

Redemption Through the Scriptures

Gaining a Clearer Picture of Christ and His Saving Work

#5 The Scheme of Redemption

Paul J. Bucknell

www.bffbible.org

Redemption
Through the
Scriptures

The
Scheme

#5



The Greater Plan

"He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth" (Eph 1:9-10, NASB).

- God's grand plan of redemption restores what was lost through Adam's fall.
- By transferring his allegiance to Satan, humanity became enslaved under sin's power.
- Christ, the Second Adam and Redeemer King, restores both relationship and authority, uniting all things under His rule.

Redemption
Through the
Scriptures

The
Scheme

#5



The Crisis: Adam's Lost Authority

"Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; and he said to Him, **"All these things** will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY'" (Matthew 4:8-10).

- Adam's disobedience transferred his God-given authority to Satan (Gen 3; Mat 4:8-10).
- Humanity became enslaved under sin's dominion.
- A Redeemer was needed to reclaim what was forfeited.

Redemption
Through the
Scriptures

The
Scheme

#5



The Domain of Darkness

"For He **delivered us from the domain (lit. authority) of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom** of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14).

- Humanity fell under the 'domain of darkness' (Colossians 1:13).
- Satan's control corrupted human nature and blinded hearts.
- Only divine intervention could transfer people into God's kingdom.



Transfer of rule & authority

GOD



Transfer of
rule &
authority

SATAN

ADAM



"For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regards to righteousness" (Romans 6:20).

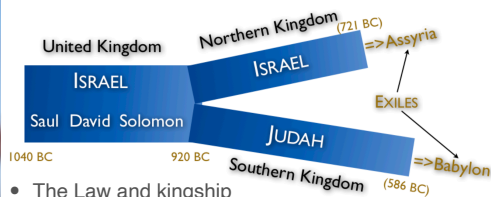
Man lost:

- his authority over the earth
- his union with God
- his life ("You shall surely die.")
- his ability to fulfill God's great designs
- his desire to please His God

"Men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil." (John 3:19).



The Era of Old Testament Kings



- The Law and kingship revealed their disobedience and failure.
- Even righteous kings could not bring lasting peace.
- The desire for a perfect King foreshadowed Christ's arrival.



Jesus Christ: The Redeemer King

- Jesus fulfilled God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:13).

"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

- Jesus would become the righteous king that God could entrust all rule to.



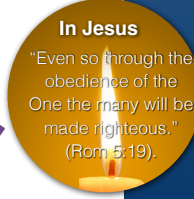
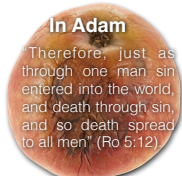
Jesus Christ Born a King

"The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and **for that reason** the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.'" (Luke 1:35).

- Born of a virgin, He broke free from mankind's inherited sin.
- He conquered not by force but by sacrifice, reclaiming dominion for humanity.

The Second Adam (Rom 5:11-21)

- Through one man came death; through Christ came life (Romans 5:12-17).
- The first Adam's failure enslaved humanity in the prison of death.
- The Second Adam's obedience restored life, righteousness, and freedom.



The Kingdom of God Restored

- Jesus proclaimed the arrival of “the kingdom of God” (Luke 10:8-9).
- “He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end” (Luke 1:33).
- Philippians 2:5–11 shows His humility and exaltation.
- Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.



The Servant King (Phil 2:5-11)

- “He existed in the form of God” (6) –Jesus’ supreme royal position before coming to earth.
- “But emptied Himself ” (7) – Jesus stepped down from His throne, disrobing Himself of His powers.
- “Being made in the likeness of men” (7) – Jesus’ crucial step into Adam’s race.
- “He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death” (8) points to the means to redeem man and identity with Jesus.
- “God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow” (9-10) .



The Scheme of Redemption Fulfilled

"One of the elders said to me, 'Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.'" (Rev 5:5) "And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain" (Rev 5:6).

- Christ is both the Lion and the Lamb (Revelation 5:5–10).
- He reigns in righteousness and redeems through love.
- The redeemed share His reign, reflecting His glory.



Summary

- The scheme of redemption reveals God's love and purpose to restore all creation.
- From Adam's fall to Christ's reign, the story displays grace, justice, and victory.
- A great picture of this is the two symbols of Christ: the lion and the lamb. The lion symbolizes the king of the land, while the lamb represents the sacrifice or Redeemer.
- Through faith, we reclaim our purpose to serve and glorify God forever.



Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean that Adam lost his authority to Satan?
2. How does understanding the 'domain of darkness' help us grasp the need for redemption?
3. How does Jesus fulfill the roles of both King and Redeemer?
4. How does Philippians 2:5–11 illustrate the humility and exaltation of Christ?



Redemption Through the Scriptures

*Gaining a Clearer Picture of
Christ and His Saving Work*

#5 The Scheme of Redemption

Paul J. Bucknell

www.bffbible.org
