

## Adam and Eve: Will Both Be in Heaven?

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In an article entitled “The New Jerusalem,” Leo S. Ranzolin writes: “Inspiration tells us that Adam **and Eve** will take their crowns and place them at Jesus’ feet” (*Adventist Review*, December 27, 2007, p. 16; my emphasis). This comment triggered an exhaustive search of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy in order to obtain a satisfactory answer as to whether either Scripture or Ellen G. White specifically mentions Eve in connection with Heaven. In a well-attested statement, Mrs. White says of the dramatic long-awaited meeting of the two Adams in Heaven that the first Adam “casts his glittering crown at the feet of Jesus,” the second Adam (4SP 466.1; GC 648.1, in AH 541.1).

The following statement by Mrs. White appears in RH April 29, 1875, par. 4, and is reprinted in 1BC 1084.7: “When the curse was pronounced upon the earth and upon man in connection with the curse was a promise that through Christ there was hope and pardon for the transgression of God’s law. Although gloom and darkness hung, like the pall of death, over the future, yet in the promise of the Redeemer, the Star of hope lighted up the dark future. The Gospel was first preached to Adam by Christ. Adam and Eve felt sincere sorrow and repentance for their guilt. They believed the precious promise of God, and were saved from utter ruin.”

In somewhat expanded form this same thought appears in ST April 22, 1886, par. 2, and is reprinted in FLB 75.5: “When the curse was pronounced upon the race, in connection with the curse there was given the promise of pardon through a Saviour Who was to come. This promise was the Star of hope that lighted up the gloom, that, like the pall of death, hung over the future of man, and of the world which was given him as his dominion. The Gospel was first preached to Adam and Eve in Eden. They sincerely repented of their guilt, believed the promise of God, and were saved from utter ruin.”

From these two quotations, the implication is strong that both primal parents, the progenitors of the entire human race, will in fact be in Heaven. In a January 22, 2008 e-mail response to me about the matter, Elder Ranzolin acknowledged the correctness of these findings. When writing his article he had obviously used general, inclusive terms linking Eve with her husband Adam in placing their crowns at Jesus’ feet in Heaven.

Moreover, all of this world’s overcomers are to perform a similar act: “The crown of immortality is placed on the brow of the overcomers. They take their crowns and cast them at the feet of Jesus, and touching their golden harps, they fill all Heaven with rich music in songs of praise to the Lamb” (YI August 20, 1896, par. 10). I doubt not that all of the faithful in the human family will one day see both Adam and Eve there, every one of us saved by the grace of God. What a grand reunion that will be, and what an exalted privilege to live with our Creator forever in Eden restored!