

# Class One

## The New Heavens and New Earth

2Tim 3:15-17 “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works”

Our confidence in Yahweh is based on our belief in His inspired Word, which is something we cannot minimize. There can be no belief in God without belief in His Word: *Psa 138:2 “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”* Our unswerving belief of the Gospel concerning the Kingdom of God and Name of Jesus Christ is the KEY to all Scriptural understanding.

**“About one-third of the American adult population believes the Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word...About one in five Americans believe the Bible is an ancient book of ‘fables, legends, history, and moral precepts recorded by man’” – *Gallup News Service (5/25/07)***

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**Pope John Paul II said: “the theories of evolution are sound as long as they accept that creation was God's work.” He called evolution “more than just a hypothesis” – *Associated Press (10/25/96)***

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**“The founder of the Creation Museum says American Christians are losing the culture war because many of them now believe what he calls the ‘pagan religion’ of evolution...(the founder) rebuked churches and Christian scholars who don’t believe in a young Earth and creation in six days...(and) called for ‘a new Reformation to call the church back to the authority of the word of God’” – *Associated Press (2/17/10)***

**Because they can find no relevant application of their doctrines in the Bible, Christendom discredits Scripture, instead of their own teaching; and thereby make it impossible to discover God’s Truth—literally or figuratively revealed.**

# The New Heavens and The New Earth

## Natural

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” Gen. 1:1

## Spiritual

“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth” Isa. 65:17

Knowledge and belief of the former is essential to comprehend the latter. The foundation of the spiritual is predicated upon a comprehension of the natural.

## Divine Method of Scriptural Reasoning—

“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” — 1Cor. 15:45-47

## Wisest Teacher's Mode of Instruction—

Mat. 13:1-16, 34-35 “The disciples came, and said unto him, *Why speakest thou unto them in parables?* He answered and said unto them, *Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given...Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand...But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear... All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them”*

Mark 4:2,33-34 “And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine...And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, *as they were able to hear it. But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples”*

“The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools...As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools” Pro 26:7

## Natural—Spiritual: The Parabolic Method—

**“A parable is the setting forth of a certain thing as a representative of something else. Hence, it is a comparison, or similitude...*Whether spoken or acted, parables are dark and unintelligible to those who are not skilled in the things of the kingdom; but when once they come to know these, the things they resemble immediately appear...*For certain features of the kingdom to be illustrated parabolically is to speak, or act, allegorically; and *is a mode of instruction more calculated to keep up the attention, and to impress the mind permanently, than a set discourse, or formal disquisition.* The scriptures are constructed after this ingenious plan, by which they are made so much more interesting, and capable of containing so much more matter, than any other book on the same subject, and of the same size” — *Bro. J. Thomas, Elpis Israel, pg. 274-275***

Comprehending the parabolic mode of Divine Instruction will put us on a level of Scripturally understanding those without the Truth will never experience.

## Literal—Figurative: Allegorical Instruction

**“This sentence (on the Serpent) *was both literal and allegorical*, like the rest of the things exhibited in the Mosaic account...*to allegorize is to speak in such a way that something else is intended than is contained in the words literally construed*. The historical allegory has a double sense, namely, *the literal and the figurative; and the latter is as real*, as the former is essential to its existence. Thus, the *literal* serpent was allegorical of ‘sin in the flesh’...The *literal* formation of Eve out of Adam’s side was *allegorical* of the formation of the ecclesia out of him of whom Adam was the figure; therefore, the ecclesia is the figurative Eve, and its temptation illustrated by that of the *literal* one. *The examples of this are almost infinite.*” — J.T., *Elpis Israel*, pg. 109**

The purpose of the literal is to instruct us in a deeper form of the allegoric. One cannot exist without the other: and both are absolute in reality.

## Worldly Wisdom Not Needed to Discern Truth—

**1Cor. 2:12-14** *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

Such was the case with the kings of Egypt and Babylon. When both rulers assembled all their “wise men” demanding an interpretation of the Divine testimony revealed in prophetic “dreams” there was found no “astrologer, magician or sorcerer”—that is, the political, religious, or scientific leader of their respective days—to unlock its message. The key of knowledge belonged only to Yahweh’s servants: Joseph and Daniel (Gen 41; Dan 2; 5).

The same belongs only to brethren in Christ who seek God’s Truth.

## Scriptures: both Literal Historic Allegory—

**“Such is oftentimes the significant character of Bible history; *it is both literal and allegorical at the same time. For being allegorical it does not thereby cease to be literally true; nor because it is literal does it fail to qualify as allegory.* It is properly not pure parable but *enacted* parable: it retains its claim throughout to faultless accuracy. It is this which gives it its unique importance, *for its allegorical content, precisely because it is immanent in authentic historical facts, possesses the same property of truth as the facts themselves.* Thus its lessons remain permanently relevant even though the facts which first served to illustrate them belong to the distant past.” — *W.F. Barling, Law and Grace, pg. 25***

### The Literal

**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” Gen. 1:1**

### The Allegorical

**“We, according to his promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth”  
2Pet 3:13**

## Adam a “Figure” of Christ

Rom 5:14 “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, *who is the figure of him that was to come.*”

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.*”

\* Adam was a real, literal man...but also a figure of the one to come.

## The Law a “Shadow” of Christ

Col 2:16-17 “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: *Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ*”

Heb 10:1 “*For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things* “

\* The Law was a real code of worship, but also a shadow of a greater.

## Ishmael and Isaac “Allegory” of Abraham’s seed

**Gal 4:22-24** “For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar*”

“Leah, as a wife, is thus revealed in five different states: (1) bearing Jacob’s children (2) barren (3) temporarily estranged from her husband (4) restored to him again (5) bearing him further children. What is the purpose of the detailed narrative? I have been accused of straining at types, but apart from some such enigmatical significance, why should such chapters find a place in the Divine Revelation? Paul, in Galatians 4, shows that the similar circumstances of Sarah and Hagar are recorded because they are allegorical. Why not the jealousy and rivalry of Leah and Rachel also? It is not difficult to see in the above five points, a foreshadowing of Israel after the flesh, who is likened to a wife temporarily estranged from her Husband (Isa 54:5)” – *H.P. Mansfield, Logos Aug. 1962*

## Noah's flood a "Figure" of Baptism

1Pet 3:20-21 "The longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. *The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us*"

\* The Noahic flood was more than a literal event, it was figurative.

## Adam and Eve "Mystery" of Christ and Ecclesia

Eph 5:31-33 "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. *This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the ecclesia*"

\* The literal union of man, woman mystically represents a greater one.

## Israel a "Type" of the Ecclesia

1Cor 10:1-6,11 "All our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea...*Now these things were our examples (types, figures), to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted...all these things happened unto them for ensamples (types, figures)*"

\* The history of Israel serves as a type for brethren in all ages.

## Miracles and Actions of Prophets a “Sign”

**Ezek 24:24** “Thus *Ezekiel is unto you a sign*: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD” (Mark 16:20 “confirming the word with signs following”)

“The Spirit of Christ was in the prophets; so the apostle Peter says (1Pet 1:11). And this being so, the prophets not only spoke beforehand of Christ, and typically represented him, but of necessity they spoke things that were only partially and proximately applicable to themselves. This is very evident in the words of Isa. lxi, words with which Jesus appropriated to himself in the synagogue of the Jews” — *C.C. Walker, Ministry of the Prophets, Isaiah, pg. 707*

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“(Rev 4:1-2) In all this, John was a dramatic person; or, one through whom was represented in actions certain things not narrated. When in Patmos, and about to behold something pertaining to ‘the Day of the Lord,’ he says he was ‘in spirit.’ This is equivalent to saying that, when he shall behold the *reality* of the similitude he saw in spirit, he will also be ‘in spirit’; which likewise intimates, by implication, that he will have previously risen from among the dead and be spirit. The voice, then, he heard behind him as the loud sound of a trumpet, was a symbolic voice of the seventh trumpet period, which will awake him from his death sleep...” — *Eureka, Vol. 2, pg 23*

## Is parabolic reasoning merely a matter of “academics”?

### Jonah a “Sign” of the Lord’s resurrection

**Mat. 12:38-40** “An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, *but the sign of the prophet Jonas*: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth”

“...the books bound together as a prophetic collection from Isaiah to Malachi – it is like looking at a starry galaxy of glory, Christ shines in them all; not merely his light, but he himself appears in all their visions (pg. 9)...In Jonah there is no direct illusion: it is the only exception (pg. 10)” – *R. Roberts, Nazareth Revisited*

\* How significant that the ONLY “sign” given to the Jews was that revealed in the actions of a prophet, and not direct spoken testimony concerning the Lord’s first advent! Selah.

## Figurative or Spiritual Reasoning: Does it matter?

### Christ a fulfillment of the Manna: Jews Perplexed

**John 6:51-60** “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you... This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever... Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?... From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him”

# Reasoning Out of the Scriptures

Once God has established the general principle, to continually repeat the Divine formula for Scriptural reasoning is not required. Nearly 70 parables spoken by the Lord are recorded in Scripture, yet most are not specially styled “parables” (only 11 of 26 in Luke). The application of literal and figurative is to be observed throughout the entire Bible.

Types      Parables      Allegories      Figures  
Shadows      Signs                      Mysteries

**Luke 24:44-45** “And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures*”

Understanding the Spirit-Word’s relationship between the natural and the spiritual is vital to comprehend the development of...

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## Examples of Natural—Spiritual “Heavens and Earth”

### Natural Light

Gen 1:1-3 “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light”

### Spiritual Light

2Cor 4:3-6 “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”

## **Earthly Man**

**Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

## **Spiritual Man**

**1Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

**46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.**

**47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.**

**48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.**

**49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**

**50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**

## Literal Seventh Day

Gen 2:1 ¶ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

## Millennial Seventh Day

Heb 4:1 ¶ Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it....

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works...

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

## Natural Wife

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

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 shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

## Spiritual Bride

Eph 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the ecclesia...

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the ecclesia.

## Literal Tree of Life

Gen 3:22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

## Figurative Tree of Life

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy lampstand out of his place...

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the eccleisas; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

## Literal Serpent

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

## Spiritual Serpent

2Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

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**“Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.* The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God...we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” – 2Pet. 3:8-14**

\* New Heavens and New Earth relate to an order or system of things.

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Isa. 65:17-24 “For, behold, *I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old...The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent’s meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy *in all my holy mountain*, saith the LORD”*

\* New Heavens and New Earth relates to Jerusalem: Age to Come

# The New Heavens and New Earth

**Rev. 21:1-6 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, *the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”***

\* New Heavens and Earth relates to the Holy City or New Jerusalem. The former “heavens and earth” will pass away.

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**Isa. 45:17-15** *“But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else”* (Rev 3:12)

\* New Heavens and Earth relates to Israel’s Salvation and Restoration

**God has never deviated from His original plan and purpose with mankind and the earth.**

The Bible interprets itself. Students of the Word are Scripturally self-instructed. They plainly allow the Word of God to become its own dictionary. The method is simply transporting the literal into the figurative; the natural into the spiritual; the historical into the allegorical.

# Restoration of Earth-Israel: Eden

Eze. 36:24-36 *“For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...O house of Israel...the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited”* (Joel 2:1-3)

Isa. 51:1-3 *“Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody”*

**Yahweh's Plan and Purpose Has never changed from His original intent. The detailed works of creating first Heavens and Earth is how we will understand His development of the New Heavens and New Earth !**

**Gen. 1:26-28 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”**

This hope belongs to the Last Adam and his spiritual offspring.

# Chronology of Events at the Lord's Return

## Establishment of New Heavens and New Earth

**The Resurrection of the Responsible:** *2Tim 4:1; 1Cor 15:21-23; 1The 4:14-17; Heb 11:35-40*

**Judgment Begins At House Of God:** *1 Pet 4:17; 2Cor. 5:10; Rom.14:10; Acts 17:31-32*

**The Resurrected Transported To Judgment:** *1The. 4:14-17; 2The. 2:1; Mat. 24:30-41; Acts 8:39-40; John 6:15-21*

**Judgment Takes Place At Sinai:** *Psa. 68:8,17-20; 1Cor. 15:50-54; Deu. 33:1-3*

**Faithful United With Christ; Unfaithful rejected:** *Rev. 19:7; 2Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:26-27*

**Armageddon Underway While Saints Judged:** *Eze 38-39; Joel 3; Zec 13-14; Dan 11-12*

**Saints Come To Defense Of Jerusalem:** *Psa 149; Dan 2:44; 7:18-22; Rev 2:26-29; John 18:36*

**Scattered Jews Brought Back To Land:** *Eze. 20:33-38; Mal. 4:5-6*

**Earthquake Elevates Zion:** *Isa. 2:1-11; Zec. 14:10-11; Dan. 2:35; Psa. 48:1-2*

**Landscape Of Canaan Changed to Eden:** *Isa. 51:1-3; Eze. 36:34-36; Joel 2:1-3*

**Nations To Submit To God's Laws:** *Psa. 72:11; Rev. 11:15; Zec. 8:22-23; Isa. 2:1-17*

**Rebellious Nations Punished:** *Zec. 13:1-3; 14:9-19; Jer. 31:33; Rev. 20:1-15*

**Nations Come To Jerusalem To Worship:** *Isa. 2:1-11; 56:6-8; Rev. 3:12; Psa. 132:13-14; 48:1-3; Zec. 1:14-17; Eze. 40-48*

**Saints Minister As Priests In Temple Worship:** *Psa. 132:13-17; Rev. 5:9-10; 1Pet. 2:1-9; Eze. 44:15-31*

**End Of Thousand Years Second Resurrection, Sin-Death Destroyed:** *1Cor. 15:24-28; Rev. 20:1-15*