

# Class Four

Rev 3:14 “Unto the angel of the ecclesia of the Laodiceans write; These things saith *the Amen*, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God”

Col 1:18 “And he is *the head* of the body, the ecclesia: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence”

“Jesus Anointed is the creator of this new creation; and himself also the first element of it that has been created without human intervention” – *Eureka, Vol. 1 pg. 406 J. Thomas*

## The New Heavens and New Earth

Classes 1-3 concerned the prophetic and political development of the New Heavens and Earth. Now we are brought to the spiritual development of the people.

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

2 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.

3 ¶ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Eph 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them”

## God creates Light: Gospel source of Life

2Cor 4:4-6 “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost...*lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them...*

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” [Direct reference to the Genesis Record](#)

2Cor 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”

Gal 6:15 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature”

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

2 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.

Eph 4:17-18 “Walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart”

**Waters—people—without form and void**

Darkness, ignorance natural state of man

John 8:12 “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life*”

John 9:4-5 “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, *I am the light of the world*” The truth is the source of life.

Eph 5:8 “For *ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord*: walk as children of light”

**Natural man is “void of understanding” (Pro 7:7; 10:13; 11:12; 12:11; 17:18; 24:30)**

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Eph 4:22-24 "Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"

## Truth divides children of Day, Night

God's Command—His Word—awakens men

1The 5:4-7 "*But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night" Knowledge is the divider.

1Pet 2:9 "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should *shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*"

Heb 2:10 “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, *in bringing many sons unto glory*, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings”

Eph 3:8-9 “I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is *the fellowship of the mystery*, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ”

## Christ: Second Adam of New Creation

Yahweh's Son the head of the New Creation

Col 1:14-19 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, *the firstborn of every creature*: For *by* (RSV “in”) him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by (RSV “through”) him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And *he is the head of the body, the ecclesia*: who is the beginning, *the firstborn from the dead*; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell”

Rom 8:29 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be *conformed to the image of his Son*, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren”

Heb 12:22-23 “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and ecclesia of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect”

## The **FIRSTBORN**: The exalted of Yahweh

Christ—Adam: both sons of God, both beginning of a new creation: federal heads

Luke 3:23-34, 37-38 “And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son of Heli...David*, Which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, which was the son of Boaz, which was the son of Salmon...Phares, which was the son of Juda, Which was the son of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abraham, which was the son of Thara... Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God”

Luke 1:35 “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.”

John 1:12 “But as many as received (Jesus Christ), to them gave he power *to become the sons of God*, even to them that believe on his name”

Rom 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God”

## Christ the Greater Firstborn Son of God

Last Adam exalted for the New Creation

The birthright forfeited by disobedience

1Chr 5:1 “Reuben the firstborn of Israel ...forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, *his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph*, and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.”

Father reserves right to appoint firstborn

1Chr 26:10 “Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Simri the chief, (*for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him the chief;*)”

(Ephraim—Manasseh: Gen 48:14-19;  
Jacob—Esau: Gen 25:31-33)

Psa 89:26-29 "He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, *higher than the kings of the earth*. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. *His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven*"

Rev 21:5 "Behold, *I make all things new...I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end*. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely"

## Status and inheritance of the Firstborn

The types in Scripture point to Jesus Christ

### The firstborn given the Throne, Kingdom

2Chr 21:3 "And their father gave them great gifts of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: *but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he was the firstborn*"

### The firstborn to be given the Inheritance

Deu 21:15-17 "If a man have two wives... and they have born him children...when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn *...the right of the firstborn is his*"

Heb 7:14-17 "Our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing *concerning priesthood*. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another *priest*, Who is made...after the power of an endless life"

Rev 5:9:10 "Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou...*hast redeemed us to God by thy blood* out of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God a kingdom of priests: and we shall reign on the earth"

## Status and inheritance of the Firstborn

The types in Scripture point to Jesus Christ

### The firstborn given to the Priesthood

Num 3:14-15, 40-41 "And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; Because all the firstborn are mine; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD...*And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the LORD) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel"* (Exo 32 !)

1Cor 15:45-50 “The first man Adam was made a *living soul*; the last Adam was made a *quickeningspirit*. 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”

Significantly, the Lord—as Head of the New Creation — rose from the dead on the first day of the week (Luke 24:1); and saints gather together on the first day (Acts 20:7; John 20:19; 1Cor 16:1-2).

Christ restorer of dominion lost by Adam  
Christ conquers sin introduced by Adam

Rom 5:12-21 “Wherefore, as by one man *sin* entered into the world, and death by *sin*; and so *death passed upon all men*, for that all have sinned...For if by one man’s offence death reigned *by one*; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life *by one*, Jesus Christ...For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience *of one* shall many be made righteous...That as *sin hath reigned unto death*, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” *Christ the “Eloah” of the “Elohim”*

“Of these sons, or *Elohim*, One is ‘the First-born’ – ‘the child born and the son given’ (Isa 9:6). He is *Eloah* in chief, ‘the Head of the Body;’ in whom it pleased the Father that all the fullness should dwell, that among all he might have the preeminence” – *Eureka, Vol 1, pg. 101*

1John 3:2 “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is”

## Christ the Firstborn of his brethren

Jesus the firstborn of the Elohist Creation

1Cor 15:17-23 “Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. *For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.* But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming”

*Gal 3:16 “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ”*

John 20:28 “Thomas” addressed the resurrected Messiah, “My Lord and *my God*”

*Phanerosis, pg 62 “Elohim Developed From the Seed of Abraham”*

Luke 20:35-38 “They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage... for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. *Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him*” (Exo 3:1-16)

Exo 3:14-15 “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, *The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations ... say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites... unto a land flowing with milk and honey.*”

“I am that I am” translated “I will be” R.V. (v. 12)

**Gen 2:18-20 “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him”**

## **Lower Creation subdued by Last Adam**

Christ's help meet is not among the Gentiles

**“Field” – Mat 13:36-38 “And his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom...”**

Although “every beast of the field” and “fowl of the air”—the nations—are brought before the Last Adam, Christ, in subjection (He names or designates them), His bride is “not found” among these. The bride of Yahweh's anointed is developed by a different means (Psa 72:7-11; Isa 2:1-5). This will be his “help meet” to rule with him in the Age to Come: “If we suffer, we shall also reign with him” 2Tim 2:12

Gen 2:21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

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

*“I do nothing of myself, but as the Father hath taught me” – John 8:28-29*

*“The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works” John 14:8-11*

## Adam creates Eve: Life through Death

The Bride of Christ is formed out of his death

Atonement is the work of God. Yahweh caused the deep sleep and created Woman

2Cor 5:18-21 “All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them...For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”

Rom 8:3 “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh” (Eph 2:4-7; Psa 80:17)

Gen 2:21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

**Sleep typical of death –**

Acts 13:36-37 "David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers"

John 11:11-14 "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep ...Howbeit Jesus spake of his death" (Acts 7:60 Stephen "fell asleep")

**Adam creates Eve: Life through Death**  
**Woman only creation not formed from dust**  
**Bride of Christ subject of spiritual creation**

Eph 5:22-26 "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the ecclesia: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the ecclesia is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, *even as Christ also loved the ecclesia, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word"* \* Cleansing two-fold: Christ's sacrifice and Water of the Word.

Gen 2:21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof

Rom 1:3 “Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh”

Rom 8:3 “God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh”

## Adam creates Eve: Life through Death

The Man's flesh is put to death to form Wife  
**Sacrifice of man required for life of woman**

**“Flesh”** – Christ shared our very nature  
Heb 2:14-16 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, *he also himself likewise took part of the same*”

Heb 5:7-8 “Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears *unto him that was able to save him from death*, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things **which he suffered**”

God resurrects Christ after his sacrifice from pains of death (Acts 2:24)

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

Jesus Christ benefited from his own sacrifice

John 10:17-18 –

“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

*No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself.* I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again”

READ: Acts 2:24

Adam creates Eve: Life through Death  
Man healed in process of his own sacrifice

Eph 5:27-30 *“That he might present it to himself a glorious ecclesia, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the ecclesia: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones”*

Phi 2:8-9 *“He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him...”*

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.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and \* were not ashamed. \* **Rev 16:15**

## Sacrifice of Man creates Unity in Life

Man's death provided life without shame of sin

**Man, woman covered by Adam's sacrifice**

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.* Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband"

Heb 9:27-28 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; (Adam's death)* and unto them that look for him *shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Adam's resurrection)* "

# The Olivet Prophecy—Jerusalem AD 70

Mark 13:14-19, 30-31 “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains...For in those days shall be affliction, *such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be...* (30) Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. *Heaven and earth shall pass away:* but my words shall not pass away”

Time marked from “Beginning of the Creation” to the passing of Mosaic “Heaven and Earth.”

Luke 21:24-26 “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations”

“Israel was an ecclesiastical and civil *cosmos*, in whose *heaven* were the sun, moon, stars, and constellations, of the system. It was from *this heaven* the little horn of the goat cast of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them (Daniel 8). When the Horn abolished the system, its sun was darkened, its moon gave no light, and its stars fell from the heaven; and the days of mourning were established. It was a total eclipse of the Jewish power in church and state. Referring to the *Mosaic Heavens*, the prophet says, ‘*the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment*’ (Isa 51:6 cp. Also Paul’s use of the same expression in Heb 1:10-12 and Heb 8:13” –J. Thomas, *Last Days of Judah’s Commonwealth*

Heb 1:10-11 “Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast *laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands*: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment” Remember: writing to Hebrews

**“From the language of the creation of the literal heavens and earth Jeremiah draws the analogy of the creation of Israel (Jer 4:23). Here the prophet shows that as God had created the heavens and earth in the beginning, and that they had subsequently suffered at catastrophe and became chaos, so Israel created by Divine constitution had now also suffered catastrophe, and were involved in darkness. The Adamic creation was an order of things developed into which the heavens and earth had fallen, so also in the terminology of Psa 102, the Jewish heavens and earth were to pass away, and with their passing a new order would be developed, stiled by Isaiah ‘a new heavens and a new earth’ (Isa 65:17)...Peter also adds his testimony to the dissolution of the Jewish heavens and earth to make way for the establishment of the new order spoken by the Prophet Isaiah (2Pet 3:10-13)...the removing of the Jewish heavens and earth and the establishment of the millennial heavens and earth...” — J. Martin, *Hebrews* pg. 11-12**

## The Heavens and Earth—

2Pet 3—

v. 5-6 “By the word of God the *heavens* were of old, and the *earth* standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished”

### 1. The Literal Creation of Heavens and Earth

v. 7 “But the *heavens and the earth*, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”

### 2. The Mosaic Heavens and Earth

v. 11-14 “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, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for *new heavens and a new earth*, wherein dwelleth righteousness”

### 3. The Millennial Heavens and Earth

## The Third Heaven—

2Cor 12—

v. 1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

**Visions, Revelations: Prophetic insight of Future events**

v. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

**The 'Third Heaven' is the Kingdom Age and beyond**

v. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

**Vision so clear he didn't know if he was literally taken**

v. 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

**Paradise or Third Heaven beyond words of Men (margin)**

Like the prophets of old, the vision of the Kingdom must capture our minds so vividly we feel as those we are taken to the Third Heaven.

## Into the Heavens—

Personal invitation for Yahweh's servants to see the Kingdom Age

**Rev 4:1-2** “After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, *Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.* And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne”

Thinking must rise above the earthly: spiritual thinking necessary

**Eze 8:3-4** “And he put forth the form of an hand, *and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up* between the earth and the heaven, and *brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem*, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain”  
(Eze 3:12-14)

## **The Olivet Prophecy—Jerusalem AD 70**

**Mat 24:15-16, 28** “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains...*For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together*”

**Israel—the Carcase: Jews in dispersion among the nations**

**De 28:26** “And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and *no man shall fray them away*”

**Jer 7:30-34** “For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it...*And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.* Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate”

## The Abrahamic Covenant—

Yahweh's covenant with Abraham preserved: never to be broken

**Gen 15:7-18** “I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. *And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him...And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates”*