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II. Mankind

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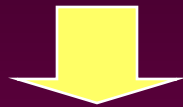
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Creation, Genesis 1-2

Creation of Human Beings

Genesis 1:26-28

image of God



understanding
God



science

dominion



control
on God's behalf



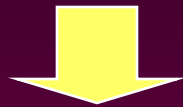
technology



Direction for Man

Genesis 2:15

work it



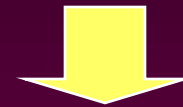
creative
development



human use,
beautification

imitation of God

keep it



preservation,
protection

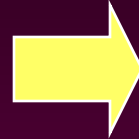


respect

Activity of Adam

Genesis 2:19-20

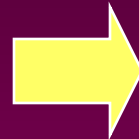
God's naming



descriptive
meaning



man's naming



imitative
descriptive
meaning

beginning of science:
zoological taxonomy

Offices Imitating God

naming



thinking,
speaking



prophetic

science

dominion



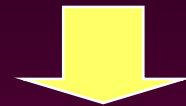
ruling,
beautifying



kingly

technology

"keep it"



caring,
blessing



priestly

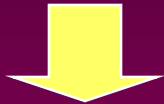
gratitude

Fall, Genesis 3

The Good and the Bad

Expectations for Human Beings

Created by God;
potential to know



scientific
knowledge

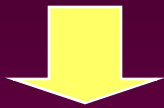
In rebellion against God;
potential to corrupt



corruption
in science

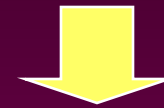
Subtle Flaws in Knowledge

Law of God



scientific
knowledge

Idolatrously
distorted law



corruption
in science

Subtle Flaws in Ruling

Genesis 9:1-2

dominion
in God's name



justice, beauty,
enhancement

dominion
in man's name



achievements,
plus oppression

Sin and Redemption

Development

- Abel, shepherd (animal husbandry), 4:2
- Cain, tiller of the soil (agriculture), 4:2
- Cain, builder (construction), 4:17
- Jabal, herdsman, 4:20
- Jubal, musician (music), 4:21
- Tubal-cain, metal-worker (metallurgy), 4:22
- Babel building (architecture), 11:4-5

Artisanry

- Hands-on (experimental)
- New ideas
- New techniques
- Passing it on verbally (prophetic)
- Passing it on by training (kingly)

But hindered by selfishness, famine, theft,
war, destruction, death

Solomon

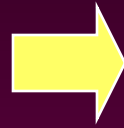
1 Kings 4:29-34: And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.

Solomon (cont.)

He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

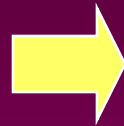
Analogies

Adam as
scientist



good beginning,
then corruption

Solomon as
scientist

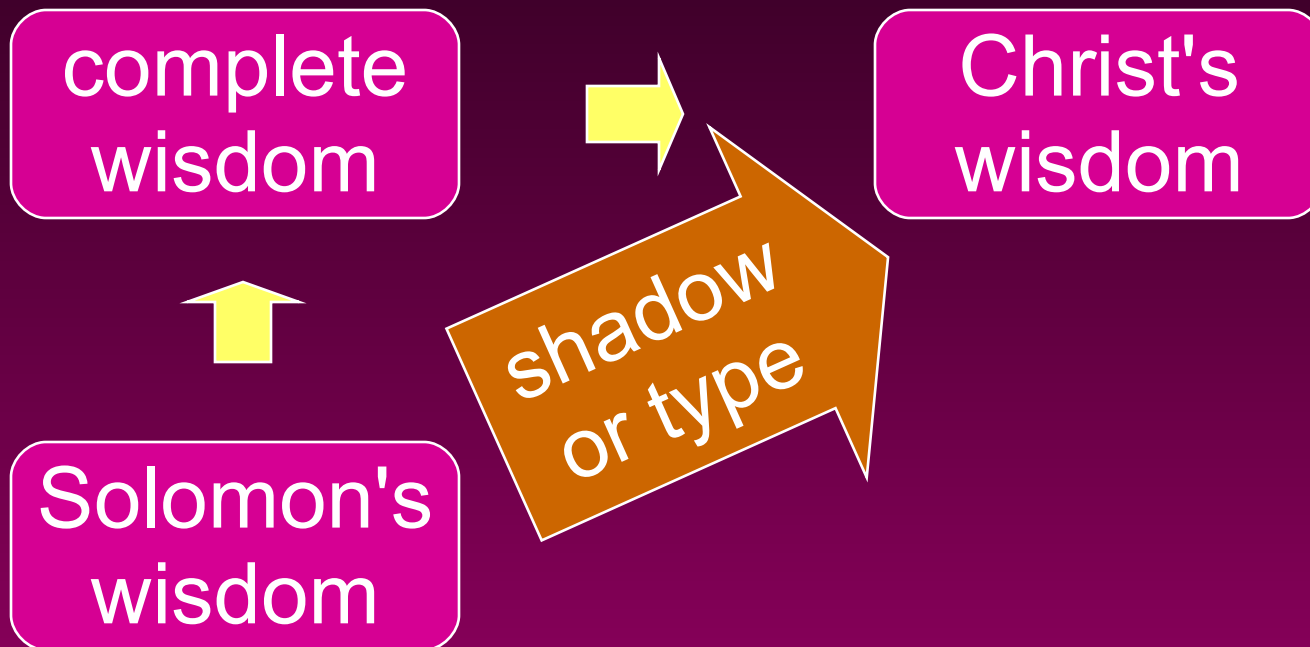


good beginning,
then corruption

Fulfillment

Final Solomon

Matt. 12:42: "something greater than Solomon is here."



First and Last Things

First: Psalm 8:6-7

You have given him
dominion over the
works of your hands;
you have put all things
under his feet,
all sheep and oxen, ...

Last: Ephesians 1:22

...
and he put all things
under his feet ...

Also Hebrews 2:7-9

Two-Stage Fulfillment



Fulfillment

wisdom

in Christ,
Col. 2:3

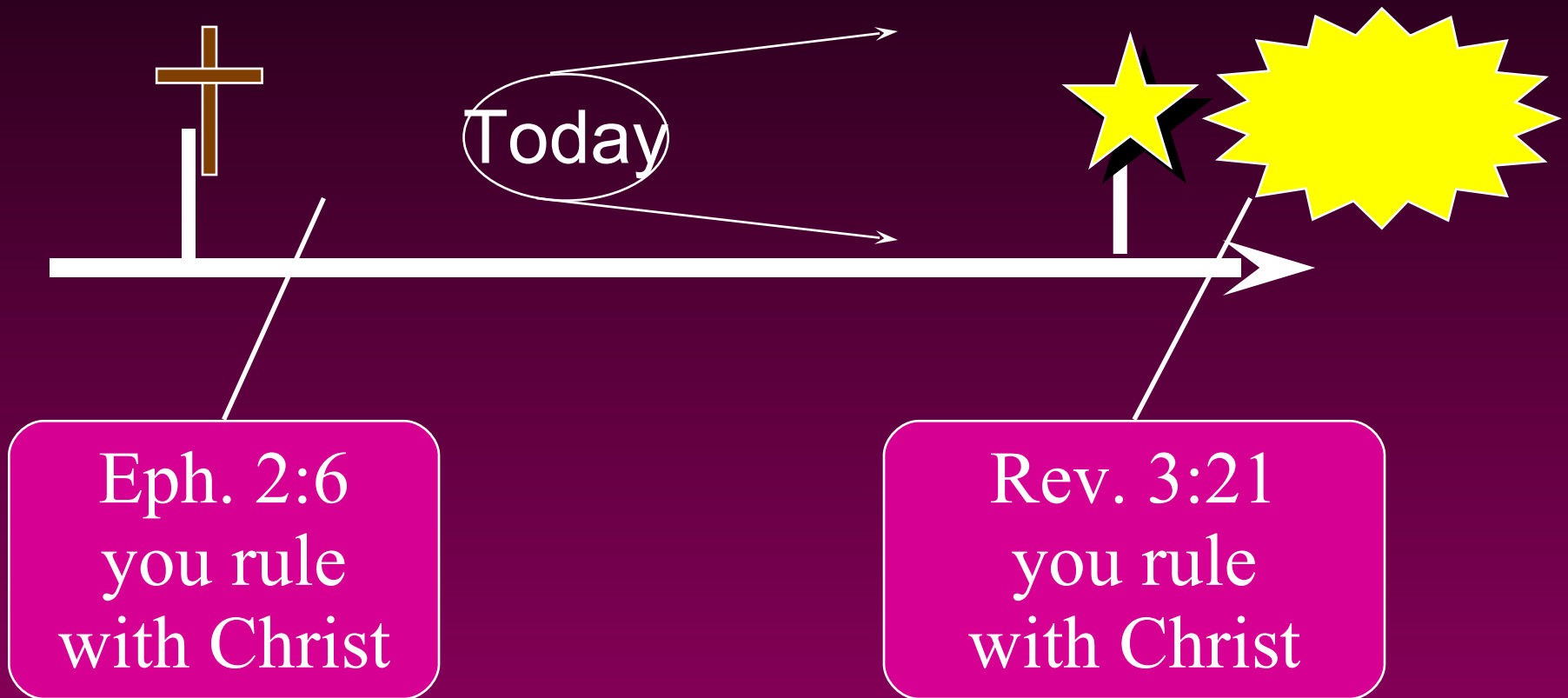
in you,
1 Cor. 1:30; 2:16

dominion

in Christ,
Eph. 1:22

in you,
Eph. 2:6

Two-Stage Blessing for Us



Two Mandates

Adam

Genesis 1:28-30
dominion
(cultural mandate)

your job

Christ,
the Last Adam

Matthew 28:18-20
make disciples
(evangelical mandate)

your sharing
the gospel

Ideas about Two Mandates

- Parallel



- Supersede



- Priority



- Interacting



Understanding the Mandates

- Inclusive

cultural

evangelical

following Christ

for the church

obey
all God's law

"Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit, teaching
them to observe all that I have
commanded you."

Christ at the Center

- Reconfigured

cultural

evangelical

in Christ

dominion

basis

filling the earth

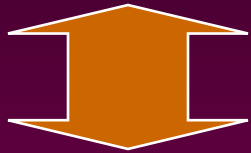
filling: Eph. 1:23

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore ...

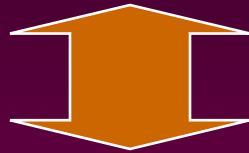
And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Your Role

Christ,
the Last Adam



your job



your sharing
the gospel

energizing,
transforming,
teaching,
supplying gifts,
in personal
fellowship

through the Holy Spirit