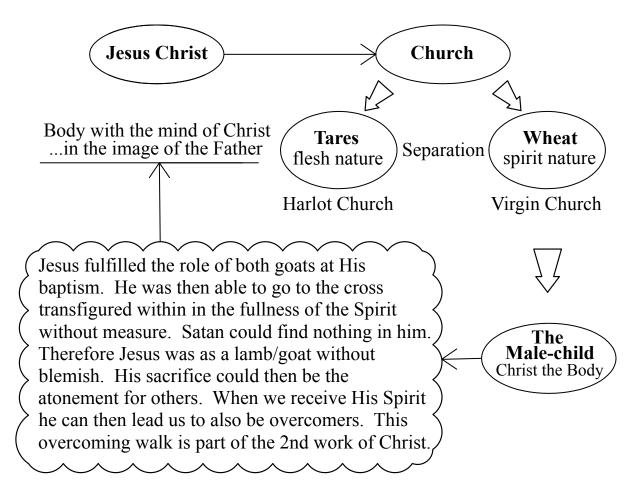
1 Corinthians 15 YLT

The scripture above shows us that Christ Jesus is "the Last Adam". In other words there will be no others. Christ Jesus is the completed work of a man in the full image of God. His resurrected body is the first creation man that fully interfaces in both realms of earth & heaven. Upon His resurrection He became the fullness of the Godhead, (the Father), as seen in a physical-looking body, (Colossians 2:8-10). On a larger scale, His Body includes all of the "Firstfruits Company". This "corporate man" will soon be complete in Christ Jesus. This verse goes on to say that we too are complete when we are in Christ.

Let's look at yet another example of this pattern of the two goats and of the doves...the two works of Christ. It is the 1st work of Christ Jesus to cover us from the *penalty of sin* so that we can receive His Spirit. And then the 2nd work of being led to be an overcomer over the *power of sin* within...to then return in His likeness...in His power to set all creation free, (Romans 8:19-23). As we grow we stumble and fall again and again. However those who are moving on in Christ keep getting up...for seven steps of a journey that takes us onward & upward to the eighth spiritual milestone.

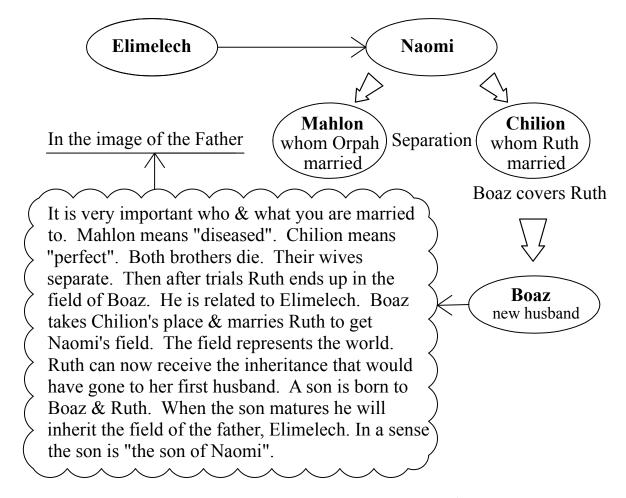
"O evil man, [our flesh nature within as well as those without who come against our spiritual growth in Christ] leave the upright man alone [the one who is moving right up on into Christ by grace through faith] and quit trying to cheat him out of his rights [of inheritance in Christ]. Don't you know that this good man, THOUGH YOU TRIP HIM UP SEVEN TIMES, WILL EACH TIME RISE AGAIN [because he has the seed of Christ...His quickening life within]? But one calamity is enough to lay you low."

Proverbs 24:15, 16 TLB



The Church is the Bride of Christ. The Bride desires the Word of the Life of her husband. This Word is the Seed of the Bridgegroom. As she nurtures this seed it grows within her. She separates from the flesh nature within as the seed grows. This is why she is referred to as "the Virgin Church". She has no other lovers. She is faithful to her husband. Eventually the seed within is birthed into a Son in the image of the Father. She has taken on wings to rise into a higher realm. -14

Next we see the story of Ruth as a tale of our Kinsman Redeemer. That is also the type of the two goats...and of the doves. It is seen in this diagram.



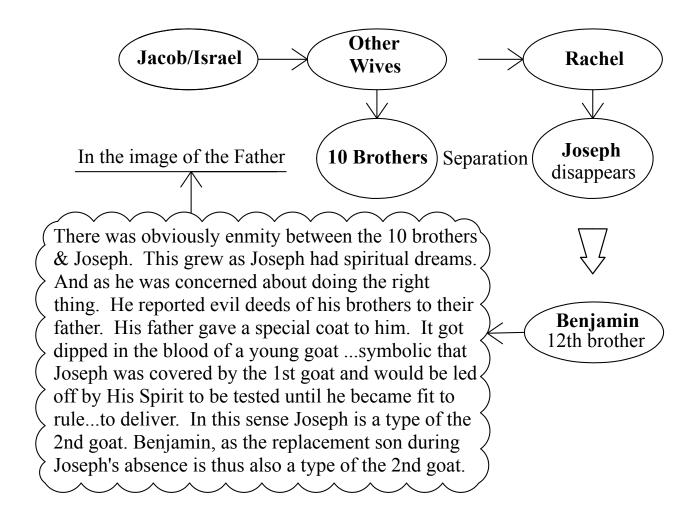
The "perfect" in us must be sacrificed as a burnt offering, (where nothing of our flesh nature is left). Why? So that the seed of the Father can come forth in us. The meanings of the names here confirm that the story is the pattern of the two goats & of the two doves. Elimelech means "my God is King". Naomi is from a root word meaning "agreeable". She is agreeable to receive the seed of the King.

The names of the brothers are noted above to be "evil" & "good". Ruth means "friend, as lover". Above all else she hungers to know God. She likely saw Him in her husband for he was "perfect", but he died. She also saw this life in Naomi, who was to her as a "fit man". By faith in her coming Redeemer she will follow wherever He leads through Naomi. It is a trail of uncertainty away from the natural path of her own life. But she sees it as the higher way.

Ruth means "friend, in the sense of lover". She is a friend to His Spirit. She loves God. And where does His Spirit lead her to? Why, to the part of the field that belongs to Boaz! And Boaz means "in strength". He is the one who is able to Redeem...the role of the 1st goat. Their son is referred to as "son of Naomi". That is because he replaces her good son that died. The son born to Boaz is Obed. Obed means "servant, in terms of husbandman who tends the garden, vines & orchards to bring forth fruit to the Father". He is the grandfather of King David.

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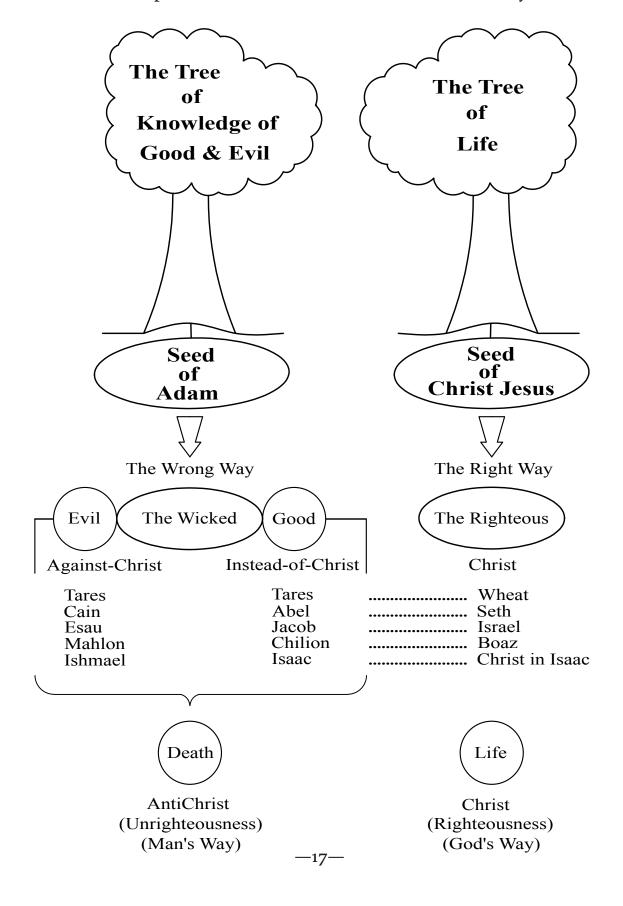
For our last example we focus on the children of Jacob. Of the 12 sons of Jacob there is only one born after Jacob's name was changed to Israel. That son is Benjamin, the son of his right hand, (strength). The last shall be first. His mother Rachel died at the time of his birth.



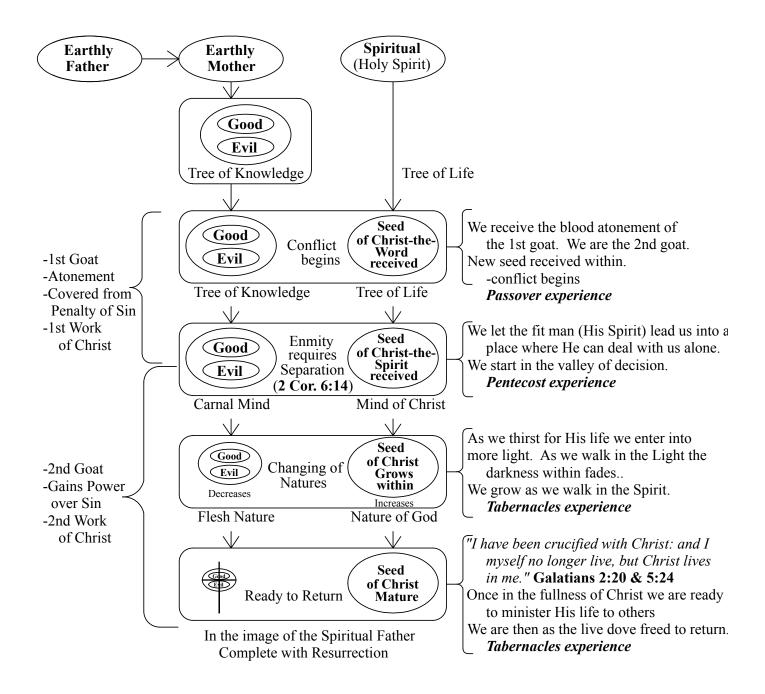
There are two major types here for Joseph. The focus of this story in Genesis is not only the return of Joseph but focused especially on the return of Benjamin. We can see here that Joseph is a type of Christ Jesus the Head, and therefore the first goat whose blood was shed that the people may live. And indeed it was through Joseph that bread was available to save the world. In this viewpoint he left so that Benjamin could come forth. And also in this aspect of truth Joseph is the Elder Brother of the Younger Brother Benjamin. Both of these truths emphasize Benjamin as a type of the Body of Christ.

The main type however is that Joseph was covered by the blood of the 1st goat to be then led by God's Spirit into a wilderness journey of severe breakings. From here, once at full maturity, (30 years of age...the age of entering into Priesthood), he would be elevated to "return", ruling with power as God, (the meaning of "Israel"). Joseph is not revealed however until Benjamin is seen with him. Joseph inherited the birthright, (inheritance). The birthright included his father's name. It was Judah however who received the blessing of ruling as King, since the scepter (right to rule), was to go to him.

This diagram shows the concept of the need to part from one tree and eat of another. It is the need to move on from the first work of Christ so that His second work may come forth in us. The Bible patterns used here are ones that are clear and easy to follow.



We conclude this part of the Lesson with an overall summary diagram of what these recurring patterns mean to us as the second work of Christ comes forth in us.



"14. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers [within and without]. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15. And what accord has Christ with Belial [the Devil]? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16. And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For YOU ARE THE TEMPLE of the living God. As God has said: "I WILL DWELL IN THEM and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 17. Therefore "Come out from among them and BE SEPARATE, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

2Corinthians 6 NKJ

Part 3: The Return

Our carnal minds keep trying to get us to see things from a point of "good or bad". The carnal mind has its origin with the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil. Thinking like this is like a "good person" climbing a good ladder that is leaning against the wrong building. It is like catching a good seat on a fast plane that is going to the wrong place. An example of this kind of wrong thinking is when Joshua was gearing up to take the Promised Land. He encounters a mysterious warrior. The question that Joshua poses is, "Are you for us or against us?" It's the wrong question. And so it is ignored. Joshua is thinking with the carnal mind. Such a question reflects, "Is this good for me or bad for me?". And it is from the wrong tree. The better question would be, "Are you of the Lord or not?" Joshua is told to take off his shoes. In other words, he is warned to start walking a different way…the way of the Lord…before he goes to battle…before it's too late, (Joshua 5).

But Christ did not come to make us good or to eradicate the bad in us. He came to make us like Him. It is His work, not ours. He came to make us a habitation for the Father to dwell in. The only Son that pleases the Father is Christ Jesus.

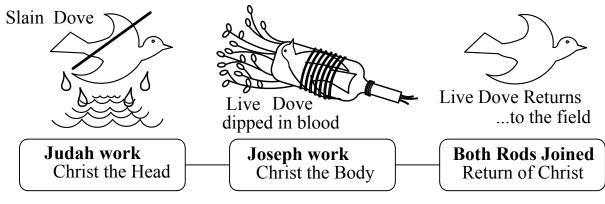
This "born again" experience speaks of a new birth...one from His Spirit. It is not fully realized until one receives the seed of His Word, develops into it by His Spirit, then has His Life birthed within. This experience is fully complete with the resurrection of our bodies.

With the resurrection of our bodies we will at that time be in full union with Christ Jesus the Head as the Body of Christ. There is at that time a people with sins fully removed. It is at that time when Christ will return to rule & reign in the Millennium Age. His Kingdom will be fully established in a people...a Sonship Company of Overcomers. It is when the second goat returns in victory. Then both works of Christ are complete...or nearly so, (read on).

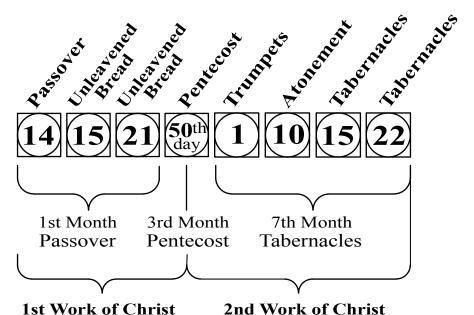
The first work was a "Judah work". Jesus came of the tribe of Judah to legally obtain the scepter of Judah...the right to rule. It was an atonement work to pave the way for others.

His second work is a "Joseph work". It is an overcoming work in a certain people who will have followed Him into the Holiest Place, past the Golden Altar...as burnt incense...as the evening burnt sacrifice. They will be resurrected to rule & reign with Christ. Joseph was given the birthright...the inheritance...which is Him...birthed from within.

And when we return with our King, it will be the rod of Judah & the rod of Joseph finally joined together, (Ezekiel 37:15-17). It will be the scepter & the birthright joined in one new man. It will be Christ Head & Body...a spirit-people seen on the earth...the new heavens and the new earth.



Here is a way to see a summary in perspective.



-completed with partial indwelling

-atonement made & provided

-purchased right to rule

-rod of Judah

-work of 1st goat

-work of 1st dove

-morning burnt sacrifice

-brazen altar of flesh sacrifice

-spring harvests

-former rain

-one firstfruit new creation man

-the elder brother

-completed with full indwelling

-atonement received to be led by Spirit

-purchased right to inherit

-rod of Joseph...his coat dipped in blood

-work of 2nd goat

-work of the live dove dipped in blood

-evening burnt sacrifice

-golden altar of incense sacrifice

-fall harvest

-later rain

-firstfruits new creation man, (many)

-younger brother representing many brothers

Just as the 1st work of Christ was not completed with the resurrection of His body, neither is the 2nd work complete with the resurrection of our bodies. Once we are resurrected we are in full union with Jesus Christ...our Head...our King...our High Priest. It is then that we begin to restore all of creation. It is then that we are as the 2nd goat returning in victory. It is then that we are as the live dove loosed from its bonds to fly into the field, (the world), to set creation free. All creation is groaning for this Son...this Sonship Company to arise. It is then that we are as the dove sent from the ark the 3rd time into the world...to not return to the ark. We will be that ark! The veils will be gone. The people of the world will see God in a people...not in a boat or a box in a tent or in a temple. Heaven will be seen in earth. The goal is not to die and go to heaven. The goal is to live in Christ that heaven may come to earth. To escape the death of earth is a defeated attitude. To swallow up death with life is an overcomer's attitude. All death will be conquered by the end of the Millennium Age. That will be the real completion of the Feast of Tabernacles. That will be the beginning of yet another, more glorious age of God. The ever expanding government of God will never end! -20-

As this new creation in Christ, we eventually reach maturity in His new nature. We finish this Tabernacles journey with full union in Christ as will be evidenced by our resurrection. We then return in the power and love of Christ to restore all of creation. All creation groans for these Sons to arise, and this is our hope too, (Romans 8:18-23).

"18. But the whole [doing of this] is from God Who RESTORED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST, [by a work of atonement to free us from the penalty of sin and then a walk in the Spirit until our sin nature is removed] AND GAVE TO US THE OFFICE [service] OF RESTORATION: 19. since God was in Christ leading back the whole world to Himself, not reckoning up their sins against them: and He deposited with us the reason ["ministration" in YLT] of that restoration."

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Then we can return as Jesus returned in the power of the Holy Spirit after his wilderness testings. We will fulfill the calling of the 2nd goat who was led by the Holy Spirit...fulfilled once an overcomer in Christ. We will return as the live dove that was dipped in blood to fly into the field...the world. We will return with the dove (His Spirit) that was sent from the ark the third time. We will return with our robes (covering) having been dipped in the blood of the Lamb...covered by His atonement. We will return as Joseph who had his robe dipped in the blood of a young goat. He was found to be the one to save the people of the world when it was perishing. We will return as the Body of Christ (with our Head), wearing a robe dipped in blood. We will return to set creation free. Vast multitudes of people will be coming into the Kingdom when our ministry of reconciliation in Christ is manifested. This event is foretold prophetically when a nation of sons under the blood of the Lamb left Egypt and the Red Sea opened up before them by the power of God.

Word given to nation **Israel** to be nation of Priests But Israel copied the World to minister Word to the World of 1st-born Sons, (Israel) Harlot **Israel** then judged But Christian nations copied Word & Spirit given ...to minister Word & Spirit ...to the World to Christian nations the World...now judged Word, Spirit & His Life **Overcomers** minister **Word**, **Overcomers** overcome the given to Overcomers **Spirit** & **Life** to the World World & the flesh & the Devil

"11. Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns [representing a company of many kings]. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself [this symbolic figure represents the Overcomers, (Revelation 2:17). 13. He was CLOTHED WITH A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD [identifying this as the second dove returning in the resurrection power of Christ] and His name is called THE WORD OF GOD [Christ Head & Body]. 14. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen [righteousness], white and clean [His nature], followed Him on white horses. 15. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron [again identifying this company with its leader as Christ the Body joined with Jesus Christ the Head]...16. And He has on His robe [covering and nature] and on His thigh [source of his walk] a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.