

# Eve and the Church

Many people recognize the physical and symbolic relationship between Adam (of Creation) and Jesus. Genesis 3:15 contains the promise of redemption, a promise fulfilled with the coming of Christ. The New Testament portrays Christ as the “Second Adam” whose obedience and sacrificial death on the cross undo Adam’s disobedience (Rom. 5:12–21; 1 Cor. 15:45). Fewer people realize the connection between Eve and the Church.

## **Adam Names All Creatures – Genesis 2:20**

Discuss why God had Adam name the creatures of the earth prior to creating Eve.

God already knew it was not good for Adam to be alone. As Adam named every creature, he could see that he was alone among his kind. He didn’t call any creature “Women” (bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh). Perhaps God intended the naming of the creatures to be an activity which would awaken a desire which God would fill.

Man has dominion over all things – Adam established his authority over all the earth prior to Eve being created. Eve shared in his lordship over creation, not in her own right, but as being bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh.

Christ gave all things to His Church, but what the Church has is through no right or merit of its own. Only as the bride of Jesus, Heir of All Things, does the Church has its position (1 Corinthians 3:21-23).

## **Eve Made From Adam’s Rib – Genesis 2:21**

One Rib Taken, One Woman Made – God only used one rib to make one woman, although many after were born from Adam. Likewise, Jesus has only one heavenly bride, the Church.

How Eve was made – The typical translation inadequately conveys the original Hebrew. The last portion of the statement “The rib which the Lord God had taken from man made He a woman” is better translated as ‘builded He unto a woman’. It isn’t coincidental that the term ‘build’ is used along with ‘edify’ in the New Testament in relation to the Church.

## **Eve was brought to Adam by God – Genesis 3:22**

Once God was finished creating Eve, He brought her to Adam. Now God is bringing the elect in spirit to the heavenly Bridegroom, and no man can come unto Christ except the Father draw Him (John 6:44). In time, Jesus will receive the completed bride in person, answering that prayer: “Father, I will that they also, whom Thou has given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou has given Me” (John 17:24).