

Typology

A Jewish Midrashic method of interpretation.

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TWO ADAMS

Let us consider the consequences of Adam's sin and then the restoration made possible through Christ. Read 1 Cor 15:45-49

1Cor 15:45-49 *“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”*

The First Adam caused a sevenfold consequence to be passed onto all mankind. Read Gen 3:17-19.	Now let's observe the work of the Second or Last Adam. Take note how Christ adequately and fully cancels the effects of sin
The ground was cursed	Earth cursed – Christ was made a curse for us. Gal 3:13.
In sorrow man would eat of the ground all the days of his life.	Man's sorrow was carried by Christ Jesus. Isaiah 53:3
Thorns and thistles appeared.	Thorns appeared after the fall and significantly we are told in John 18:8 that Christ literally wore a crown of thorns, as he bore our sin.
By the sweat of the brow shall man earn his keep.	Man would sweat to earn his keep. Christ sweat drops of blood on our behalf that our salvation should be through His Divine Work.
From dust the body was made and to dust it would return.	As man would return to dust, in Christ our bodies shall be changed. 1 Cor 15:53 and Rom 8:9.
A flaming sword barred their way back to Paradise.	In Adam the sword kept man from Paradise. In Christ the sword of the Spirit leads us to victory and triumph. Eph 6:17.
Spiritual detachment and physical death occurred. God executed his warning <i>“The day you eat of this fruit, you will surely die”</i>	The old creation in Adam cut us off from God and man died spiritually. In Christ, we have become new creations and have been made spiritually alive 2 Cor 5:17.

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Christ has reversed the effects of the fall. The fall of man afforded God the opportunity to demonstrate and exhibit His divine wisdom and display the riches of His Grace.

Think about it –

If sin had not occurred in the human race, then mankind would have been robbed of the glorious plan of God to redeem sinful man. (God did not cause sin, but as man made the choice to sin, God yet was able to allow such a thing to show man His love).

Out of the evil of the Adamic fall, God displays His character of mercy and forgiveness.

We have gained more through the last Adam than we could have gained in the First Adam.

WORKSHOP

Look up these readings, investigating the glorious position that we now hold as Christians. Write up your discoveries in the Chart:

FIRST ADAM – BEFORE THE FALL:	SECOND ADAM – IN CHRIST.
Before the fall Adam lived in a physical paradise.	Eph 1:20:
Before the fall, man received natural life.	2 Peter 1:4
Before the fall, Adam was innocent.	Rom 5:18-19.
Before the fall, Adam was made Lord of Eden, given dominion over all life.	Rom 8:17
Before the fall, Adam was a Creation, made in the image of God.	2 Cor 5:17.

“The Saviour shall yet become the Judge; but judgment waits on grace. Sin has reigned, and death can boast its victories: shall grace not have its triumphs too? As surely as the sin of man brought death, the grace of God shall bring eternal life to every sinner who believes. One sin brought death, but grace masters all sin. If sin abounded, grace abounds far more. Grace is conqueror. GRACE REIGNS.” Sir Robert Anderson/Former Scotland Yard Investigator.