

Key to Unit 9

THE OUTCOME

Here is our suggested answer for Unit 9.

Question: What are the similarities and differences between man's relationship with God in the garden before the fall and in the eternal kingdom of heaven?

In the garden of Eden it was an innocent physical existence on earth, not knowing sin or guilt, with perfect friendship with God. Genesis 1:26 to 2:25.

In heaven it will be an everlasting perfect spiritual existence with God and "the Lamb" - as new persons, having known sin, guilt and experienced God's cleansing and forgiveness. 1.Cor.15:35-58. 2.Cor.12:1-4. Col.3:1-4. Rev.22:1-5.

Understanding the Bible

Unit 10

SUMMARY

From Eternity to Eternity

God's Purpose and Strategy

Before creation God had His purpose.¹ He made everything through and for the Messiah.² They created everything perfectly.³ Then Satan slandered God' putting the barrier of sin between God and man,⁴ But God already had his strategy in place. The virgin's man-child would crush Satan's head.⁵ Satan persistently tries to thwart it and the Messianic line often came near to extinction.

Cain slew Abel who was replaced by Seth (the "designated" one) From Seth came faithful Noah⁶ whose family were rescued out of the wicked world by the universal flood. From Noah's son, Shem, came faithful Abraham, in whose seed all nations of the earth would be

blest. Trusting God he offered up his son of the promise, Isaac, to God.⁷ Just like God was going to offer up His son of the promise for us. Abraham offered tithes to the King-priest Melchizedek who prefigured the coming Messiah.⁸

From Isaac came Jacob who was renamed Israel. He wrested the inheritance from Esau⁹ because he appreciated its significance. Jacob's son, Joseph, saved the family from starvation - in Egypt.¹⁰

Jacob predicted that the tribe of Judah, would not lose its identity until the rightful owner came.^A The Messiah came from that tribe. Faithful Job expressed his yearning for the day when he would rise from his grave to see His redeemer - God - on the earth.¹¹ God, intending that the man-child would come through Israel, brought them out of Egypt.¹²

The tabernacle was set up, which predicted the way people of the world would be brought into fellowship with God.¹³ Sacrifices (with emphasis on firstborn), the Passover and the Day of Atonement were instituted to show how the "lamb of God" would die for the sins of mankind.

Another prophet like Moses was promised and the New Covenant predicted.¹⁴ King David, of the tribe of Judah and the prophet Isaiah, predicted that the Messiah would rise from the dead.¹⁵

King Solomon built the temple on Moriah in Melchizedek's city where Abraham offered up Isaac.¹⁶ It had ten large portable tanks in which animals were plunged in preparation for sacrifice.^B

The nation split and sank into idolatry. God warned them they would go into captivity but nothing would thwart **the virgin** giving birth to **the man-child** called Emmanuel.^C¹⁷ A remnant of the reunited nation would return under the

banner of Judah.¹⁸ to enjoy a long period of peace and prosperity followed by crises, during which the Messiah. would set up his everlasting kingdom.¹⁹

The spiritual kingdom which the Messiah would set-up was portrayed as spiritual Jerusalem - the city of Zion on the highest mountains - with the law of YHWH going out from it, with all nations flocking into it and foreign priests worshipping in it.²⁰

The Messiah would come 483 years after the edict to rebuild Jerusalem. In 3.1/2 years he would be killed and the sacrifices rendered obsolete.²¹ The old covenant would be terminated when they pierced the hands of the Messiah and valued him at 30 pieces of silver. In that day a fountain of living waters would spring in all directions from Jerusalem, YHWH would become ruler over all the earth.²² Elijah would herald the Messiah's coming.²³

He Arrives !

The Messiah was born of a virgin in Bethlehem.²⁴ He escaped Herod's slaughter. God brought him back from the security of Egypt - to Nazareth.²⁵

John - in the spirit of Elijah - proclaimed "the heavenly kingdom is imminent". At the Lord Jesus' request John immersed him - God's sacrificial lamb - in water.²⁶

Religious fanatics expected a military leader who would defeat the Romans. The Lord emphasised the spiritual nature of his kingdom.²⁷ Though they had him executed for treason.²⁸ by this his goal to die as the supreme sacrifice for mankind was achieved ²⁹ The old covenant was replaced by the new, embracing people of all nations. When the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, many saints came out of their tombs and were seen in Jerusalem. Having received all

authority in heaven and on earth he prepared his apostles for the start of his kingdom.³⁰

His Kingdom Established

After his ascension the kingdom began, on the day of Pentecost. and the Lord Jesus added repentant baptized believers to his church. It spread from Jerusalem all over the world,³¹ a spiritual refuge in a world of turmoil.³² His subjects were called Christians. When the world ends, the Messiah will hand his kingdom over to God.³³ Its citizens will be with him praising God, eternally in heaven.³⁴

YHWH Vindicated

The Lord Jesus' loving sacrifice for the sins of mankind, negated Satan's slander of God, and provided the way for man to be "new creatures", reconciled to God.³⁵ The way is open to all.³⁶

Thank you for completing the course. We pray that it continues to benefit you to the glory of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If you would like more study material or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Notes:-

- A) "Shiloh" (Gen.49:1,10) the owner. Ezek.21:27
- B) 2 Chr.4:6 (The Hebrew for AV "wash" = plunge. J.C.Ellicott's commentary)
- C) Emmanuel means - God with us.

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