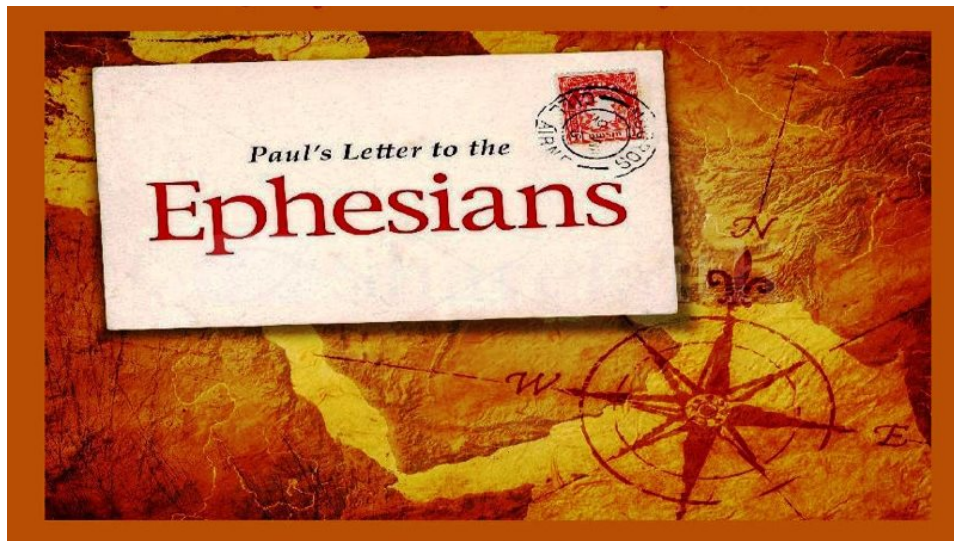


# Study Notes on



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Ephesians

Lesson 1

Written by the apostle Paul during his first imprisonment at Rome. A.D. 64  
It was sent by Tychicus together with the epistle to the Colossians and the  
epistle to Philemon.

Note Apollos' ministry at Ephesus. Acts 18:24-26, 28

Paul's ministry at Ephesus. 54 A.D. Acts 18:19-21; 19:1--20:1; 20:17-38

It was Pentecostal. Repentance, Faith. 20:21; Baptism in Water. 19:5; Baptism  
in the Holy Spirit. 19:6; Gifts of the Spirit. 19:6; Healing & Miracles. 19:11-12.

Paul labored there 3 years. Then about 10 years later, 64 A.D., he sent this  
letter. Also note the epistle to the Church at Ephesus in Rev. 2:1-7, A.D. 96.

The Epistle to the Ephesians shows "The Church as the Body of Christ,"  
while the Epistle to the Colossians shows "Christ as the Head of the Body."

The two great divisions of this epistle.

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| 1. Chapters 1-3<br>(Doctrinal) | <u>The Calling of the Church (the Body).</u><br>We in Christ - Heavenly - Unity in Christ.                                | } The Holy<br>Calling<br>demands and<br>empowers<br>the Holy<br>Walk. |
| 2. Chapters 4-6<br>(Practical) | <u>The Walk of the Church (the Body).</u><br>(in line with our calling)<br>Christ in us - Earthly - Christ's unity in us. |   |

I. The Heavenly Calling. Chapters 1-3.

II. The Heavenly Conduct and the Heavenly Conflict. Chapters 4-6 .

Outline by Chapters:

1. The Calling of the Body in relation to time (the ages).
2. Entrance into the Body.
3. The Mystery of the Body.
- 4., 5., & 6. The Walk (Conduct) of the Body.

Key Words:

Calling. 1:18-His (God's) calling. 4:1-the vocation (calling) wherewith ye are  
called. 4:4-your calling.

In Heavenly Places. 1:3; 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12.

In Christ. 1:1; 1:3; 1:4; 1:6; 1:7; 1:10; 1:11; 1:12; 1:13; 1:15; 1:20; 2:6; 2:10  
2:13; 2:15; 2:16; 2:21; 2:22; 3:6; 3:11; 3:12; 4:21; 6:1; 6:10.

The Body. 1:23-His body. 2:16-one body. 3:6-same body. 4:4-one body.  
4:12-edifying the body. 4:16-the whole body. 4:16-increase of the body.  
5:23-He is the saviour of the body. 5:30-We are members of His body.  
5:28-bodies.

- Walk - 2:2 Outside Christ - former evil walk in sin and death.  
2:10 In Christ - New righteous walk in good works.  
4:1 Walk worthy of the vocation (in unity).  
4:17 Walk in the new man.  
5:2 Walk in love.  
5:8 Walk in light.  
5:15 Walk in wisdom (circumspectly).

Chapter 1. THE CALLING OF THE BODY - IN TIME AND ILLUMINATION.

1. Salutation vs. 1,2.

Paul wrote as an Apostle by the will of God. (An apostle is a "sent one.")  
To Ephesus (or, and to the churches of that district) greetings to the members of the body.

"To the faithful in Christ Jesus" i.e. to those in Christ, that is to the Body.  
We are members of His Body.

"Grace to you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

2. The Calling of the Body in Christ, vs. 3-14, in relation to time.

- (1) When called in Christ
- a. In the Past. vs. 4-6a (Concept) CHOSEN BY THE FATHER.  
Chosen in Christ.  
 Before the foundation of the world (predestined).  
 Note John 17:24; I Pet. 1:18-20; Rev. 13:8; 17:8  
 For what purpose?  
 We should be holy and without blame in love.  
 Adoption of children by Jesus Christ.
  - b. In the Present. vs. 6b-9 (Construction) REDEEMED BY THE SON.  
Accepted in Christ.  
 How? - By redemption thru His Blood vs. 7. Forgiveness of sin.  
 Revealing His will.
  - c. In the Future. vs. 10 (Consummation)  
Gathered together in Christ.

- (2) When "Who" are called in Christ
- a. The Israelite (first) vs. 11-12  
 Those who first trusted in Christ.
  - b. The Gentile (later, or afterwards) vs. 13-14
    - 1. Saved in Him vs. 13a By faith in the Word.
    - 2. Sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise.  
 vs. 13b-14 in Him.
- SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
- Baptized in the Holy Spirit. Acts. 19:5-6  
 This was the usual order in apostolic time.

3. Paul's Prayer For the Members of the Body, vs. 15-23

The Basis "Your faith in the Lord Jesus" i.e. faith in God.

"love unto all saints" i.e. love to man. vs. 15

Thanksgiving and prayer - vs. 16

- How to understand our calling. When? Now!
- Paul's request for them. vs. 17-23  
 For "Light to know" or for "the Spirit of wisdom and revelation."  
 "understanding heart enlightened" in the knowledge of Him!  
 Oh! to know Him! Phil. 3:10
  - That ye may know what is:-
    - a. The Hope of His calling.
    - b. The Riches of the Glory of His inheritance in the saints.
    - c. The Exceeding Greatness of His Power to us-ward who believe.  
 What measure? According to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ:
      - 1. In Christ's resurrection. 20a.
      - 2. In Christ's ascension. 20b.
      - 3. In Christ's exaltation. vs. 21-22a.

- a. Above all (every) power.
- b. Above all (every) Name (now and forever).
- c. Above all things.
- 4. In Christ's Headship of the Church, His Body. 22b-23
  - a. Head of all things
  - b. Fills all (things) in all.

Note the word all in Chapter 1. 1:3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 21, 22, 23.

Note 1:18 - His Calling becomes Our calling in Eph. 4:4.

Note vs. 11 - Our inheritance in Christ. vs. 18 - Christ's inheritance in us.

Note vs. 3a - God is blessed by the saints. vs. 3b - The saints are blessed by God.

Chapter 2. ENTRANCE INTO THE BODY. ( The Creation of the Body - note vs. 10. or made alive into the Body.)

1. How we become members of the Body. 1-10.

a. Former (old) condition. 1-3, 5a. (natural)

1'. Dead in trespasses and sins.

2'. Walked according to:

a. The World - 2a.

b. The Devil - 2b.

c. The Flesh - 3.

3'. Children of wrath by nature. The universal depravity of mankind.

b. Present (new) condition. 4, 5b-10. (supernatural)

"But God" who is rich in mercy and great in love to us.

1'. Made us alive together with Christ.

2'. Raised us up together.

3'. Made us sit together in heavenly place in Christ. Life  
Resurrection

This is vitally connected with 1:19-23.

The Head has been resurrected and has ascended. So has the Body

4'. Purpose in the future. vs. 7.

He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

5'. How are we saved? vs. 8-9.

a. By grace - through faith.

b. Not of works -boasting is excluded.

6'. The Result. vs. 10.

God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus, unto good works, that is a righteous life in Him.

2. Jew and Gentile One in One Body. vs. 11-22.

(or the Unity of Jew and Gentile in the Body.)

a. The Former State of the Gentiles. vs. 11-12.

1'. Gentiles in the flesh.

2'. Uncircumcision.

3'. Without Christ.

4'. Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel.

5'. Strangers from the covenant of promise.

6'. Having no hope.

7'. Without God in the World.

b'. Made nigh by Christ. Eph. 2:13-18

- 1'. By the Blood.
- 2'. Made both one (Jew and Gentile). Reconciliation
- 3'. Broke down middle wall of partition.
- 4'. Abolished the law. He is our Peace. vs. 14a
- 5'. Reconciled both unto God in one body by the Cross. Making peace. vs. 15c  
One new man. vs. 15c
- 6'. Peace preached to both.
- 7'. Both have access to the Father by one Spirit through Him.

Our  
State  
in  
entering  
the  
calling

c'. The New State of the Gentiles as Believers. vs. 19-22

- 1'. Fellow-citizens.
- 2'. Members of the Household.
- 3'. Inbuilt in the Temple in Christ.
  - a. Foundation.  
Jesus Christ - the chief cornerstone.  
The apostles and prophets.
  - b. The Superstructure.  
Jew & Gentile fitly framed together.

CHAPTER 3. The Mystery of the One Body of Jew and Gentile in Christ.  
(Or The Mystery of Jew and Gentile in the One Body.)

1. The Mystery and the Minister. vs. 1-13  
(vs. 3,9) (vs. 7)

(or The Secret and the Spokesman.)

- a. Paul, a prisoner of Christ in behalf of the Gentiles. vs. 1  
This phrase is caught up and carried on in vs. 14.
- b. The Revelation of the Mystery. vs. 2-5
  - 1'. In former ages not revealed as it is now.
    - a'. To Paul (his stewardship of the Mystery).
    - b'. To Christ's holy apostles and prophets.
- c. The Mystery. vs. 6
  - 1'. That the Gentiles should be:-
    - a'. Fellow-heirs (joint-heirs).
    - b'. Fellow-members of the Body (a joint-body).
    - c'. Fellow-partakers of His Promise (joint-partakers).
- d. Paul, a minister of the Mystery. vs. 7-13
  - 1'. According to the gift of the grace of God.
  - 2'. According to the working of His Power (R.V.).

The Mystery  
of the  
Calling.

a'. The Source of  
this ministry.

- b'. The Purpose of - - - To preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.
- c'. The Result of this ministry.
  - 1'. To make all men see the fellowship of the Mystery.  
(hidden in God from the beginning of the world.)
  - 2'. To the intent that principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known thru the Church the manifold wisdom of God.
    - a. According to the purpose of the ages which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - 3'. That in Christ we have boldness and access. vs. 12
  - 4'. That we faint not at the minister's (Paul's) tribulation.

Strength to understand the calling.

2. Paul's (2nd) Prayer for Them. Eph. 3:14-21. (Cf. 1:15-23)  
 For strength to know (to be able to understand the mystery) as a member of the Family. (Note the thought of family in vs. 14-15- The Father, the whole family, and the Name.)
- a'. That you be strengthened in the inner man.  
 By His Spirit according to the riches of His Glory.
  - b'. That ye may be able (1) to comprehend (apprehend or to grasp) and (2) to know the love of Christ (which passeth knowledge) with all saints, vs. 18.  
 The breadth - To all mankind everywhere and of all time. (Jew & Gentile).  
 The length - From everlasting to everlasting.  
 The depth - The humiliation of Christ provided unfathomable redemption to the very lowest of the lowest. (cf. 2:1-5)  
 The height - The exaltation of Christ - above all. Providing the exaltation of the redeemed to the highest sphere possible (i.e. to be filled with all the fulness of God.)
  - c'. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith.
  - d'. That ye may be filled with all the fulness of God.

The Doxology - vs. 20-21.

Shows the Source, the Measure, & the Purpose of the Power to attain this.

	<u>Source</u> (from where we receive)	He is able to do.
Doxology to Him who calls.	<u>Measure</u> (in which we can receive)	Exceeding Abundantly Above all we ask or think According to the power that worketh in us.
	<u>Purpose</u> (in receiving)	Unto Him be the glory <u>in</u> the Church in Christ Jesus. Unto all the generations of the age of ages.

CHAPTER 4.

Note 1-3 The Calling of the Body. From the mountain tops of glory and revelation in Christ.

4-6 The walk of the Body. To the valley of service and practical holiness in Christ.

The "amen" at the end of Chapter 3 marks the two great divisions of this epistle. The "therefore" of chapter 4:1 is the connecting link of these two great divisions.

The "Calling" in Christ demands that we "walk" in Christ. (Cf. 1:18 His calling becomes your calling in Eph. 4:4)

The "Walk" (or conduct) of the Body 4:1 - 6:10

1. Walk worthy of the vocation - in unity vs. 1-16  
with all

Prerequisites to unity. {  
Lowliness  
Meekness  
Longuffering  
Forbearing one another in love.

a. In the unity of the Spirit. vs. 3-6  
in the bond of peace. (Cf. 2:14)

- 1. One Body
- 2. One Spirit
- 3. One hope of your calling
- 4. One Lord
- 5. One Faith
- 6. One Baptism
- 7. One God and Father of us all--

} 7 fold basis  
of Unity

Cf. I Cor. 8:6  
One Lord  
One God and Father

Who is above all  
through all  
in all

b. But with diversities of gifts to every one. vs. 7-16  
But from One Giver

- 1. The Source and Giver of the Gifts. vs. 8-10  
The Christ who descended and  
who ascended far above all to fill all things is  
the Conqueror who gives gifts to men. Psa. 68:18

} One Giver.

2. The Gifts. vs. 11

- a. Apostles
- b. Prophets
- c. Evangelists
- d. Pastors
- e. Teachers

The Ministry  
of the Body  
(the Church)  
Eph. 4:7-16

} The Purpose  
and  
Consummation  
of the  
Gifts is  
UNITY

3. The Purpose of the Gift-ministries. vs. 12

- a. For the perfecting of the saints.
- b. For the work of the ministry.
- e. For the edifying of the Body of Christ.

4. The Consummation of the Gift-ministries. vs. 13-16

- Till we all come (attain R.V.):
- a. Into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.
- b. Unto a perfect man (fullgrown man R.V.)
- c. Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

- d. That we no more be children..but..may grow up into Him.  
(vs. 14 condition of unstable) (vs. 15 condition of those sincere in love holding the truth in love)

vs. 15. Christ, the Head from whom:

The Church, the Body -note the Whole Body (i.e. unity) fitly joined together & compacted by that which every joint supplieth according the effectual working of every part Maketh increase of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

} Unity in all and by all

2. Walk in the New man. vs. 17-32 (Note vs. 24)  
(Walk not as the world.)

a. The Old Walk of the Old Man. vs. 17-19  
(The walk of the other Gentiles, i.e. the rest of the nations.)

1. In the vanity of their mind.
2. Having the understanding darkened.
3. Alienated from the life of God.
4. Ignorance in them.
5. Blindness (hardness) of their heart.
6. Past feeling.
7. Lasciviousness.
8. Uncleanness.
9. Greediness.

b. The New Walk of the New Man. vs. 20-32.

(Putting off the old man - putting on the new man.)

Heard Christ, taught by Him, learned Christ. (vs. 20-21)

THE OLD

Put off the Old.

Corrupt according to the deceitful lusts (vs. 22)

1. Lying
2. Sinming in anger.  
(holding wrath)
3. Giving place to the devil.
4. Stealing.
5. Corrupt speech.
6. Grieving the Holy Spirit.
7. Bitterness, Wrath, Evil speaking, Anger, All Malice, Clamour.

THE NEW

Put on the New.

1. Speaking the truth.
2. Anger without sin.  
(not holding wrath)
3. Giving no place to the devil.
4. Labour (with our hands-giving to the needy.)
5. Good speech (edifying, ministering grace.)
6. Grieve not the Holy Spirit.
7. Kind one to another. Tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave us. Cf. II Cor. 5:19.

God created in Righteousness and true Holiness. (vs. 24)

CHAPTER 5

3. Walk in love. vs. 1-7

a. In childlike love. vs. 1.

1. Followers of God as beloved children. vs. 1.

b. In sacrificial love. vs. 2.

1. As Christ did.

c. In holy love. vs. 3-7.

1. Not fleshly.
2. Not in defilement of speech.
3. A holy life is the evidence of a true saint.

A sinful life is the evidence that one is not a true believer and has no part in the Kingdom of God.

4. Judgment is sure on sin. vs. 6. Therefore live separate from sin. vs. 7.

4. Walk in light. vs. 8-14.

(As children of light.)

a. Ye are light in the Lord. vs. 8. Note Matt. 5:14.

1. A resurrection has taken place. Out of the tomb of darkness - sin, into the life of light - Christ. vs. 14. Cf. John 8:12; 5:24-26.



- b. light that proves vs. 9-10  
what is acceptable unto the Lord.
- c. light that separates (reproves) vs. 11-14.  
from the unfruitful works of darkness-from the shameful things done in secret.

5. Walk accurately in wisdom. Eph. 5:15-6:9.  
(circumspectly)

- a. Redeeming the time.
- b. Understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- c. Be filled with the Spirit (contrasted with drunkenness)
  - 1. with singing praises.
  - 2. with giving thanks,  
in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - 3. The Spirit-filled Domestic Life. Eph. 5:22-6:9.  
Submission one to another.

The Great  
Mystery -  
Christ and  
the Church.  
Eph. 5:22-33  
Christ's  
Redemption for,  
Perfection of,  
and  
Marriage to  
the Church.

- a. Wives. vs. 22-24, 33b.  
in subjection to their husbands in everything  
as the Church is to her head, even Christ. vs. 22-24.  
The husband is the head.  
The wife should reverence her husband. vs. 33b.
- b. Husbands. vs. 25-33a  
love your wives, (as your own body. vs. 28)  
as Christ loved the Church.  
Past - 1. Christ gave Himself. Sacrifice vs. 25.  
Present - 2. that He might sanctify it vs. 26.  
having cleansed it by the washing of the water  
of the Word.  
Future - 3. that He might present it to Himself, vs. 27.  
a glorious Church not having spot, or wrinkle,  
or any such thing, a holy and blameless Bride.

The Unity of man & wife is as the Unity of Christ and the Church.  
The Wife is as the Husband's own body (as himself)

- to be loved as such
- to be nourished Cf. Gen. 2:23-24.
- to be cherished
- to be joined to as one flesh (cleaved to).

Members of his body - flesh of his flesh, bone of his bones.  
A man leaves his father and mother - cleaves to his wife.  
Christ left His Father to woo His bride and cleave to her.

(His mother-Mary - Nationally Israel  
Cf. Ex. 21:10-11 - three responsibilities of marriage which  
a man owes unto his wife. 1. food 2. raiment. 3. duty of  
marriage.

- c. Children. Eph. 6:1-3.
  - 1. Obey your parents in the Lord.
  - 2. Honor to Parents.
- d. Fathers. Eph. 6:4.
  - 1. Provoke not your children to wrath.
  - 2. Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Practical Christian life is motivated by a spiritual uplook.

e. Servants. 6:5-8

1. Obedience to Masters with fear and trembling in singleness of heart not with eyeservice. Not with eyes on man, but on Christ. With good will--not men pleasers, but Christ pleasers.

We are all servants of Christ.

All in and unto the Lord.

f. Masters. 6:9

1. Do the same things to the servants because your servant does all to you as unto the Lord. Likewise you do all to them as unto the Lord.

We all have one Master, even Christ.

6. Walk as in warfare. Eph. 6:10-24  
(The Warfare of the Church)

- a. The Source of our strength. vs.10. The Lord & His Power.--our captain.
- b. The Source of our armour. vs.11a. God

Paul was in prison watching his guard. From the natural he derived this deep spiritual lesson on the Christian warfare.

- c. The Enemy (not flesh and blood) vs.11b-12
  1. The Devil
  2. Principalities.
  3. Powers.
  4. Rulers of the darkness of this world. The world rulers of the darkness of this age. (warfare. Did not Paul know what Rev. 12 foretells? Marg. wicked spirits in heavenly places. (Did he have that in mind as he R. V. the spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places. (wrote these The spiritual (powers) of wickedness in the heavenlies. (lines?)

(Also note that Rev. 12 likewise presents the Bride and Bridegroom and then the warfare. (The order is here the same-- Christ, the Bridegroom, the Church, the Bride and then the warfare. Did not Paul know what Rev. 12 foretells? (Did he have that in mind as he wrote these lines?)

- d. The Whole Armour for the Overcomer. vs. 13-24. (vs. 11 stand; vs. 13 able to withstand; having done all to stand)

1. The Girdle of Truth. for the loins.
2. The Breastplate of Righteousness for the breast - the heart.
3. The Shoes of Preparedness for the feet.
4. The Shield of Faith (defensive) for one hand to hold.
5. The Helmet of Salvation for the head.
6. The Sword of the Spirit. (offensive) for the other hand to hold.
7. Prayer in the Spirit and Watching.

No armour for the back. We are not in a retreat!

Cf. Isa. 59:16-17

We must keep in communication with the Captain of our salvation and cooperate in prayer for our fellow soldiers.

e. The Warfare.

1. Standing against the wiles of the devil vs. 11b. Withstand in the evil day. 13b. having done all to stand. vs. 13c. Stand therefore. vs. 14.
2. Wrestling - close combat.
3. Quenching the fiery darts of the wicked. 4. Praying - communication to and from our Captain. 5. Watching the Battle and the Enemy. 6. Using the Sword-smiting the enemy. Victory in the Word by the Spirit.

Closing Words and Benediction. vs. 21-24.

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## THE GREAT MYSTERY, CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. Eph.5:22-33

Shown in the types in the Old Testament:

1. Adam and Eve. Gen.2:19-25.  
 Adam is a type of Christ. Rom.5:14.  
 Eve is a type of the Church. 2 Cor.11:1-3, Eph.5:30-32.  
 Adam's side opened. Christ's body riven on Calvary.  
 The Woman created. The Church brought forth.  
 Adam became one with her in sin and death. Christ became one with the Church in sin and death to redeem her.
2. Abraham and Sarah. Gen.12-25:10.  
 Abraham is a type of God, the Father.  
 Sarah is a type of Israel, the wife of Jehovah.  
 Twice Abraham experienced having Sarah taken from him. First into the hands of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and secondly into the hands of Abimelech, king of Gerar. This is typical of how Israel would fall into the hands of two Gentile kings. First into Egypt, Ex. 1-12, and secondly into Babylon for the seventy years captivity. Daniel 9:1-2.
3. Isaac and Rebekah. Gen.21:1-28:9.  
 Isaac is a type of Christ, as the sacrificed son. Gen.22.  
 Rebekah is a type of the Church, willing to go. Gen.24.
4. Jacob and Rachel. Gen. 25:19-50:26.  
 Jacob is a type of the Holy Spirit, the Anointing. Gen. 28.  
 Rachel is a type of the truly spiritual Church.
5. Joseph and Asenath. Gen. 41:45.  
 As Joseph is typical of Christ as the rejected, despised one so Joseph's Gentile bride, Asenath, is typical of the Church, the bride of Christ.
6. Moses and Zipporah. Ex. 2:15-22.  
 Moses, the rejected Deliverer, finds his bride at the well.  
 Christ, the rejected Savior, finds His bride at the well of salvation.
7. The High Priest and His Bride. Lev. 21:10-15.  
 Christ Jesus is our High Priest (Heb.7:26).  
 The virgin bride of the High Priest in Israel is a type of the Church, as the virgin bride of Christ. 2 Cor. 11:2 (Gen. 24:16,43).
8. Salmon and Rahab. Joshua 2; 6:17, 22-25, Matt. 1:5, Lk. 3:32, Ruth 4:20-21.  
 Salmon was a prince of the tribe of Judah. His father was Nahshon, the captain of the house of Judah (Num. 1:7, 2:1-3, 10:14) who carried the Banner of the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Rahab, using the scarlet thread, was saved by faith when Jericho was destroyed and became the bride of Salmon, the prince of Judah. The Lord Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, will receive a bride who honors the scarlet thread of His Blood of redemption and who believes the Word of God.
9. Boaz and Ruth. Ruth 1-4.  
 Boaz, the Lord of the harvest, finds Ruth, the Gentile stranger and laborer, and takes her as his bride. Christ Jesus, the Lord of the harvest, will find His bride laboring faithfully in the great harvest.
10. Solomon and the Shulamite. Song of Solomon.  
 Solomon, the king disguised as a shepherd, wins the heart of the shepherdess and then makes her his queen.  
 Christ Jesus, the king appearing as the Good Shepherd, wins the heart of the Church and will make her His Queen.