

# The Creation Story and the Erection of the Tabernacle

Day 6 – Humans (Genesis 1:24-27)

## Male and Female

*... So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

the two large cherubim in the First Temple's Holy of Holies or equivalently the two cherubim on top of the Ark of the Covenant had a special meaning: they were made in the "form of boys and girls" (Rashi, d. 1105, on 2 Chronicles 3:10).

"On the Ark were the Cherubim with their faces of boys and their wings" loj p643

Barker rev p210

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=KaavAwAAQBAJ&dq=baptism+christ+fire+margaret+barker&q=mother+holy+spirit#v=snippet&q=mother%20holy%20spirit&f=false>

lord at right angel hs left of throne(=cherubim)  
p209 hs mother

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Sirach+24&version=NRSV>

10 In the holy tent I ministered before him,  
and so I was established in Zion.

15 Like cassia and camel's thorn I gave forth perfume,  
and like choice myrrh I spread my fragrance,  
like galbanum, onycha, and stacte,  
and like the odor of incense in the tent.

16 Like a terebinth I spread out my branches,  
and my branches are glorious and graceful.

20 For the memory of me is sweeter than honey,  
and the possession of me sweeter than the honeycomb.

>The manna tasted like honey

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Wisdom+7&version=NRSV>

27 Although she is but one, she can do all things,  
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;  
in every generation she passes into holy souls  
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;

## Church

The term 'church' is, however, given female symbols in the Bible (our mother, wife of Christ):

26 but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. [Gal 4:26 NKJV]

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."  
[Rev 21:9 NKJV]

That temple(==Zion) and Jerusalem are equivalent to the church, see this:

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn [who are] registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than [that of] Abel. [Heb 12:22-24 NKJV]

for a text about the church is just the people, see  
<http://www.christianuniverse.com/doctrine/docdisc/building.htm>

1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. ... 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ... 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ... 12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time." 13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male [Child]. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. [Rev 12:1-2, 5, 10, 12-17 NKJV]

The symbolism for sun moon etc is confirmed by  
<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=AmMEhsEYHUsC&pg=pa137>  
Commentary on the Apocalypse By Andrew (Archbishop of Caesarea.)  
p137

that already the Lord had been born long before. It is good to remember also the very words of the blessed Methodios, who says in his so-called *Symposium* through the person of the virgin Procle<sup>11</sup> thus: “The woman wrapped in the sun is the Church. That which to us is our garment, to her is light. And that which gold is for us, or glowing gemstones, for her are the stars, the superior and more brilliant stars.”<sup>12</sup> And the following: “*She stood upon the moon.* The moon I regard figuratively <to be> the faith of those who are cleansed of corruption by the washing <of baptism>, for [122] the condition of liquid substance is regulated by the moon. She labored and gave birth anew to those ‘carnal-minded into spiritually minded’<sup>13</sup> and formed and fashioned them according to the likeness of Christ.”<sup>14</sup> And again he says: “We must not think that Christ is he who is to be born. For formerly, before the Apocalypse, the mystery of the Incarnation of the Logos had been fulfilled. John speaks with authority about the present and future things.”<sup>15</sup> And afterwards <he

same book

[https://www.amazon.com/reader/0813201233?\\_encoding=UTF8&query=iron](https://www.amazon.com/reader/0813201233?_encoding=UTF8&query=iron)

p140

**5a. She brought forth a male child, one who will shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron, Continuously the Church gives birth to Christ through those who are baptized, as if he**

Also for this Andrew,

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andreas\\_of\\_Caesarea](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andreas_of_Caesarea)

Dr. Constantinou's original 2008 PhD thesis, Quebec: Université Laval 508 page manuscript is available from theses.ulaval.ca as a pdf Andrew of Caesarea and the Apocalypse in the Ancient Church of the East

P169 (pdf page 183) note 700 states that the woman cannot be Mary

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. [1Co 12:27 NKJV]

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, [Col 1:24 NKJV]

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ... 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ... 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord [does] the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. [Eph 5:23, 27, 29-30 NKJV]

2clement – note it was ascribed to clement the pope, but later just associated with his writings  
<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/2clement-roberts.html>

CHAP. XIV.--THE CHURCH SPIRITUAL.

So, then, brethren, if we do the will of our Father God, we shall be members of the first church, the spiritual,--that which was created before sun and moon; but if we shall not do the will of the Lord, we shall come under the Scripture which saith, "My house became a den of robbers." So, then, let us elect to belong to the church of life, that we may be saved. I think not that ye are ignorant that the living church is the body of Christ (for the Scripture, saith, "God created man male and female;" the male is Christ, the female the church,) and that the Books and the Apostles teach that the church is not of the present, but from the beginning. For it was spiritual, as was also our Jesus, and was made manifest at the end of the days in order to save us. The church being spiritual, was made manifest in the flesh of Christ, signifying to us that if any one of us shall preserve it in the flesh and corrupt it not, he shall receive it in the Holy Spirit. For this flesh is the type of the spirit; no one, therefore, having corrupted the type, will receive afterwards the antitype. Therefore is it, then, that He saith, brethren, "Preserve ye the flesh, that ye may become partakers of the spirit." If we say that the flesh is the church and the spirit Christ, then it follows that he who shall offer outrage to the flesh is guilty of outrage on the church. Such an one, therefore, will not partake of the spirit, which is Christ. Such is the life and immortality, which this flesh may afterwards receive, the Holy Spirit cleaving to it; and no one can either express or utter what things the Lord hath prepared for His elect.

## Bibliography

- 1906 Jewish Encyclopedia*. (n.d.). From <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/>
- Abrahams, H. J. (1979). Onycha, Ingredient of the Ancient Jewish Incense: An Attempt at Identification. *Economic Botany*, 33 (2), 233-236.
- Apocrypha. (n.d.). *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) - Version Information - BibleGateway.com*. From [BibleGateway.com/](http://BibleGateway.com/) A searchable online Bible in over 100 versions and 50 languages.: <https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/New-Revised-Standard-Version-NRSV-Bible/>
- Barker, M. (2000). *Revelation of Jesus Christ: Which God Gave to Him to Show to His Servants What Must Soon Take Place (Revelation 1.1)*. Bloomsbury Academic.
- Barker, M. (2008). *The Gate of Heaven: The History and Symbolism of the Temple in Jerusalem*. Sheffield Phoenix Press.
- Barker, M. (2003). *The Great High Priest: The Temple Roots of Christian Liturgy*. Bloomsbury Academic.
- Barker, M. (2012). *The Mother of the Lord: Volume 1: The Lady in the Temple*. Bloomsbury Academic.
- Cregan, J. (2012). *Water as blessing: Recovering the Symbolism of the Garden of Eden through Ezekiel for Christian theology – A Theological investigation (Master's thesis)*. University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, WA.
- Gill, J. (1746-1763). *Exposition of the Old & New Testaments*. From Bible Hub Online Bible Study Suite: <http://biblehub.com/commentaries/gill/>
- Ginzberg, L. (2003). *Legends of the Jews*. Jewish Publication Society.

- Ginzberg, L. (1909). *The Legends of the Jews*. From <http://www.sacred-texts.com/jud/loj/>
- McCrinkle, J. (1897). *Cosmas Indicopleustes, Christian Topography*. From The Tertullian Project: [http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/index.htm#Cosmas\\_Indicopleustes](http://www.tertullian.org/fathers/index.htm#Cosmas_Indicopleustes)
- Ouspensky, L. (1992). *Theology of the Icon*. (A. Gythiel, Trans.) St. Vladimir's Seminary Press.
- Rashi. (d. 1105). *The Complete Tanach with Rashi*. (R. A. Rosenberg, Trans.) From [http://www.chabad.org/library/bible\\_cdo/aid/63255/jewish/The-Bible-with-Rashi.htm](http://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/63255/jewish/The-Bible-with-Rashi.htm)
- Strong's Concordance*. (n.d.). From Blue Letter Bible: <http://www.blueletterbible.org/>
- Tafsir*. (n.d.). (Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought) From Al Tafsir.com - Tafseer Holy Quran from all Tafseer Schools, Quran Translations, Quran Recitations: <http://www.altafsir.com>
- Thorpe, B. (Ed.). (1846). *The Homilies of the Anglo-Saxon Church: The First Part, Containing the Sermones Catholici, Or Homilies of Aelfric*. Aelfric Society.
- Whiston, W. (1737). *The Works of Flavius Josephus*. From Internet Sacred Text Archive: <http://sacred-texts.com/jud/josephus/>
- The Works of Philo Judaeus, The contemporary of Josephus, translated from the Greek*. (1854-1855). (C. D. Yonge, Trans.) London: H. G. Bohn.
- Yusuf Ali. (n.d.). *The Meaning of The Holy Qur'an*. From Alim - The World's Most Useful Islamic Software: <http://www.alim.org/library/quran/surah/english/1/YAT>

Bible quotations are from the New King James Version via <https://www.blueletterbible.org> .