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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

GENTILES - "Uncircumcision" "far off" "without God"

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 1 to 10:31	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					
											Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon		

Israel's Idolatry (Pt. 5)

Beginning of Idolatry

Jn. 1:14-18

Summary: God keeps shining the light of His Jehovah Name in midst of revellion: Ps. 81:5-14; Jer. 2:2-13; 7:18-27; 13:10-11; 19:15.

1. But that is not where idolatry began. It began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
--Gen. 1:26-28; 2:7-3:19
2. The center of Adam's sin was turning from God and His Word, replacing reverence for Him with reverence for something else to which he became conformed to (Rom. 12:2—Good vs. Evil).

3. When Adam stopped revering and reflecting God's image, he revered something else in the place of God and resembled it and reflected its UNglory, shame, which brought fear.
 - Satan's great LIE and cause of all its problems: if humans declare their independence from God, they will become their own gods, generating their own glory and light. When in fact, they just become enslaved to something else, bringing in shame, fear, hiddenness, barriers, self-centeredness at all costs (Rom. 1:18-32).

ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY

4. Adam and Eve were to subdue the whole earth by being God's image-bearer (Gen. 1:28).
 - a. They were to reflect God's Kingship by being His vice-regents on earth.
 - b. They were to reflect His character and glory and fill the earth with it (Gen. 1:26-28).
 - c. They were to dress/cultivate and keep/guard the Garden (2:15) but instead they let the serpent in and with him sin.

5. God's image: Just as God subdued and ruled in creation, Adam and Eve were to subdue and rule the earth, multiplying and resting, filling it with His Glory.

ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY

The Tree of Good and Evil

- a. Trees were places of judgment (Judg. 4:5; 1 Sam. 22:6-19; 14:2). Discerning good and evil belonged to kings and authorities (2 Sam. 14:17; 19:35; 1 Kgs. 3:9; Is. 7:15-16).
- b. The Tree of Good and Evil was a judgment tree. It is where Adam should have gone to discern between good and evil from God, which would have led him to judge the serpent, pronounce it evil and worthy of judgment in the name of God and cast it out of the Garden.
- c. Instead, he let it in.

ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY

7. As God's living image-bearer, Adam was designed to reflect God's character, mirroring the divine Glory, subduing and ruling the earth and filling it with more image-bearers who will also reflect God's Glory.
 - The result of his sin, however, turned his progeny not into God's image-bearer but into his image of fallen humanity (Gen. 5).

ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY

In Gen. 3, rather than reflecting God's Glory, Adam and Eve sinned, eating of the Tree of Good and Evil.

- a. Adam instead of ruling over the serpent and casting him out of God's Temple Garden, allowed the serpent to rule over them, revoking their position and responsibility.
- b. This reversed God's work and brought in sin, chaos, disorder, death.
- c. Instead of desiring to be near God and reflect His glory they hid among the trees.

ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY

9. Rather than extending the divine glory through God's image-bearing as they filled the earth, they were cast out of the Garden and could only fill the earth with those born in Adam's fallen image.

--Since they would no longer reflect God's living image as they were designed to do, they would experience death, spiritual death immediately and physical death later.

10. Idol worshipping is revering anything in the place of God. When Adam did that he shifted his allegiance from God to Satan and became like the thing he revered:

ORIGIN OF IDOLATRY

- a. Serpent is a liar and deceiver (Gen. 3:1, 4-5, 13): Adam doesn't answer God forthrightly (3:11-12), deceptively blaming Eve (and God!) when he was the one responsible (Rom. 5:12-19). Adam self-worshipped, demanded his own rights, desiring to be like God, making his own judgments (Gen. 3:5).
- b. Serpent doesn't trust in God's Word (Gen. 2:16-17) and misrepresents it (3:1,4-5): Eve doesn't trust God's Word and misquotes it, minimizing privileges and maximizing judgment and prohibition (Gen. 2:16-17 compare 3:2-3).
- c. They go from trusting God to trusting the serpent by which they stopped reflecting God's image and started reflecting the serpent's image.