

THE RISE & FALL OF SIN



A Striking Parallel



“To the woman He said:... Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

— Genesis 3:16

“So the LORD said to Cain,... sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

— Genesis 4:7

The First Sin



The Entrance of Sin

- *Romans 5:12* — through man (*anthropos* — human being)
- Adam is the representative of humanity, but mankind includes male and female — *Genesis 1:26-28*

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In God's Image — Male and Female

- *“in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27)*
- Together — *Genesis 2:24* — ONE flesh.
- Image of God — male and female — together forming a united role in fulfilling distinctive roles — *Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18, 23-24* (cf. *1 Corinthians 11:8-12* — headship and submission)

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In God's Image — Male and Female

- A catastrophic lapse, or breakdown of God's created order of roles:
 - *Genesis 3:16-17* — both abdicated roles.
 - *Genesis 2:6 (3:16)* — Eve did not defer to Adam's leadership in her desire, and he heeded her (3:17).
- Adam and Eve show that failing to adhere to God's created order results in the catastrophe of sin — *Jeremiah 17:7-9*

The First Murder



Cain's Desire

- Cain's countenance fell — *Genesis 4:1-5*
- John implies bitterness, envy, and pride — *1 John 3:12 (2:16)*
- *Genesis 4:7* — the desire is sin's, but such is personified — *Romans 7:8, 11* — producing desire in Cain.

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Cain's Role Failure

- *Genesis 4:7* — sin is personified, and Cain is portrayed as being in the role of decision maker.
- Cain allowed sin to be the decision maker and abdicated his role of submissive image bearer of God — *Genesis 4:8; 1 John 3:12; James 3:14-16; 4:1*
- God sent His Son to deal with the sin problem once and for all — *Romans 8:3*

The Last Adam



Jesus Came as the Last Adam

- Jesus is the antitype of Adam — *Romans 5:14; 1 Cor. 14:45*
- Mankind in the image of God in the flesh — *Genesis 1:27; 2:23*
 - God became flesh — *Genesis 3:15; John 1:14*
- Mankind as God's image bearer for His glory — *Ecc. 12:13*
 - Christ came to glorify God in doing His will — *John 8:29; 9:4-5; Hebrews 10:5-7*

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- Mankind failed — *Romans 3:23 (Genesis 3:16; 4:7)*
 - Christ succeeded — *John 12:27-28, 31-33; 17:4 (Matthew 26:39)*

The Man Christ Jesus Reconciles Mankind to God

1 Timothy 2:5-6; Revelation 5:8-10

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