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BORN AGAIN: THE FIRST ADAM

In **Luke 4:1** when Jesus came from Jordan, scripture was referring to him being baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (**Luke 3:21,22**). He was filled and baptized in the Holy Spirit. In **Luke 4:1-2** the bible says "Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil."

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We know Jesus was born into this world to take the place of the first Adam who delivered the kingdoms of this world (Greek: inhabited earth) and all its authority and their glory to Satan. (**Luke 4:5, 6**) Satan said it was delivered to him. The word "delivered" means: to surrender, to deliver over to another to keep, to yield up. The Bible is clear in regards to the "two Adams" through scripture.

The Apostle Paul brings clarity to the scriptures found in **Genesis 1 & 2**. Let's break down what Paul is saying in **1 Cor 15:44-49**. **Verse 44** is where God brings his soul to life, just as stated in **Genesis 2:7**. **Verse 45** God breathed life into the first Adam, his spiritual body (the house). **Verse 46-49**, his spirit did not come first, but his body then his spirit, bringing the soul to life. The soul of man contains the physical mind made of flesh, to house the spiritual mind which is spirit. So the soul of man contains both the mind of the flesh and the mind of the spirit which made him come alive as a living soul.

So the first Adam lived in this earthly habitation that God had prepared for him, called the kingdom of this world. He was given the authority to rule over all its glory as a spiritual being; walking with God in spirit and body. He was meant to live his life out of his spiritual mind. The spiritual mind expressed itself through the natural mind in Adam and Eve prior to the Fall and were made to work together in complete harmony.

Adam was created to worship a good, loving God who provided everything he needed in this world (**Heb 2:2-8)**. In **Luke 4:5-7**, Satan approached Jesus in the desert to tempt him. The method Satan used with Jesus was not the same type of enticement that he used with Eve in the garden. Satan already possessed the things (authority) that he was tempting Jesus with in the wilderness. Praise God! Jesus, the second Adam, used the sword of the spirit; the Word of God to come against Satan's attack.

Now let's go back and take a look at what took place with the first man Adam in the garden. Adam had enough light, (insight from God)

to be held accountable for what took place, as we see in scripture; he was not deceived by an outside source as to what was happening.

Godspoke a word to Adam and he deliberately walked around God's instruction. Adam made an intentional choice to follow the voice that he produced within his own heart.

Adam was self-deceived, willfully breaking a commandment God gave him, we see this in **James 1:22**. In **1 Timothy 2:14** the scripture says, "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression." The meaning of deceit is: that which gives a false impression or interpretation through what is seen, what is said and what your current influence is, this refers to Eve. Satan applied all of these strategies toward Eve in the garden, **Genesis 3:6**. Deception blinds you and covers up the full consequence of a wrong choice. When the words "he was not deceived" was said, this is signifying Adam knew the entire outcome of all things that took place.

Genesis 3:6-13 we do know if the seed of that fruit immediately began to grow in their soul. In Genesis 3:7 it says their eyes were opened. Luke 11:34 The lamp of the body is the eye. When your eye is good the body is full of light. Verse 33 take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. What you see registers in the mind. Now remember, Adam was right there with her in Genesis 3:6, "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her and he ate." Notice, it was not until he ate, that both of them, their eyes were opened.

This transgression is what gave Satan the ability to become the god of this world, we see this when Satan said to Jesus in **Luke 4:6**, "it has been delivered to me". Next month we will continue on this topic and go in more detail about the fall of man and its result for humanity.

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