



## ***WORLD'S FIRST HUMAN CLONING IS PERFORMED!***

Have you read about this? If you haven't seen the news, let me repeat it here. *And the Lord God caused a*

*deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*  
Genesis 2:21-22

Now, God did more than a simple cloning, he also did some genetic engineering. Otherwise, we would have had Adam and Steve in the Garden of Eden. At this point you probably wonder if I am being serious - I am!

Why did God take Adam's rib? In order for this process to work, God needed Adam's bone marrow and the rib bone was the only one Adam could easily spare (Women have been ribbing men ever since).

Today, there is a renewed interest in cloning and genetic engineering. What kind of baby would you like to have - just make a list of the features and the scientists will make one up for you! So far, there is (supposedly) a ban on cloning people. This will not last for long. Genetic engineering is already here.

There is one difference between the operation with Adam and Eve and what is proposed for today. The Great Creator (our Lord) did the first cloning. Today it is man who proposes to do it. There is a world of difference - God knew what He was doing!

Paul speaks of a past generation that, *although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*  
Romans 1:21-23

Paul speaks of this past generation because what happened then can, and will, happen again. It is happening again. As we progress into this 21<sup>st</sup> century, man has turned from the worship of God to the elevation of man himself. "Boy, are we smart, look at what we can do! Is there anything too hard for us?" Only the Lord can say this, *"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"*  
Jeremiah 32:27

It appears that every time man does something to "improve" on nature, the opposite happens. The chemists got really smart and added stuff to our gasoline to make the air cleaner - but the water is now being polluted. Man attempts to save some creature from extinction only to find that, in so doing, some other creature becomes endangered. When we tamper with "nature," we almost always make things worse.

There are other things which will also lead to man's downfall and the return of our Lord. The Y2K bug has passed and turned out to be, mostly, media hype. The fact remains that, had it been for real, the loss of our computer systems would have resulted in a real disaster. I have been predicting, for years, that it is only a matter of time before the World Wide Web becomes hopelessly tangled and crashes. In recent weeks you have only seen the beginning of it.

It is bad enough to turn from placing our confidence in the Lord to placing our confidence in man. It is a disaster to place our confidence in technology. In spite of my teaching Computer Engineering for years at Cal Poly, I still refuse to use an ATM machine. I confine my transactions, as much as possible, to paper.

To repeat a passage from last week, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.*  
Proverbs 3:5-8

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