

and fine twined linen, to give forth to His people His intentions about heavenly things, and their better sacrifices, which, in due time, opened out "the new and living way into the holiest."

: There lay hidden, however, in the counsels and purposes of God, a secret undisclosed, a mystery of which the garden that "the Lord God planted" was to be the special depository. Adam was only a "figure of Him that was to come," and of whom it is written, "the Lord possessed *me* in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was." This hidden One, and the yet undisclosed mystery of Christ and the church, the Bride, the Lamb's wife, were *now* to be brought forward and put into shape and form. It was in the planted garden of Gen. ii., where God wrought with the man, in the midst of creation, that He displayed this masterpiece. It was *there* "the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of His ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made He a woman, and brought her unto the man."

Creation may have, and does hold, its secrets and wonders under the power and Godhead, but the garden contained this "mystery," hidden in God Himself from everlasting, and now set up (in time) upon the earth. Nor will this be fully taken out of mystery till Christ comes a second time and the shout bids us rise up to meet Him; then to be manifested eternally in the new heavens and the new earth, to which the visible heavens and earth, which are now, become in this view merely provisional and introductory.

These formations and foundations for the true knowledge of God and of Christ's glory, and this mystery of Christ and the church, which will be