

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption

The core of the Bible.

The thread that ties it all together.

The connection between God & Man.

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“The Scarlet Thread of Redemption”

AKA

“Creation to Christ”

“Genesis to Jesus”

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“The Scarlet Thread of Redemption”

Scarlet ... dark red ... BLOOD

Thread ... the core theme of the whole Bible

“The Thread that ties it all together”

Redemption ... the Lord’s means of saving man
and having an eternal relationship with Him.

That is ... ***through substitutionary death and the shedding of blood*** ... from the Garden to Jesus.

Adam & Eve ... Cain & Able ... Noah ... Abraham ... Passover ... the Tabernacle/Temple

These 6 events are all prominent “Markers” pointing to Jesus from the OT.

NOTE: these early pages (1-34) are setting a foundation for the Scarlet Thread.
The STOR does not actually begin until chart 4, which is ***“The Fall of Man”*** in the Garden of Eden.

Built-in Themes:

The Character and Nature of God,

The Character and Nature of Man,

and

the relationship between the two.

The Inside Story

(behind the scenes)

**Man being caught in the middle of a
great cosmic battle between God and Satan**

The **STOR** helps the disciple/student see that the Bible is:

One Book ... One Story ... One Religion

Actually, it's a "Relationship" not a religion.

That relationship is demonstrated by the Lord Himself from the creation of A&E, through the fall in the Garden of Eden, to **His** substitutionary death, burial and resurrection to **His** guaranteed return at the end of the age when **He** will come to take all believers of all time to be with **Him** forever.

The core of the relationship is the:

"The Scarlet Thread of Redemption"

Where the Lord personally provides fallen man the means to have a relationship with Him"

From the Garden ... where the Lord walked with A&E, and then, in spite of their sin, promised the Redeemer ***"The Seed of the Woman"*** (Gen 3:15) and personally sacrificed animals to "cover" Adam & Eve's sin/shame

to

the law of Moses and the Sacrificial System

and

"In the fullness of time"

(Gal 4:4)

God revealed, as the Redeemer Himself, shed His own blood in Man's place and will be coming back at the end of the age to gather us together with Him,

FOREVER!

Practical benefits of
“The Scarlet Thread of Redemption”

“To Know God”

(Discipleship)

and to

“Make Him Known”

(Evangelism)

Knowledge and Understanding For a closer
relationship with the Lord and a more fulfilled life.

Present & Defend “Confidence” in sharing the broader
deeper message of the Bible and to defend it from the Bible itself.

Apologetics Using science, historical facts, logic, transformed
lives and the like to support & prove unique & profound Biblical truth.

***As New Testament believers
under Grace, not Law
Can we use the OT effectively for Evangelism?***

After His resurrection, on the road to Emmaus, Jesus explained to the two disciples, the crucifixion:
(Luke 24:27)

*“And beginning with Moses and **all** of the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in **all** the scriptures.”*

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And Peter, in Acts 10:43, said:

*“Of Him **all** the prophets bear witness that through His name **everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.**”*

ALSO:

Peter ... Acts 3:17-26

Stephan ... Acts 7

Apollos ... Acts 18:28

Paul ... Acts 28:23

“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Rom 15:4

BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Chart 0

EXeGESIS

OR

EISeGESIS

Interpreting **OUT** of the text,
from **only** the words that are there.

Interpreting **INTO** the text,
what is **not** there with other words and or ideas.

Prov. 30:5-6 EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE; DO NOT ADD TO HIS WORDS.
Dt. 4:2 / Rev. 22:18-19 DO NOT ADD OR TAKE AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF GOD.
1 Cor. 4:6 DO NOT EXCEED WHAT IS WRITTEN.
Is. 28:9-10 Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little.

NOTE: the Bible gives us
3 rules for interpretation:

- 1) Do not add to God's Words.
- 2) Do not take away from God's words,
- 3) "here a little, there a little" (Is 28:9-10)

The rest is man made, but a good guide ☺

THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN COMMON LANGUAGE.

It was meant to be understood by the average person.

THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN THE LITERARY STYLE OF THE DAY.

Not a mystical formula that needed to be decoded.

EXEGESIS HAS DECISIVE GUIDELINES.

When it is applied exclusively, there is complete harmony and continuity from Genesis to Revelation. When eisegesis is used, it begins a chain reaction of re-interpreting other portions of the Bible... the more complicated and inconsistent the Bible becomes. Eisegesis has no boundaries; it's only limited by people's imaginations.

THE ABOVE VERSES AND FACTORS CONCLUDE EXEGESIS ONLY!

Most commonly known as LITERAL interpretation.

EXEGESIS DEMANDS THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

HISTORY How were things understood in that culture at that time in history?

GRAMMAR What did the words mean in the original language? This leaves room for symbolism, metaphors and figures of speech, but literal interpretation is always assumed first.

NOTE: if the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense !

CONTEXT THE FIRST THREE RULES OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION ARE:

CONTEXT - MAJOR - Genesis to Revelation - the BIG picture.

CONTEXT - MINOR - Each individual book – what is its theme.

CONTEXT - IMMEDIATE - Consider the adjacent verses.

(The immediate context is subject to the minor context, which is subject to the major context.)

A PRIMARY PRINCIPLE: THE BIBLE IS ITS OWN BEST INTERPRETOR (Is 28:9-10)

- Keep things in context.
- Interpret the unclear in light of the clear.
- No contradictions - the Bible has full agreement with itself (some inconsequential issues are acknowledged).

EXEGETICAL CONCLUSIONS BLACK AND WHITE / CLEAR-CUT / PROVABLE

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS Good evidence and support but not provable

OBSERVATIONS Similar to a theological conclusion but more of an educated guess than provable facts.

INSIGHTS A truth confirmed by the Holy Spirit to an individual which gives deeper, clearer meaning or profound practical application of Scripture.

Bible Study Boiled Down:

- 1) Do not add and do not take away from the words of God,
“every word of God is Pure/Refined” (Pro 30:5-6)
“do not exceed what is written” (1 Cor 4:6)
- 2) If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense,
and Interpret the unclear in light of the clear.
- 3) **“Context”** is the Master of interpretation!!!

How does God speak to man?

(communicates with him)

In a variety of ways

4 primary ways are:

1) Bible

2) Holy Spirit (Includes: Dreams & Visions, Prayer,
words of knowledge, etc ...)

3) People

4) Circumstances

No matter ... what one thinks
how one feels
who says what
what the circumstances are..

If it's not consistent with God's word ... it is not God's will !!!

What does it mean???

2 Tim 2:15 *“Be diligent to rightly divide the word of truth”*

These two scriptures produce varying interpretations. The exercise is not to determine which is correct, but does it matter?

1) **In 1 Cor 11:2-16 Paul addresses head coverings** ... does it matter if you have the right interpretation?

2) **Paul said: “I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man.”** (1 Tim 2:12)

Which interpretation is correct ?... DOES IT MATTER? The answer lies in the following scriptures:

Joshua 1:8 Joshua is told to: “do according to all that is written...”

Isaiah 48:18 *“If only you had paid attention to My commandments, then your well being would have been like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.”*

1 Sam 15 the ruin of king Saul: **“to obey is better than sacrifice”** and rebellion/insubordination are serious sin (v22-23).

God has high standards and no favorites. (no matter who you are, everyone is held to the same standard)

Zipporah refusing to circumcise Moses’ son (Ex 4:24-26) ... **Job** (Job 38-41)

God always forgives but consequences are still imposed.

David & Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:1 -12:10-13)

David was forgiven, but the sword would never leave his house (2 Sam 12:9-14).

God is love, full of Grace and Mercy but is also Just and a respecter of no person.

Moses hitting the rock (Num 20:7-12) Moses was not allowed to go into the Promised land.

Ignorance is no excuse ... **Malachi 2:13-16** ... **Abraham lies to Pharaoh about Sarah** (Gen 12:10-20)

God’s word has many applications ... but only ONE correct interpretation.

Yes, there are some gray instructions in scripture ... Rom 14:1-23 is one of them.

Sharpen your skill ... Heb 5:12-14 ... see page 11

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *“The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”*

“And I show you a still more excellent way.”

(1 Cor 12:31)

Being filled with the Spirit
And being led by the Spirit

Hebrews 5:12-14

12. *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.*

13. *For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.*

14. *But solid food is for the mature,
who because of practice
Have their senses trained
To discern.....good and evil
right and wrong
God's way or man's way*

Develop sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit will lead you into all the truth (Jn 16:13)

Tools of the *Trade*

Exhaustive Concordance

(Keyed to your Bible version)

Greek Dictionary

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament

Hebrew Dictionary

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament

Bible Encyclopedia

The New Unger's Bible Dictionary

Online & Electronic Resources

Such as: The [Blue Line Bible](#) “BLB” an excellent resource for your cell phone

YHWH

Personal Name

Unique in Hebrew

Used 5,321 Times in OT

“He Who is” or “The self existent one”

(Exodus 3:14-15)

GOD**NO EQUIVALENT**

In any other language

El-OHIM

What He is

Unique to Hebrew

Plural Word / Singular Meaning

The Trinity is built in.

(Isaiah 48:12-16, the Trinity is there)

The GOD of the Bible, the GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, "The Almighty" is unique & supreme. He is so holy and to be so respected, feared, worshipped and loved that even **His NAME** represents His Supreme authority and Holiness. **The NAME** of the LORD commands authority well over 300 times in the Old Testament and over 100 times in the New Testament.

The NAME of the LORD is:

- Declared (Ex. 9:16)
- Glorious (Deut. 28:58)
- Awesome (Deut. 28:58)
- Great (Josh. 7:9)
- Wonderful (Judges 13:18-22)
- Confessed (1 Kg. 8:33)
- Hallowed (1 Kg. 9:7, Mt. 9:6)
- Praised (Neh. 9:5)
- Blessed (Neh. 9:5)
- Excellent (Ps. 8:1)
- Exalted (Is.12:4)
- Called Upon for salvation
- Determined Death for Being
Blasphemed (Lev. 24:16)

Jehovah-Jireh “**Jehovah**” starts with **YHWH** in Hebrew then was translated to Latin to another and then Jehovah.

He Who Will Provide (Gen. 22:14)

Jehovah-Nisi

He Who Is My Banner (Ex. 17:15)

Jehovah-Maccaddeshcem

He Who Sanctifies You (Ex. 31:13)

Jehovah-Shalom

He Who Is Peace (Judges 6:24)

Jehovah-Sabbaoth

He Who Is The Host (1 Sam 1:3)

Jehovah-Raah

He Who Is My Shepherd (Ps. 23:1)

Jehovah-Tsidkenu (Jer. 23:6)

He Who is Our Righteousness 23:6)

Jehovah-Shammah

He Who Is There (Ez. 48:35)

COMPOUND NAMES

Variations of
YHWH and El-ohim

El-Elyon

The Most High God (Gen. 14:18)

El-Roi

The God Who Sees Me (Gen. 16:13)

El-Shaddai

Almighty (Gen. 17:1)

Adonai

Supreme Master / Almighty (Gen. 19:2)

El-Olam

The Everlasting God (Gen. 21:33)

Qanna

Jealous (Ex. 20:5)

GOD IS:

HalleluYAH = “Praise the **LORD**”
(Ps. 68:4) (YHWH)

Sovereign ~ **OmniPresent** ~ **OmniPotent** ~ **Omniscient** ~ **Love** ~ **Immutable**
(Ps. 135:6) (Ps. 139:7-11) (Jer 32:17) (Ps. 139:16) (Ps. 63:3) (Ez. 24:14, Mal. 3:6)

Holy ~ **Just** ~ **Gracious** ~ **Merciful**
(Ps. 99:9) (Ps. 89:14) (Ps. 145:8) (Ps. 103:8)

“The LORD (YHWH) your God (Elohim) ... the LORD (YHWH) is ONE”

(Deut. 6:4)

God (El-ohim) is also the one and only Redeemer/Saviour

Is 43:11,14 ... Is 44:6,24 ... Is 45:5-7,18,21,22 ... Is 46:8-11 ... 49:26

“GOD”

Has a Personal name

YHWH (Yah-way or Yah-wa)

Is unique in His person (what He is)

El-ohim (el-o-heem)

His name is powerful and equal to His person.

He is unique in His nature / characteristics

Omniscient / Omnipresent / Omnipotent

Holy / Just / Gracious / Merciful

There is only

One God

And there is none besides Him!

Is 43:11,14 ... Is 44:6,24 ... Is 45:5-7,18,21,22 ... Is 46:8-11 ... 49:26

YHWH Elohim is the only

Savior / Redeemer

The Name of the LORD

“I am **YHWH** this is My NAME
And my glory I will not give to another.”
Is. 42:8

“This is My NAME Forever
and My memorial to all Generations.”
Ex. 3:15

“Whoever calls upon The NAME of the LORD shall be saved.”
Joel 2:32

*“Hear, O Israel! The **Lord** (YHWH) is our **God** (El-ohim), the Lord is One.”*

Deuteronomy 6:4

“YHWH” Who He is. It’s called the **“Tetra-gram-a-ton”** which is Hebrew for the **“Four Letters”**

- 1) The origin and etymology (development) of **YHWH** is unknown, and **YHWH** is a verb in Hebrew.
- 2) **YHWH** is unique to all languages and does not correctly translate into any other.
- 3) The meaning of **YHWH** is not totally clear, but from **Ex 3:14-15** the scholars conclude a meaning:
“I am that I am” = The self existent one ... or ... I am who I am, I will be who I will be.
In other words, **YHWH** is “the cause of His own existence”
- 4) No problem, if we could fully understand and explain the personal name of the creator and sustainer of the universe, maybe He isn’t too far above us, but He is!

FYI: as noted above, **YHWH** is understood to mean “the self existent one.” When YHWH is translated into other languages, the most common is an equivalent of the English “**Lord**,” meaning “**master**” ... actually a poor translation. Remember, **YHWH** is God’s personal name, yet, the definite article “the” is always used with “the Lord.” That’s like saying “the John.” You can say “John the man” or John the carpenter.” To say “the Lord is God” you are actually saying “the Master is God,” which does not make Biblical sense. In Hebrew, it reads “YHWH is God” not “the YHWH is God.” Nevertheless, it is what it is and no one is starting a rebellion over it.

I would like to think that YHWH understands our short comings and flows with it ☺

“El-ohim” What He is.

- 1) **El-ohim** is a regular word in Hebrew ... simply the plural form of god.
 - A) **El** is a common word for god in Hebrew ... add the suffix **ohim** and it becomes plural.
 - B) Nevertheless, **Context is the Master of interpretation**, Deut 6:4 defines Elohim as One.
 - a) Biblical definitions transcend grammar, Elohim is a plural word with a singular meaning!
 - c) The beauty and wonder of Biblical Elohim, is that it allows for the **Trinity** to be built-in ☺
- 2) **Elohim**, like YHWH, does not translate correctly into any other language. Elohim would be Gods in English if it was translated for what it says rather than for the meaning that Deut 6:4 gives it.

How to explain the Trinity:

- 1) The word Trinity is not in the Bible.
- 2) The Bible is very clear that there is only one God.
- 3) Nevertheless, the student of the Bible observes that this One God presents Himself three different ways ... as the ***Father, Son, Holy Spirit***
- 4) The Bible does not explain it and I do not understand it.
- 5) But, there is only one God.

Deut 6:4 defined **Elohim** for us. The following is an example of how the Trinity can be seen in other texts:

*“Then God (Elohim) said, ‘Let **Us** make man in **Our** image, according to **Our** likeness: and let them rule over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”*

(Gen 1:26)

A good practical way of explaining the Trinity:

A man can be a **Father**, a **Son** and a **Husband** all at the same time. He will act and respond differently to his **Father** as he does to his **Son** and to his **wife**, but is he three people?

God's Name is Powerful

“And the seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name.’”

(Luke 10:17)

“But Peter said, ‘I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you:
In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene ... walk !’”

(Acts 3:6)

“but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

(John 20:31)

**God's Name is
Synonymous with Salvation
From the Beginning!**

Gen 4:26

*"And to Seth, to him also was a son born; and he called his name Enosh.
Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord."*

Joel 2:32a

*"And it will come about that whoever
calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Acts 2:21

"And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Rom 10:13

"Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Acts 4:12

*"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven
that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."*

Justice or Grace or Mercy

1) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I call the police, they find you and put you in jail. This is _____

2) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead I find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give the wallet back, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet. This is _____

3) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give back the wallet, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet.

You appeal by admitting the offense and thanking me for the kindness of not going to the police, but then go on to say that you have no way of finding all of the articles and money that were in the wallet. I have compassion and drop the whole thing.

This is _____

4) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I then tell you, I'm a Christian and God forgave me ... I forgive you and will not press any charges, you are free. This is _____ **Luke 3:3, 17:3-4, 24:47**

“GRACE”

A “BIG” Subject

Difficult to pin down with a single definition.

A most popular definition is: **“getting what I don’t deserve.”**

Paul, in 1 Cor 15:10 is a good test-bed for the meaning/application of grace

*“But by the **grace** of God I am what I am, and His **grace** toward me did not prove vain;
but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the **grace** of God with me.”*

(From his mother’s womb ... Gal 1:14-15)

With some word smithing, let’s fit the popular definition above into Paul’s test-bed:

*I didn't deserve or earn it, it was God who made me into what I am, and it proved not to be futile.
Because of God’s grace, I labored more than anyone, but even my hard work was from God.*

Another option: “Unmerited time and motive to do the right thing.”

*Because God gave me time and motive, I became what I am and it proved not to be futile. Because of it,
I labored more than anyone, but it was still God giving me time, and motivating me along in everything.*

Yes, “Time” but the Lord’s grace does have limits like:

The days of **Noah 120yrs**, the **Canaanites 650yrs**, **Ninevah 40 days**, **Jezabel 40yrs**, **King Nebuchadnezzar 12mo**.

Phil 2:13 and a definition by a prominent source, is consistent with what we have above.

“for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

“Grace is the supernatural power which God gives the believer to accomplish His will”

(From: Institute in Basic Life Principles)

The bottom line is that God’s “Grace” is very different than His “Mercy” (forgiveness).

God’s **Holiness, Justice, Grace** and **Mercy** are all interrelated and central to our relationship with Him.

It makes a difference to understand them correctly as we read scripture and apply them to our lives.

NOTE: everyone in the world is alive because of the Grace of God. He gives everyone time and motive to come to Him on His terms before physical death ... then its too late, it’s judgement (Heb 9:27).

Review: *Justice* – *Grace* – *Mercy*

Justice

Fair/Appropriate Judgment/Consequences

ie: “eye for an eye” ... “tooth for a tooth” (Ex 21:24)

Grace

*Unmerited time and motive
to do the right thing in any circumstance.*

(as Grace applies to salvation and God’s call for your life)

Other expressions of Grace:

“Unmerited favor”

“God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense”

A Second (3rd, 4th, 5th...) Chance

Mercy

Dropping the punishment of an offense or crime.

Mercy = Forgiveness

Popular distinction between **Grace** and **Mercy**

Grace ... getting what I do not deserve ... ie: blessings

Mercy ... not getting what I deserve ... ie: punishment

Now, go back and retake the test on page 20 😊

Justice or Grace or Mercy

(Answer Key)

1) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I call the police, they find you and put you in jail. **This is: “Justice”**

2) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead I find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give the wallet back, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet. **This is: “Grace”**

3) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give back the wallet, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet.

You appeal by admitting the offense and thanking me for the kindness of not going to the police, but then go on to say that you have no way of finding all of the articles and money that were in the wallet. I have compassion and drop the whole thing.

This is: “Mercy”

4) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I then tell you, I’m a Christian and God forgave me...I forgive you and will not press any charges, you are free. **This is: done only with discretion ! Luke 3:3, 17:3-4, 24:47**

God does not forgive us until we repent. Like wise, we are under no obligation to directly forgive the offender until he/she asks and repents. Nevertheless, it is critical to forgive the offender before the Lord to be right and clean with Him and to forestall lasting negative emotions/attitudes that can fester and poison us.

What is a:

Theophany?

“God in a Bod”

On occasion, the God of creation manifests Himself in a physical form, often as a man.

NOTE: some differentiate between a *Theophany* and a *Christophany*.

Examples:

In the Garden ... Gen 3:8

Hagar in the wilderness ... Gen 16:7-13

Abrahamic Covenant Gen 17:1-22

Abraham entertains God ... Gen 18:1-33

Jacob wrestles with God ... Gen 32:24-30

As the captain of the Lord's host ... Joshua 5:13-15

Manoah speaks with God ... Judges 13:1-22

“Jesus”

SATAN The “Morning Star”

Isaiah 14:12 (Strong's 1966)

The “Morning Star” (helel), is translated into Latin as “Lucifero.” From Latin to English we get Lucifer, but it's not Satan's name!

Who he is

SATAN “Adversary” Derived from 1 Chn 21:1
The “Morning Star” that fell (Is. 14:12-15)

The Serpent	Gn. 3:1 / 2 Cor 11:3
The Devil “SLANDERER”	Mt. 4:1
Beelzabub	Lk. 11:15
Ruler of This World	Jn. 12:31
The Evil One	Jn. 17:15
god of this World	2 Cor. 4:4
Belial “WICKEDNESS”	2 Cor. 6:15
Prince of the Power of the Air.	Eph. 2:2
Angel of the Abyss	Rev. 9:11
Apollyon / Abaddon	Rev. 9:11
The Dragon	Rev. 12:3-9)
Satan	Rev. 20:2 / 1 Chr 21:1 (Job 1:6 – 2:7)

Routinely controls men to fulfill his plans

eg. the KINGS of Babylon,
Tyre, Persia, Rome, Anti-Christ
See Gen 6:1-4 + Ezekiel 28:11-19

He is exposed as the POWER behind the power

Is. 14:3-21 (12-15) / Ez. 28:11-19 / Dan. 7-8
Revelation 17:8-14

What he is:

ANGEL of very High Position Ez. 28:11-19

Free Will	Is. 14:13-14
A Person	Job 1:6-12 / Zech 3:1
Responsible to God	Mt. 25:41
Has Emotions	Lk. 22:31 / Rev 12:77
Father of Unbelievers	Jn. 8:42-44
FATHER of LIES	Jn. 8:44
MURDERER	Jn. 8:44
Blinder of Truth	2 Cor. 4:4
Intelligent	2 Cor. 11:3
Angel of Light	2 Cor. 11:4
Resides in the Air	Eph. 6:12
A Roaring Lion	1 Pet. 5:8
Destroyer “Appolyon”	Rev. 9:11
Accuser of the Brethren	Rev. 12:10

Watched the creation of Earth and Man

Job 38:4-11

Beautiful, full of wisdom, in the Garden of Eden
Ezekiel 28:11-19

Will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

Rev 20:7-10

SATAN is the EPITOMY of PRIDE

“I Will Be Like The Most High”
(Is. 14:14)

Ezekiel 28:11-19

- v11: Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
- v12: “Son of man, take up a song of mourning over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord God says: **“You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.**
- v13: You were **in Eden, the garden of God**; Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared.
- v14: You were **the anointed cherub** who covers and I placed you there. You were on the Holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire.
- v15: You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until **unrighteousness was found in you.**
- v16: By the abundance of your trade, you were internally filled with violence and you sinned; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.
- v17: Your heart was haughty because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I threw you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you.
- v18: By the multitude of your wrongdoings, in the unrighteousness of your trade you profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.
- v19: All who know you among the peoples are appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever.”

Who is this? What was he (v14)? Where was he (v13)?

What happened to him (v15-18)? When did this happen?

How is it that Satan could be created “Perfect,”
yet, wind-up rebelling against God and becoming total evil?

1) Angels and People were originally created sinless/perfect, but with a “**Free-will.**”

2) And ... also created with:

A marvelous “Mind” with the ability to freely think to consider, assess, and evaluate.

Creativity ... an imagination with the ability to: **Think “Out-side the Box”**

Emotions ... same as the Creator Himself, which includes **Anger** and **Desire**.

3) This combination of creation, gave God’s creatures the ability to consider sin,
whether they understood that or not.

Therefore, Satan and then Adam & Eve had the natural ability to:
think and feel their way to wrong conclusions.

When wrong things are acted upon, they bring forth sin and death.

Romans 1:18-23, 2:12-15 ... James 1:12-17

Bonus question: **Where in the Bible is Satan called Lucifer?**

What did Satan look like in the Garden?

(Exekiel 28:11-19)

“Brokenness”

Proud

Humble

Focus on the failures of others	Overwhelmed with sense of own spiritual need
Look down on others	Esteem others as better than self
Independent/self-sufficient spirit	Dependent spirit/recognize need for others
Have to prove that they are right	Willing to yield the right to be right
Claim rights	Yield rights
Maintain control: must be my way	Surrender control
Demanding spirit	Giving spirit
Self-protective of time, rights, reputation	Self-denying
Desire to be served	Motivated to serve others
Desire to be a success	Desire to be faithful to make others a success
Think of what they can do for God	Know that they have nothing to offer God
Feel confident in how much they know	Humbled by how much they have to learn
Self-conscious	Not concerned with self at all
Keep people at arms length	Risk getting close to others/willing to take risks at loving intimately
Quick to blame others	Accept personal responsibility - can see where they were wrong
Unapproachable	Easy to be entreated
Defensive when criticized	Receive criticism with a humble open heart
Concerned with being “respectable”	Concerned with being real
Find it difficult to share their spiritual needs with others	Willing to be open/transparent with others
Have a hard time saying, “I was wrong, will you forgive me?”	Are quick to admit failure and to seek forgiveness
When confessing sin, deal in generalities	Deal in specifics
Remorseful over sin when caught or found-out	Repentant over sin
Compare themselves with others and feel deserving of honor	Compare themselves to the holiness of God and feel desperate need
Blind to their true heart condition	Walk in the light
Don’t think they need to repent, but think others do	Continual heart attitude of repentance
Desire to be recognized/appreciated	Sense of unworthiness; thrilled to be used at all; eager for others to get credit

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? 10,000 - 4,000 BC ?

MAN

ADAM

1) Created from the dust of the ground “Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground,

and breathed (*naphach*, literally to inflate) into his nostrils the breath of life;and man became a living being” (Gen 2:7). “being” is from *nephesh* (Strong’s 5315) = Soul

GOD is Spirit not flesh (Jn. 4:23-24) ... and: “Flesh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God” 1 Cor 15:50 (context vv42-57)

2) Created in the “Image” of GOD (tselem = likeness, resemblance ... also to shade or a phantom)

Deut. 6:5 “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR ... HEART + SOUL + MIGHT” (Inner Characteristics)MIND (SOUL) Ability to Think to Know GODWILL (MIGHT) Freedom to Choose to Obey GODEMOTIONS (HEART) Capacity for Feelings to Love GOD3) Created in 3 parts: **Body, Soul, Spirit** (Ecc. 12:7 / I Thes. 5:23 / Heb. 4:12) Like the Trinity, we are a triune being.Dr C. Leaf ... SPIRIT = intuition, communion, conscience SOUL = intellect/the mind, emotions, free will BODY = physical substance we can see.

4) Created in a unique position on earth and before GOD

Placed in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8)

Given authority over the Earth (Gen. 1:26,28)Given one command “Do not eat from the tree of knowledge of Good and Evil”or ... YOU WILL DIE ... eternal separation from GodGen. 2:15-17 ... Jn 8:24 ... 2 Thess 1:8-9 (John 17:3) ... Rev 21:8EVE

1) Created from Adam (Gen. 2:21-22)

2) Created as a “Help Meet” suitable for him (Gen. 2:20) **Help Meet = ezer** ... TWOT #1598a, from the root #1598 ... **azar** (Strongs 5828 & 5826)“Strengthened by GOD” (a military term) ... Eve and thus all women are there to strengthen their husbands. Biblical models: Ruth, Esther, Pro 31

3) Created for Strengthening, Companionship, Multiplication.

GENERAL CREATION All for the “Worship” of YHWH (Ps 148-150) ... Better know what Worship is!1) **Ex-nihilo** (Latin) “Out of Nothing” Heb 11:3 ... “what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”2) “Then God said, let there be light” ... **The BIG Bang** (Gen 1:3, Heb 11:3)3) Established Law and Order (Gen. 1:2-31).Laws of Physics, Interrelationships, Harmony, and Beauty.

4) The Solar System and “Time” (Gen. 1:14-15).

5) The Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:8-14).

A Paradise, a perfect environment.

Adam had everything he needed for a fulfilled life.

Fellowship with GOD / Food / Companionship / Beauty & Harmony.

6) GOD Said: “IT is VERY GOOD.” The BEST! (Gen. 1:31).**e=mc²... Albert Einstein’s famous formula says:****There** is enormous power in the elements such as uranium.

It also tells us that light can come from matter and vice-versa.

When the Lord said: “**Let there be light**” ... “**BOOM**”, light went

out into the universe and then He took that light and formed all of

the Galaxy’s and all other material things in the universe.

This could be the “**Big Bang**” the evolutionists look for ☺

True Worship is:

“an attitude of heart and mind that humbly, reverently, fearfully acknowledges, through word and deed, the sole sovereign Lordship of God Almighty and His Holiness”.

A Scriptural Definition:

(Rom 12:1-2)

“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Practical Definition

Everything I do should reflect the character and nature of God...
from the clothes that I wear, to the music I listen to, to the way I treat my boss,
to how I keep my house, to how much I tithe, to what I eat,
to the way I talk about others, to how I drive my car, etc...

Models of Hearts that Worship

<u>Moses</u>	Ex 3:6
<u>Isaiah</u>	Is 6:5
<u>John</u>	Rev 1:17

Soul

The Soul sins (Micah 6:7)

nephesh...Strong's 5315.....O T.....ruach...Strong's 7307

“a breathing creature”

a soul / living being / life / person

(251x)

(147x)

(89x)

Adam became a “living Being” (Gen 2:7)

psyche...Strong's 5590.....N T.....pneuma...Strong's 4151

“life of the body”

soul / life / heart / person

(47x)

(43x)

Gen 35:18

Mt 10:28

Pro 16:24

Mt 16:26

Pro 19:8

Mk 8:35-37

Pro 23:14

1 Cor 15:45

Spirit

The Spirit goes back to God (Ecc 12:7)

“air in motion”

Spirit / spirit / wind / inspired

(76x)

(130x)

(104x)

“perceptions and feelings”

Spirit / spirit / wind / spiritual

(239x)

(135x)

Gen 1:2

Mt 12:43

Num 5:14

Acts 23:9

Jg 9:23

Rom 8:16

Ecc 12:7

1 Cor 2:12

Ecclesiastes 12:7

“then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it”

1 Thessalonians 5:23

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

“It is not good for man to be alone”

Genesis 2:18

God designed man with certain intrinsic needs,
which are defined as those elements needed to:

1) Survive physically (minimums), such as food, water, and shelter

2) Thrive ... physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally.

Love and relationships are needed to be whole and thrive.

Jesus said: “... I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (Jn 10:10b)

Abundant life includes divine and human relationships:

Jesus said: you will fulfill the whole law when you love God with all your heart,
soul and mind ... and People as yourself (Mat 22:36-40)

*If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother,
he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother
whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.*

(1 John 4:20)

*“Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous;
love does not brag and is not arrogant,
does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own,
is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,
does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Then the LORD God said:

"It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

(Gen 2:18)

Helper = Ezer ... Theological Wordbook of the OT # 1598a (Strongs # 5828)
from the root # 1598...**azar**

"Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament"

*"Used approximately eighty times in the OT, **azar** generally indicates military assistance."*

*"Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will **help** (azar) you,
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10 ... this is help from God.

*"Even Egypt, whose **help** (azar) is vain and empty.
Therefore, I have called her Rahab who has been exterminated."*

Isaiah 30:7 ... **azar** is also used for human help.

And, in Ps 146:5, **azar** is used of God,
there is some interchangeability between **ezar** and **azar**.

ezar..."While this word designates assistance, it is more frequently used in a concrete sense to designate the assistant ... ie: Gen 2:18-20 where Eve is created to be Adam's helper."

It's the difference between a noun and a verb ... ie: faith & believe

The primary idea of **azar** / **ezar** is: **without this assistance, I cannot be successful !**

In a marriage, the woman could be compared to a 3 star General while the husband is a 4 star.

In a military setting, the 4 star treats the 3 star with great respect. They counsel and work closely together, but when there is a difference of opinion, the 4 Star makes the final decision.

Adam & Eve
“The Original Design”

1) Points to consider:

Adam was created first ... then Eve from and for Adam (Gen 2:18-20)

Eve was created as a “helper” ... no other pattern or model is taught in scripture.

NOTE: Paul wrote his scriptures about 4000yrs after the Garden. In 1 Cor 11: 7-10 and 1 Tim 2:12-14 Paul reaffirms the original design for women. Nothing has changed up to the first century AD and nothing any different has been presented by the Lord since then. Just as the Lord does not change, nor does His word and our responsibility to it.

2) So, what did the original relationship look like? Maybe Eph 5:22-33 is it:

Wives are to be subject to their husbands ... and respect them.

Note: models of Godly women ... Esther, Ruth, Pro 31:10-31 ... strong & industrious.

The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church and its Savior.

Husbands are to love their wives as themselves

be willing to give himself up for her

to sanctify and keep her clean

protect & nourish her...

to present her holy and blameless in the end

Man has the greater responsibility in the relationship!

But, women need to cooperate in their part for it to work well !

Review 1

Primary Principles

Charts 0-3

- 1) The Bible is One Book, One Story, One Religion.
- 2) The STOR is both a discipleship and evangelistic tool in one.
- 3) Bible study boils down to three core principles
 - A) Do not add or take a way from the words of God ... they are pure/refined.
 - B) If the literal sense, makes sense, seek no other sense ... and interpret the unclear in light of the clear.
 - C) "CONTEXT" is the Master of Interpretation!!!
- 4) The God of creation has a personal name YHWH, it's unique and does not translate correctly into any other language.
- 5) Elohim is "what" YHWH is. It's a plural word with a singular meaning, but always translates in the singular.
- 6) God's "Name" is powerful to do mighty miracles and give salvation.
- 7) God's Holiness, Justice, Grace, Mercy are core to man's relationship to Him, including salvation.
- 8) Satan was created perfect, but because of "Free Will" and God given creative intellect, he became total evil.
- 9) Worship is everything I do, think, and say, when it is consistent with the character & nature of God.
- 10) The BIG BANG theory happened when God said "*Let there be light.*"
- 11) Eve was created as a "help meet" for Adam, but it's a military term, which makes her very valuable to man.

THE FALL

1) SATAN TEMPTED EVE

"Beguiled" Her (Gen. 3:1- 6a) ... Appealed to three senses (1 Jn. 2: 14-15)
 The Lust of the **Flesh** to Indulge "Good for Food"
 The Lust of the **Eyes** to Acquire "Pleasant to See"
 The Boastful pride of **life** to Impress "Make you Wise"

"YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD" (Gen. 3:5)

Adam & Eve made a free-will Choice ... not to believe/trust GOD ... they ate the forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:6)

2) THE RESULTS (Gen. 3:7-13)

Their eyes were opened, now they "**KNEW**" (yada) good and evil, they "**KNEW**" they were naked, they now had "**GUILT**" (from breaking the law).
 They covered themselves with fig leaves ... trying to hide their "**SHAME**" (broken relationship with GOD).
 They hid from GOD...because of "**FEAR**" (broken trust with GOD). **Note:** "yada" involves all of the the senses/emotions, not just head knowledge (TWOT)

3) CONSEQUENCES (sequence is critical) 1) Satan is cursed 2) The **SEED** is Promised 3) Consequences to A&E (Gen. 3:14-24)

THERE WILL BE ENMITY-BETWEEN SATAN AND THE WOMAN

"Between your Seed and Her SEED"

"You (Satan) will bruise His Heel"

"He (the Seed) will bruise your Head"

SATAN will fight against

"The SEED"

"The SEED"

Will Destroy Satan

The BIG Bang 2 ... here comes Jesus → **"The Scarlet Thread of Redemption"**

"The SEED"

Will be stronger than Satan
 Will be a... **REDEEMER**
 (Pay a Price --"Bruised")

GENESIS 3:15

This is the **MESSAGE** of the **BIBLE** and the **ISSUE** of **LIFE**

EVE Greatly increased pain in childbirth (Gen. 3:16)

ADAM ... Cursed is the ground and now by the sweat of your face you will eat bread (Gen. 3:17-19)

And GOD had said: ... "in the day that you eat from it, you will surely die" (Gen. 2:17)

GOD's Judgment of DEATH (**Eternal Separation from God ... 2 Thess 1:8-9 vs John 17:3**) was pending and imminent.

BUT ... in light of the coming **REDEEMER / SEED**: (**2 Tim 1:8-10** the Crucifixion / Resurrection applied from eternity past)

- 1) **GOD Personally** sacrificed animals and "**COVERED**" A&E nakedness (sin/shame) (Gen.3:21)
 (Adam and Eve's way to cover their sin/shame was unacceptable ... Ez. 33).
- 2) **ANIMALS** died ... **"FOR THE SAKE OF MAN"**
- 3) **THERE** was **DEATH** and the **SHEDDING** of **BLOOD**
- 4) With Jesus on His way, the Lord was justified to give **GRACE** to A&E *"Unmerited time and motive to do the right thing"*

GOD is Holy: Adam & Eve were banished from the garden, SEPERATED, but not eternally at this point (Gn.3:23)

Man is prevented from making his own way back to GOD ... **"Eternal Life"** (Gen. 3:22-24)

MAN IS HELPLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF

1 John 2:15-16

“Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

1) The Lust of the Flesh:

“To Indulge”

“the tree was good for Food”... it will satisfy you !

Jesus ... turn stones to bread

2) The Lust of the Eyes:

“To Acquire”

“it was a delight to the eyes”... Pleasant to see and thus to have

Jesus ... have all of the Kingdoms of the world

3) The Boastful Pride of Life:

“To Impress”

“the tree was desirable to make one wise”... “you will be like God”

Jesus ... throw yourself down...

When Adam & Eve broke God's law...

Man became **GUILTY**...

He faced death

Reaction ... **blame-shift**

His relationship with God was broken...

He fell to a position of **SHAME**

Reaction ... **covered himself**

Trust was lost between God and Man...

FEAR replaced confidence and peace

Reaction ... **hid from God**

Guilt, Shame, and Fear

Weaved themselves into the fabric of sinful mankind and different regions and people-groups of the world became characterized by one or the other

Three World Views

1) Guilt / Innocence (the West, US/Europe)

Legalism

Black & White ... if you break the law, you pay!

2) Honor / Shame (Asia & Mid-East)

How am I viewed by everyone else ... particularly:
family, tribe, friends

Honor is the motive of life!

Shame is to be avoided or corrected at all costs!

Thus: “honor killings”

3) Power / Fear (Africa, Mid –East, Asia)

The more power I have the less fear I will have

Trust is absent in these cultures

Oppressive regimes like:

North Korea,

former Soviet countries

Iran

Read the book: “***Honor and Shame***” by Roland Mueller (a very good intro to the Three World Views)

“In the Day that you eat of it, you will surely Die”

Gen 2:17

1) The word for “Day” in Hebrew, is the generic "yom."

Although it predominately means the literal 24 hour period, it is also translated into over 70 other English words in the NASB. It can mean: age, all the years, always, birthday, Chronicles, continually, course of time, days (641x), entire, eternity, fate, forever, full year, and lifetime ... depending on context.

2) The word “Die” in Hebrew is also a common word and 98% of the time its the word "mut" ... as in Gen 2:17.

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament defines mut (TWOT):

*"mut may refer to death by natural cause or to violent death. The latter may be as a penalty or otherwise. The root is not limited to the death of human beings although it is used predominately that way. This is a universally used Semetic root for dying and death. The Canaanites employed it as the name of the god of death and the netherworld. In Hebrew it is occasionally used metaphorically as when Job speaks of the death of wisdom. But the literal demise of the body in death is usually in view. Ezekiel reminds us that God has no pleasure in the death of men, for His purpose was and is that they live. The normative OT teaching about death is presented in Gen 3:3, where God warns Adam & Eve that death is the result of rebellion against his commands. Since God's purpose for our first parents was never ending life, the introduction of death was undesirable but a necessary result of disobedience. The physical corruption of the human body and the consequent suffering and pain brought about by the Fall were only the obvious symptoms of death. Death is the consequence and the punishment of sin. It originated with sin. A grand theme of the OT is God's holiness, which separates Him from all that is not in harmony with His character. **Death, then, in the OT means ultimate separation from God due to sin.** And sin is rebellion or lack of conformity to His holy will. All men then, in a sense, are what the Hebrews called b-ne-mawet, 'sons of death.' That is, they deserve to die because they are sinners."*

3) Therefore: "In the day," Adam & Eve died "positionally."

That is, they were dead in their sins, but not yet eternally separated from God. Because Jesus was promised and the Gospel applied in the Garden (2 Tim 1:8-10), the Lord was justified to give grace ... time and motive to repent, and be saved ... escaping imminent judgement (Heb 9:27, Thess 1:8-10) and passing out of death into life (John 5:24). All people are born separated from a Holy God, but His love for you through Jesus provided the one and only way to be saved from certain eternal damnation.

Fall Dynamics ... *"The Scarlet Thread of Redemption"*

1) God's Holiness

God is sinless, perfect and pure, with the "distinctive" that He is completely separated from any and all sin, big or small.

2) God's Justice

Fair consequence/punishment for the offense committed. The wages of sin is "death" (eternal separation from God) (Gen 2:15-17 / Rom 6:23a)
"Scrambled eggs illustration" (p119-120) ... this is how God see's our sin.

Man's Dilemma

God's Holiness cannot allow sinful man to come into His presence in Heaven.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23, 5:12 ... Jn 3:18, 8:24).

3) God's Grace

Before God gave consequences and banished Adam & Eve from the Garden (mandatory because **God is "Holy"**), He promised a Champion who would come, a **Redeemer** who would pay a price, and then destroy sin and Satan (Gen 3:15 / Heb 2:14 ... 1 John 3:8).

God then personally sacrificed animals to cover Adam & Eve's shame ... there was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood ... for the sake of man. A&E were then cast out of the garden and God's presence.

In light of the promised Redeemer and the substitutionary "**deaths**" of the animals, God was justified to give Adam & Eve another chance while the eternal death penalty for their sin loomed over-head. Unless they repented, the eternal death penalty would be exacted at physical death (Jn 3:18). "**Grace**" is introduced ... "unmerited time and motive to do the right thing" **Note: the redeeming elements of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ already applied in the Garden, because it was granted to us from all eternity** (2 Tim 1:8-10).

From that time forward, symbolic substitutionary animal sacrifices were continuously a part of the relationship between God and man. From Cain & Able to Noah to the substitute ram that God provided for Abraham, the Passover ... and then the "instituted" sacrificial system of the Israelites at the Tabernacle/Temple.

The animal sacrifices were temporary (one animal for one man, over and over again) until the promised Champion would come, who would be Jesus.

Jesus was the promised Redeemer, the "official" substitutionary death for all mankind ... past, present, and future. Symbolic animal sacrifices were no longer needed and the system was abolished ... AD70. Or, if you prefer, as Jesus died and the curtain to the Holy of Holies was split.

Logic tells us that one man could not substitute for all people of all time. That substitute had to be **infinite** and **eternal** ...
the only one who qualified was God Himself ... Jesus ... "God in a Bod."

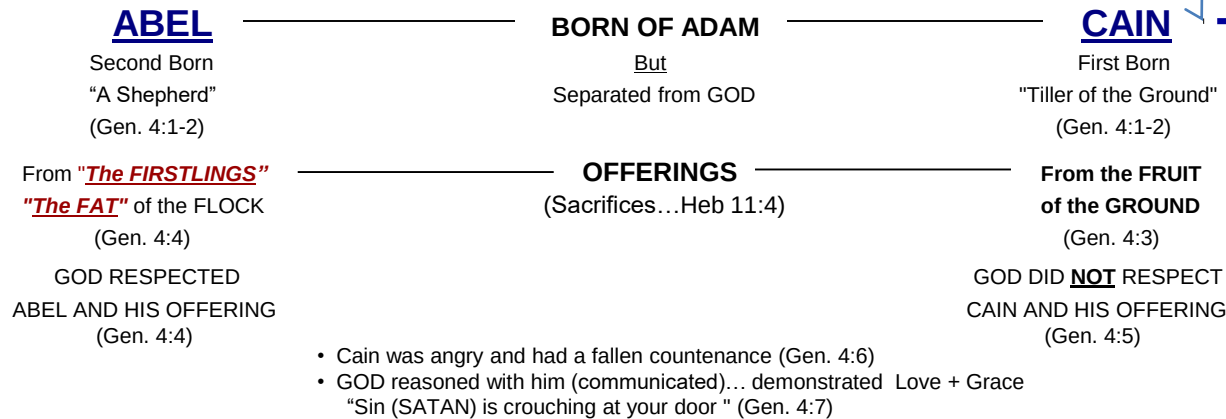
4) God's Mercy (Forgiveness)

Because God is the only "Savior" / "Redeemer" of the world (Isaiah 43:11,14 / 44:6,24 / 45:21 / 49:26 / 2 pet 1:1,11), who personally provided an appropriate substitute death for Adam & Eve and then ultimately for all mankind through His own incarnation as His Son Jesus ... He is therefore, **qualified and justified** to forgive sin and the pending death penalty ... for those who believe in Him (Gal 3:22 ... Heb 7:24-25).

Gen 1:1 ... John 1:1-3,14 ... Rom 5:8,18 ... Acts 10:43

GENESIS 4:1-15

THE WAY TO GOD



ADAM & EVE

- Cain would not agree with GOD.
- Cain resisted GOD's Love & Grace... did not Believe.
- Cain followed the pride of Satan.... killed Abel ! (Gen. 4:8)
- GOD gave Cain another chance (Love & Grace).... Cain lied again ! (Gen. 4:9)
- Cain rejected God's grace, GOD "cursed" (Judged) Cain (Gen. 4:10-15)

CAIN HAD THE SPIRIT OF SATAN (HIS SEED)

- A Liar and a Murderer (Gen. 4:8-9)
- He did not believe and want to obey GOD
- His offering (Sacrifice) was given with a wrong heart (Motive)
- It was man's way (i.e. Adam & Eve Ez. 33)

Ps. 51:17-19 **"The sacrifices of GOD are a broken and contrite heart, then He will be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness."**

ABEL GAVE "**The BEST**" OF THE FLOCK (Honoured GOD / A Right Heart / Motive)

- He believed GOD ... evidenced by doing things GOD's way: **The Scarlet Thread of Redemption.**
 Abel gave a "**blood**" sacrifice in accordance with the promise of the "Seed of the Woman" and the Lord's model of sacrifices.
- GOD accepted Abel (gave him mercy) because he believed. "He acted on what God had said"

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO BE ACCEPTED BY GOD

"BELIEVE"

BY GRACE - THROUGH FAITH - IS THE WAY TO GOD.

Salvation is the same in the OT & NT.
 God's grace and the saving power of the resurrection were granted to us from eternity past (2 Tim 1:8-10).
 "in the fullness of time" (Gal 4:4).
 "At the right time" (Rom 5:6).

Hebrews 11:4

offering = sacrifice?

“By faith Abel offered to God a better “sacrifice” than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.”

NOTE: in Genesis, Cain & Abel brought *“offerings.”*

In the NT, Heb 11:4 uses *“sacrifice.”*

Hebrew (OT): *“minha”* most often is a tribute, but can be a sacrifice.

Greek (NT): *“thusia”* is only a sacrifice.

Because Able believed, he brought the best offering, which was a sacrifice.

Abel brought the **“first,”** the **“fat”** of the flock ... the best!

Cain did not believe, it did not actually matter what offering he brought.

Cain brought something from the fruit of the ground.

Apparently nothing special ... consistent with his disregard for God.

Belief or Faith

Belief ... verb ... is translated over 90% of the time from “**pisteuo**” in the Greek NT.

Faith ... noun ... is translated over 90% of the time from “**pistis**” in the Greek NT.

- 1) Strong's Concordance lists **pisteuo** as #4100 and being derived from **pistis** #4102. Giving the same root to both words.
- 2) From the “**Theological Dictionary of the New Testament**” (pg 349) **Pistis** and **pisteuo** are grouped together with 7 other closely related Greek words:
pistis (faith) has the sense of a. confidence, certainty, trust b. trustworthiness c. guarantee or assurance in the sense of a pledge or oath with the two nuances of trustworthiness and proof.
pisteuo (believe) means “to trust” (also to obey), “to believe”, and in the passive “to enjoy confidence.”
- 3) The KJV translates **pistis**: assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity ... demonstrating that their Greek scholars equated belief and faith.

Webster's dictionary:

Believe 1) to accept as true or real 2) to credit with veracity 3) to expect or suppose

Also: 1) **to have faith esp: religious faith** 2) to have **faith** or confidence : trust 3) to have confidence in the truth, value, or existence of something.

Faith: 1) **Confident belief in the truth**, value, or trustworthiness of a person, idea, or thing 2) belief not based on logical proof or material evidence 3) loyalty to a person or thing 4) **belief** and trust in God, religious conviction 5) a system of religious **beliefs**.

Note: when Webster's defines **Faith**, it uses **belief** as a descriptor ... and when defining **Belief**, it uses **faith** as a descriptor.

Technically, belief and faith are not synonyms, but for all practical purposes, they can be interchangeable most of the time, specifically in the Bible depending on the grammar.

Context is the master of interpretation.

In many cases, **pistis** and **pisteuo** could be interchangeable with an adjustment to the verse ... ie: Heb 11:4

*“By **faith**, Abel offered a better sacrifice to God” That could be changed to: Abel **believed** and offered a better sacrifice to God and still be Biblically accurate in meaning.*

Faith is a noun, a thing ... belief is a verb, action. Hebrews 11 states many times: “by faith” _____ did thus and so ... the noun caused action.

Also, Biblically, both faith and belief are used in verses that are directly applied to salvation.

*Phrases like “**your faith has saved you**” (Lk 7:50, Eph 2:8-9) and “**believe and you will be saved**” (Mark 16:16, 1 Cor 1:21).*

“You believe that God is one. You do well, the demons also believe and shudder.”

In this case, the demonic “belief” in God drove them to action (shudder), just not to salvation, which theologically is not an option for demons.

Satan (and thus demons by association) has already been judged (John 16:11) Satan and demons cannot repent!!!

Just by virtue of the fact that faith and belief are a noun and a verb, says that there will be differences in the nuance of application, but both share the same basic/core meaning.

What is Biblical Faith / Belief ?

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” (Heb 11:6)

“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder”... action ! (James 2:19-20)

Note: demons cannot be saved ... nevertheless, they are obligated to obey God
Cain talked with God, but did not have faith ... did not obey/trust Him.

So, what is it ?

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (Heb 11:1)

“But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless?” (James 2:20 cntxt 14-26)

Noah... *“By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, **in reverence prepared an ark** for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.”* (Heb 11:7)

Abraham... *“Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;’ So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him.”* (Gen 12:1&4)

Belief / Faith is: “Acting on” what God has said! (unbelievers do not do this)

Faith has a double application:

1) To be saved, one needs to take action on God's promise of the Redeemer

(BC ... Gen 3:15, 4:1-15 / AD ... Rom 10:9-10)

2) To be blessed, one needs to obey what God says:

(Joshua 1:8, Ecc 12:13-14, Is 48:18, II Tim 2:15)

To the degree that one obeys (believes God), is a measure of your faith and is the degree to which one will be blessed ... eg: Abraham & Lot (Gen 12:1)

How do you know that you believe?

“By **faith** Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that **he was righteous**, God testifying about his gifts, and through **faith**, though he is dead, he still speaks.” (Heb 11:4)

For what does the Scripture say? “And Abraham **believed** God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. (Rom 4:3)

By “faith,” Abel was righteous ... Abraham “believed” and was righteous.

1 John 5:1-5

- 1) *Everyone who **believes** that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.*
- 2) ***This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.***
- 3) *This is love for God: **to obey His commands**. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world.*
- 4) *This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our **faith**.*
- 5) *Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who **believes** that Jesus is the Son of God.*

Belief/Faith = Obedience ... Heb 11:8-9

Jesus ... when baptized ... obeyed to fulfill all righteousness (Mat 3:15).

James ... “I will show you my faith by my works” (James 2:18).

1 John 3:10-12

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.”

God is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever

John 3:3-11 ... Nicodemus was confused about: being “*born-again*”

In v10, Jesus said:

*“are you not the teacher of Israel and you
do not understand these things?”*

***Even though Jesus’ words were new/different to Nicodemus,
the point was that the meaning was consistent with what the OT taught.***

The “Law of Moses,” the Temple and the sacrificial system confuses things for us today.

That system was abolished once and for all after the death burial and resurrection.

But, just as Abraham was declared righteous by God by his faith not works (the Law),

so was everyone else in the OT

Gen 15:6 ... Rom 4:1-6

Abel’s Faith made him righteous before the Lord ... Gen 4:4, Heb 11:4

Noah became righteous by Faith ... Heb 11:7

As did: Enoch, Sara, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel ... Heb 11.

Only the Children of Israel who “believed”
entered the promised-land ... Heb 3:18-19.

Trivia Question?

Will we see Adam & Eve in heaven???

The GENERATIONS OF CAIN & ABEL

ENOCH

IRAD

MEHUJAEI

METHUSHAEL

LEMECH

WENT THEIR OWN WAY NOT GOD's

Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother (1 John 3:12).

LIVED FOR THE WORLD NO REGARD FOR GOD

(Satan's domain)

(Like their father Cain)

ADAH

JABAL

JUBAL

TUBAL CAIN

NAAMAN

ZILLAH

POLYGAMY STARTS

MAN IS BORN SEPARATED FROM GOD.
GOD'S GRACE KEEPS HIM ALIVE.
GOD'S GRACE GIVES MAN TIME TO BELIEVE AND REPENT.
IF MAN DOES NOT BELIEVE,
HE WILL DIE SEPARATED FROM GOD

SETH – ENOSH – CAINAN – MAHALALEEL – JARED – ENOCH – METHUSELAH -- LAMECH

Satan tried to eliminate the righteous line by killing Abel.

GOD does not change and will do what He said.

"The REDEEMER" will come!

GOD raised up another **SEED** ... "SETH" (Gen. 4:25)

SETH was born in the Image of Adam (Gen. 5:3)

(The corrupted image of GOD)

Born separated from GOD

With Seth and his son

"Men began to call upon The NAME of The LORD."

(Gen. 4:26)

"WHOEVER CALLS UPON The NAME of The LORD WILL BE SAVED"

(Joel 2:32)

Better know His Name!

Evil breeds Evil

Exodus 20:5

***“for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children,
on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me”***

But

***“showing lovingkindness to thousands,
to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”***

Ex 20:6

Did Eve's sin affect women today ?

Did the sins of the parents pass-on to the third and the fourth generation?

In the Garden:

To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you shall bring forth children; and your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." (Gen 3:16)

"to Adam He said, because you have listened to the voice of your wife ... cursed is the ground..."

It was Adam's responsibility to keep his wife from danger, protect her.

Instead he went along with her ... whoops ... Adam became part of the problem!

Thousands of years later...Paul writes:

"But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression." (1 Tim 2:12-14)

So, did Eve's sin affect women today?... _____

How ?

- 1) Greater pain in childbirth***
- 2) Your desire shall be for your husband***
- 3) He will rule over you***

The explanations are on the next page 49

*“and your **“DESIRE”** shall be for your husband”*

Gen 3:16

Desire ... teshuwqah (#8669) ... only appears 3x's in the OT

Gen 3:16 / Gen 4:7 / SOS 7:10

Inference / Nuance

“I want my way with you”

“Context” determines what way that is:

SOS 7:10 ... sexual fulfillment (win-win)

Gen 4:7 ... to be victorious (one winner)

Gen 3:16 ... control (one over the other)

From the fall, the woman was given a propensity to **“control” her husband**

Extremes of Control ... *most women will be somewhere in between.*

- 1) Overt Domination ... I Kings 21:25 (the Jezebel spirit).
- 2) Passive ... maneuvers to be the focus and center of a man's life, his highest priority.

“And he shall rule over you.”

Rule ... *Mashal* ... also: oversight, govern, **master** (# 4910)

Remember: in a marriage, there should a **4 star/3 star General** relationship (p32+33).

Same correlation for Cain before he murdered Able ... Genesis 4:7

*"If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its **desire** is for you, but you must master it."*

THE FLOOD

Over time, men stopped calling upon **The NAME** of the LORD.

Man was going his OWN WAY in the world (Gen. 4:7).

Man had become thoroughly wicked.

(Gen. 6:5 / Rm. 1:18-32).

MAN CHOSE TO FOLLOW SATAN

GOD is Patient, Loving, and Gracious ... Communicated with man.

The Spirit of GOD warned man of judgment for 120 years (Gen. 6:3-7).

GOD loved man and wanted him to repent.

GOD does not change ... He will do what he said.

The wages for sin is death (eternal separation from GOD)

And **"The REDEEMER"** will come in spite of man.

NOAH

Noah, as everyone, was born separated from GOD

but found Grace in the sight of the LORD.

(Gen. 6:8)

Noah walked with GOD and "BELIEVED" what He said (Gen. 6:9).

(GOD Communicates with man)

It had never rained but Noah "BELIEVED."

(Gen. 2:5, 7:4, Heb.11:7)

GOD was Gracious and Merciful to Noah.

Noah and his family were selected to be the ongoing LINE of:

"The SEED of the Woman"

"The REDEEMER"

"The Scarlet of Redemption" continues.

THE NOAHIC COVENANT

Noah Greeted the New World
With **“CLEAN”** sacrifices to GOD
(Death and The Shedding of **Blood**)

(Gen. 8:20)

GOD MADE A COVENANT WITH NOAH AND CREATION
“NEVER TO DESTROY ALL LIFE WITH A FLOOD AGAIN.”

(Gen. 8:21 - 22)

“While the earth remains
Seedtime and harvest
And cold and heat
And winter and summer
And day and night
Shall not cease”

A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
MAN AND CREATURES WAS ESTABLISHED.

(Gen.9:1 - 4)

Creatures will fear man.

(Gen.9:2)

Creatures will be for food.

(Gen.9:3)

BUT

Do not eat flesh with its life in it:
Its **BLOOD!**

(Gen.9:4/Lev 17:11)

God established human government.

(Gen.9:5 - 6)

(Gen.9:16 - 17)

THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

THE RAINBOW

Leviticus 17:11

(Context – the whole of chapter 17)

*“For the life of the flesh is in the blood,
and I have given it to you on the altar to make
atonement for your souls;*

***“for it is the blood
by reason of the life
that makes atonement.”***

How do you think that the Israelites understood this statement?

Initiation of:

“Human Government”

Genesis 9:6

***“Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
for in the image of God He made man.”***

***“By man his blood shall be shed
Man is now given the responsibility of”
Capital Punishment.***

“For in the image of God He made man”
God is just ... and in His image,
man is to also exercise justice.

From this point on, we see the formation of
cities, boundaries, countries, etc...
With such order ... human government is natural

God communicates with man and tells him things that are not written...
like Cain and Abel bringing offerings to the Lord.

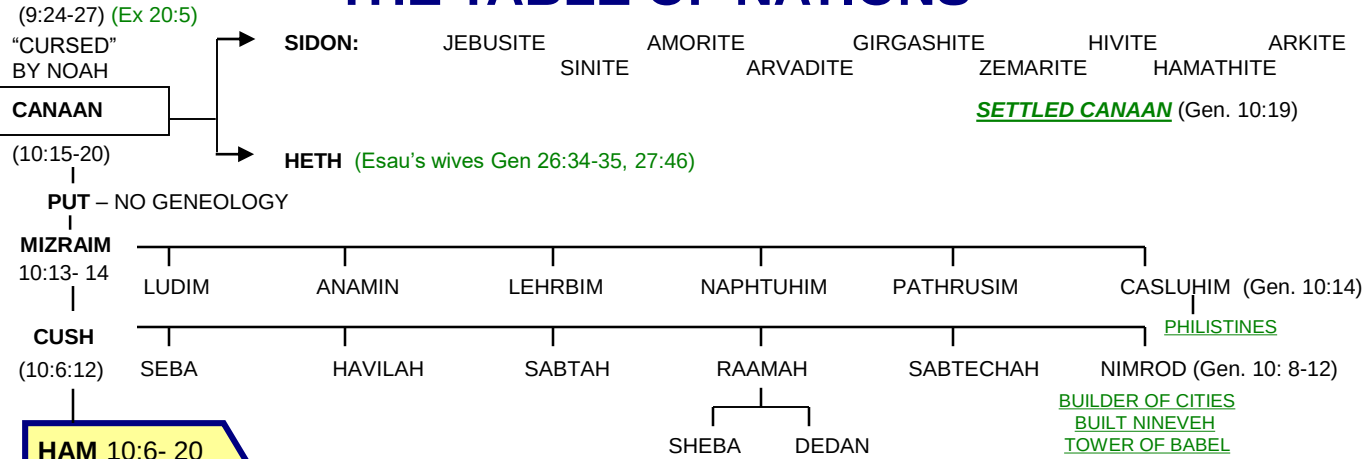
Is this exegesis or eisegesis?

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption ... Core Presentation:

- 1) After the disobedience of Adam & Eve in the Garden, the Lord promised the "Seed of the Woman." A champion who would come and destroy Satan and sin. With that promise, the Lord then personally sacrificed animals to clothe Adam & Eve. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood for the sake of man (Gen 3:14-21).
- 2) Cain and Abel brought their offerings/sacrifices to the Lord at a designated time (Gen 4:3). Abel and his sacrifice were accepted ... Cain and his sacrifice were not. It comes out that Cain had a black heart, didn't believe or want God. Belief is the prerequisite to an acceptable sacrifice (Psalms 51:17-19 ... Hebrews 11: 4). Also, Abel brought the first and best from his flock while Cain just brought produce (Gen 4:3-4). The accepted sacrifice was a blood sacrifice.
- 3) Noah was instructed to bring seven pairs of clean animals onto the ark. Right after landing on the mountains of Ararat, Noah was instructed to sacrifice the clean animals.
- 4) Abraham was instructed to sacrifice his son. At the moment he would have struck him and proved his faith, the Lord provided a substitute Ram, an appropriate blood sacrifice. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood.
- 5) Sacrificing certain animals to the Lord became part & parcel of having a relationship with God in the OT.
- 6) With the Exodus from Egypt, the Lord initiated the Passover, which became an annual event for all believers to participate in. The Passover had a very specific set of instructions to sacrifice a lamb every year to the Lord. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood ... as in the Garden.
- 7) The temple, the Law, and the sacrificial system were established as the center of Jewish society and included anyone of any nationality who believed in the God of Israel. *"The same law shall be for the native born and the stranger..."* (Ex 12:49)
- 8) The sacrificial system was maintained for 1500 years until Jesus came, the promised Champion to Adam & Eve. Just like God personally sacrificed animals for the sake of Adam & Eve ... Jesus, the Seed of the Woman revealed, would **PERSONALLY** sacrifice Himself for the sake of mankind on the cross. Jesus shed His own blood and became the ultimate substitutionary death that the animal sacrifices had been depicting since Adam & Eve (2 Tim 1:8-11). Since Jesus is the Lord, infinite and eternal, He is the only one qualified to die for all men of all time.
- 9) The sacrificial system was abolished in AD70 with the destruction of the Temple by the Romans.
- 10) The believers in the OT looked forward to the coming of the ***"Seed of the Woman,"*** we look back to His fulfillment in Jesus.

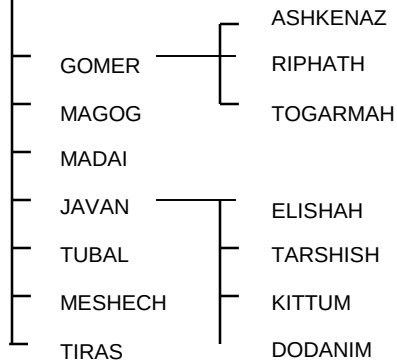
Reviewing this description/sequence and practicing it with someone will go a long way in preparing you to use it. Then, as you try it for real and encounter various questions, challenges, and glitches, you will ultimately "make it your own."

THE TABLE OF NATIONS



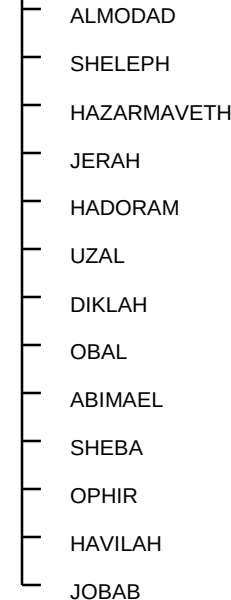
11:10-24 **SHEM** ----- **ARPHAXAD** - **SALAH** - **EBER** → **PELEG** - **REU** - **SERUG** - **NAHOR** - **TERAH**

JAPETH 10:1-5



"The coastland peoples
of the Gentiles"
Regions north of Israel
(Gen. 10:5)

JOKTAN (Gen. 10:21-31)



"Dwelling from Mesha
as you go toward Sephar
the mountain of the east"
"ARABIA" (Gen. 10:30)
Joktan is the Progenitor
of the Arab Race

Review 2

Primary Principles

Charts 4-9

- 1) Genesis 3 is coined as the “Fall of man.” It’s enormously central to the whole story line of the Bible.
 - A) This is where the Scarlet Thread of Redemption starts and it’s all about Jesus and His substitutionary death and the shedding of blood. Jesus was promised in the very beginning, He came in the middle and will come again at the end 😊
 - B) Genesis 3 is also enormously packed with foundational premises and principles.
 - a) Satan’s approach has not changed to this day. He uses a three pronged attack as stated in 1 John 2:14-15. That is, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life.
 - b) Just like himself, Satan wanted to be like God, he entices man to rebel against God too and be his own god.
 - c) The Fall of man produced three distinct world views that characterize major regions around the world.
Honor-Shame: the Middle East, Asia ... Guilt-Innocence: the West ... Power-Fear: Africa, Asia
 - d) Jesus is promised as the Seed of the Woman and the Gospel actually applied in the Garden (2 Tim 1:8-10).
 - e) Man is separated from God because God is Holy, but because Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection applied in the Garden, the Lord was then justified to give GRACE to A&E, which is “Time and motive to do the right thing,” which in this case was to come back to the Lord on His terms.
 - f) Before sending A&E out of the Garden (out of the Lord’s presence), the Lord sacrificed animals to cover A&E’s shame. This initiated a continuous practice of sacrificing certain animals to remind everyone of the promised Seed, “Jesus.”
 - g) Eve’s “desire” for Adam actually meant that she would have a bent to control him. This propensity would be passed on to following generations as per the 2nd commandment: the sins of the parents will be passed on to the 3rd + 4th generations. But, the cycle can be broken in Christ.
 - h) Man stays alive because of the grace of God, but the penalty of eternal separation from God in the lake of fire is still hanging over each. At the moment of death, those who have not made Jesus Lord of their life will go to the lake of fire.
- 2) With Cain & Able we learn that salvation is by grace through faith, just as it is today in the NT.
- 3) With Cain we see the first example of the sins of the parents being passed on to the next generations.
- 4) After Noah and the flood, the new world was different. Animals were good for food, human government started, and the “seasons” will never cease, so long as the earth remains.
- 5) With Ham, we see the second example of, “the sins of the parents will be passed on to the 3rd and 4th generation.

THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

GOD CONTINUED TO COMMUNICATE WITH MAN.
(No written word yet)

GOD CALLED ABRAHAM BY GRACE
(as He does everyone).

“COME OUT FROM YOUR COUNTRY
AND YOUR KINDRED
AND FROM YOUR FATHER’S HOUSE
TO A LAND I WILL SHOW YOU.”
(Gen. 12:1)

ABRAHAM

- 1) **I Will** make you a great nation (people).
- 2) **I Will** bless you and make your name great.
You shall be a blessing. (Gen. 12: 2)
- 3) **I Will** bless those who bless you. (Gen. 12:3)
- 4) **I Will** curse him who curses you. (Gen. 12:3)
- 5) **I Will** give this land to your descendants.
(Gen. 12:6-7 / 17:8)
- 6) **I Will** make you exceedingly fruitful. (Gen. 17:6)
- 7) **I Will** make nations of you. (Gen. 17:6)
Kings shall come from you. (Gen. 17:6)

8) **IN YOU, ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED**

(Gen. 12:3 / 22:18 ... **Galatians 3:8**)

“The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘All the nations will be blessed in you.’”

“BLESSED” TO ENDOW WITH POWER FOR SUCCESS

2070 BC

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

GOD MADE A ONE-WAY COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM.

(Gen. 15:1 – 21 / 17:7 / 22: 15 - 18)

THE “**HEIR**” WILL COME FROM YOUR LOINS.

(Gen. 15:4)

“YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE STRANGERS
IN A LAND THAT IS NOT THEIRS AND WILL BE
ENSLAVED AND THEY WILL AFFLICT THEM
FOUR HUNDRED YEARS”

(Gen.15:13)

GOD WILL JUDGE THAT NATION.
DESCENDANTS WILL COME OUT
WITH GREAT POSSESSIONS.

(Gen.15:14)

THE FOURTH GENERATION
WILL RETURN TO THE PROMISED LAND

AFTER THE INIQUITY
OF THE AMORITES
IS COMPLETED

(Gen.15:16)

ONLY GOD PASSED THROUGH THE SPLIT ANIMALS

“BY MYSELF I WILL DO THESE THINGS”

(Gen.15:17-18 / 22:15-18)

“The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.” (Romans 11:29)

ie: Both Abraham and Jacob were called to be in the line of Christ. Abe walked with God and was blessed all his life. Jacob did much in the flesh and struggled for most of his life.

THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

(Gen.17:9 - 14)

CIRCUMCISION

2050 BC

ABRAHAM'S FAITH

GOD GAVE ABRAHAM TWO SONS

ISHMAEL

(Gen. 16:1-16)
(Gen. 17:20, 21:8-21)

ISAAC

(Gen. 18:1-15)
(Gen. 21: 1-7)

ONE WAS BORN FROM THE "WAYS" OF MAN (Gen. 16:1-5)

ONE HAD A MIRACULOUS BIRTH (Gen. 17:15-19)

GOD BLESSED BOTH SONS

ISAAC FULFILLED ALL OF THE PROMISES

AND PROVED TO BE THE PROMISED ONE

(Gen. 17:15-21, 21:12)

GOD TOLD ABRAHAM TO SACRIFICE THE PROMISED SON.

(Gen. 22:1-2)

ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD

GOD WILL PROVIDE A **SUBSTITUTE** (Gen. 22:7-8)GOD PROVIDED A **LAMB** (Gen. 22:9-13)**ABRAHAM DEMONSTRATED GREAT FAITH (BELIEF)**

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE.... HE DOES WHAT HE SAYS!

THROUGH IT ALL ... "The SEED" (The REDEEMER) WILL COME !

2000 BC

ESAU

“HAIRY”
First Born

Man of the World
Sold his birthright for stew (Gen. 28:6-9)
Took Canaanite wives (Gen. 26:34-35)
Demonstrated no heart for GOD (Heb. 12:16)

(Gen. 25:19-28)

JACOB

“SUPPLANTER”
Second Born

Mild Man
Dwelt in tents (Civilized)
Charged of Isaac to take
a wife from Mesopotamia (Gen. 28:1-2)

JACOB SUPPLANTED ESAU.

(Gen. 25:29-34, 27:1-29)

ESAU WANTED TO KILL JACOB.

(Gen. 27:41)

JACOB ESCAPED TO MESOPOTAMIA.

(Gen. 28:50)

ISAAC

GOD SPOKE TO JACOB (Gen. 28:12-15)

I WILL GIVE YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS THIS LAND.I AM WITH YOU AND WILL KEEP YOU.I WILL BRING YOU BACK TO THIS LAND.I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU UNTIL I HAVE DONE WHAT I SAID.**“IN YOU AND IN YOUR SEED, ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED”****JACOB IS THE HEIR to: “The SEED” (The REDEEMER)**

JACOB BELIEVED GOD (Gen. 28:16-22, 32:9-12)

JACOB SOJOURNED IN MESOPOTAMIA (Gen. 29:1, 31:55)
HAD TROUBLE (DID THINGS HIS WAY).... RETURNED TO THE PROMISED LAND

GOD CHANGED JACOB’S NAME TO ISRAEL**“PRINCE OF GOD”**

(Gen. 32:22-32)

PRINCE —————→ ONE WHO IS SUBMITTED TO A KING

“Esau”

Gen 26:34-35

When Esau was forty years old he married Judith a Hittite,
and Basemath another Hittite; and they brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Gen 27:46

Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am tired of living because of the daughters of Heth;
if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of the land,
what good will my life be to me?"

Gen 28:1-3

Isaac blessed Jacob and charged him,
“You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.”
Go to Paddan-aram, the house of Bethuel, your mother's father;
Take a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

Gen 28:6-9

Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram,
to arrange for a wife from there,
So, Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac;
so Esau went to Ishmael, and married Mahalath.

“Jacob”

An example to follow?

He didn't do much of anything right (God's way)

He did much in the flesh...

Maneuvered Esau's birthright to himself via some stew.

With Rachael (mother), he deceived his father to get the blessing transferred to himself.

Fulfilled his call to birth the 12 sons/tribes of Israel with four wives.

Yet, God used him in a mighty way

A lesson for us,

*Do not judge one another because you don't know
how God might be using any one person for his purposes.*

“the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” Rom 11:29

*And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest;
for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'" Acts 23:5*

*Yet in the same manner these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority,
and revile angelic majesties. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and
argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment,
but said, "The Lord rebuke you." Jude 8-9*

1900 BC

JOSEPH

JOSEPH'S DREAM (Gen. 37:7-11)

- JACOB (ISRAEL) AND THE WHOLE FAMILY WOULD ONE DAY BOW DOWN TO HIM.
- JOSEPH'S BROTHERS HATED HIM.
- JOSEPH WAS SOLD INTO SLAVERY INTO EGYPT (Gen. 37:12-36).
- JOSEPH INTERPRETED DREAMS (FORETOLD THE COMING FAMINE).
- JOSEPH BECAME PRIME MINISTER (A BLESSING TO EGYPT Gen. 12:2).
- THE FAMINE CAME.
- ISRAEL AND HIS CHILDREN SOJOURNED TO EGYPT (Gen. 46:1-34).

REUBEN

SIMON

LEVI

The Prophecy to Abraham

"YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE STANGERS IN A LAND
THAT IS NOT THEIRS for FOUR HUNDRED YEARS".
(Gen. 15:13-16)

JACOB → JUDAH (Gen. 49:10)

PEREZ

HEZRON

DAN

NAPHTALI

GAD

ASHER

ISSACHAR

ZEBULON

JOSEPH

BENJAMIN

"The SEED" WAS ISOLATED AND PROTECTED

- **To multiply without war** (Ex. 1:7)
Protected by Egypt's military (Ex. 1:10-11)
- **Kept pure** ... by being shepherds, they were an abomination to the Egyptians (Gen. 46:33-34 / Ezra 9:1-2)
- **Ultimately, this will show GOD's greatness** (Ex. 9:16)

GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND OMNISCIENT.
GOD KNEW ABOUT THE COMING FAMINE AND MANUVERED PEOPLE.
HE DOES NOT CHANGE ... HIS PLANS WILL BE COMPLETED.

"BUT AS FOR YOU, YOU MEANT EVIL AGAINST ME
BUT GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD, IN ORDER TO BRING IT
ABOUT AS IT IS THIS DAY, TO SAVE MANY PEOPLE ALIVE."

(Gen. 45:5-7 / 50:20)

The Children of Israel were: **“Rebellious and Stiff-necked”** (KJV)

Deut 31:24-29 ... Ez 2:3-5 ... Acts 7:51

Why ?... From Abraham, there was a significant decline in character and reputation in just two generations down to Jacob.

Abraham was a great man and had high respect from most all in Canaan, but not without blemish ... ie: taking the promise of a son into their own hands (chp 16) ... telling the King of Gerar that Sarai was his sister (chp 20).

Many years later, **Isaac** repeated his father's cowardice and repeated the same lie for the same reason to the same people and the King in Gerar (chp 26) ... ***“the sins of the parents will be passed-on...”*** (**propensity**).

Actually, we do not know much about the life of Isaac ... what kind of a father was he ?

- 1) Gen 26 gives us a glimpse of a certain season of Isaac's life, but he had a lot more life than just Gen 26.
- 2) He loved Esau because he was fond of game (hunting/meat), but Esau was a godless man.
- 3) Esau took three wives ... two from Canaan and one from the descendants of Ishmael.
- 4) Esau became the nation of Edom, from where the Herod dynasty of Jesus' time came from and finally perished as a people by the end of the 1st century AD.

What about Jacob/Israel ?

- 1) His name means “deceiver,” because he was born second holding Esau's heel.
- 2) Jacob took advantage of Esau's famished condition to maneuver him into selling his birth-rite for a bowl of stew.
- 3) Jacob and Rebekah worked together to deceive Isaac into giving the blessing to Jacob.
- 4) Jacob is deceived by Laban and then deals to get Rachael too ... Polygamy !
- 5) The two wives later use their hand-maids to produce more children in a competitive way to gain the favor of Jacob, mandrake deal for Leah produces Issachar. The Hand maids are later referred to as “wives” (Gen 37:2).
- 6) The poplar trees to produce spotted and speckled live-stock.
- 7) The Dinah abuse by Schechem the Hivite ... Jacob does nothing, but Reuben and Levi do with great detriment (Gen 34).
The Jews are now feared, but not respected ! Gen 35:5
- 8) Jacob tolerated idols (Gen 35:1-4).

Jacob is **characterized** by **“deception and taking matters into his own hands”**... at least prior to his name change.

NOTE: the Lord made Himself known to Abraham & Isaac, to whom much is given, much is required. Luke 12:42-48 + Rom 2:17-24.
Abraham died: **“satisfied with life”** (Gen 25:8) Jacob said: **My days have been few and unpleasant** (Gen 47:8)

The 12 Sons of Israel ... what was their Character and Nature like ?

Gen 49:1-27 and other references.

Reuben (Leah) ... hated Joseph, adultery with Bilhah (Jacobs 3rd wife),

Jacob's declaration: “unstable as water,” Judges 5:15-16 Clans of Reuben are “stymied by irresolution.”

Simeon (Leah) ... hated Joseph, took matters into his own hands with Levi to get revenge for Dinah through deception.

Jacob's declaration: instruments of cruelty, no honor or counsel from Jacob, cursed for anger and cruelty. Scattered in Israel.

Levi (Leah) ... **same as Simeon** ☹

Judah (Leah) ... hates Joseph, departs from Israel, marries a Canaanite, has a wicked child (killed by God), child #2 dishonors Jacob and the widow, Tamar plays the harlot with Judah to trap him, Judah calls for her to be burned, then finds out the truth: Tamar was pregnant from Judah. The son is named Perez (a bastard), but enters the line of Christ (Mat 1:3, Luke 3:31).

Dan (Bilhah/Rachael) ... hated Joseph, **Jacob's declaration**: Dan shall be a serpent by the way, a viper by the path that bites. Dan means “Justice,” but turns out to be treacherous and an idolater.

Naphtali (Bilhah/Rachael) ... hates Joseph, **Jacob declares**: “a deer let loose, gives Godly words.”

Gad (Zilpah/Leah) ... hated Joseph, **Jacob declares**: will be attacked, but will triumph.”

Asher (Zilpah/Leah) ... hated Joseph, **Jacob declares**: “will produce rich bread and royal dainties.”

Issachar (Leah/mandrake deal) ... hated Joseph, **Jacob declared**: a strong donkey who bowed his shoulder became a band of slaves. History reveals that Issachar was forced to work for others.

Zebulun (Leah) ... hated Joseph, **Jacob declared**: shall dwell by the sea ... a haven for ships.

Joseph (Rachael) ... nothing but good for Joseph. He was a model of righteousness, maturity, and responsibility.

The only cause for concern, might be his marriage to the daughter of the Priest of “ON” (Gen 41:45).

Benjamin (Rachael) ... **Jacob declared**: “a ravenous wolf in the morning he will devour the prey ... at night he will divide the spoil.”

Note: through the years in Egypt and wilderness wanderings, the Israelites worshiped false gods as their fathers did (Josh 24:14-15).

“The sins of the parents will be passed-on to the third and fourth generation ...” (Ex 20:5 in the second commandment)

1450 BC

MOSES

STARTING WITH 70, GOD MULTIPLIED THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL TO EXCEED THE EGYPTIANS. (Ex. 1:1-7)

SATAN WORKED TO DESTROY THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND **"The SEED"**
(Gen. 3:15 / Ex1:8-22)

PHARAOH ORDERED TO ENSLAVE THEM. (Ex. 1:10-11)
PHARAOH ORDERED THE MASSACRE OF MALE NEWBORNS. (Ex. 1:22)

IN THE MIDST OF THE MASSACRE GOD RAISED UP MOSES. (Ex. 2:1-10)
TRAINED HIM IN PHARAOH'S COURT (Ex. 2:5-10)

MOSES TRIED TO HELP HIS OWN PEOPLE. (Ex. 2:11-15)
(MAN'S WAYS ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO GOD)

RAM**AMINADAB**

MOSES FLED FROM PHARAOH TO MIDIAN. (Ex. 2: 16-22)

MOSES MET GOD IN THE BURNING BUSH. (Ex. 3:1-10)

THE LORD SAID: **"I HAVE SURELY SEEN THE OPPRESSION
OF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE IN EGYPT"**. (Ex. 3:7)

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE **" I WILL "**... DO WHAT I SAID.
THE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM WILL INHERIT THE PROMISED LAND.

"I HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE EGYPTIANS" (Ex. 3:8).

"GOD" IS THE DELIVERER ... NOT MOSES.

1450 BC

“I AM”

MOSES SAID TO GOD

“INDEED, WHEN I COME TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
AND SAY TO THEM ... THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS HAS
SENT ME, THEY WILL SAY TO ME”.

WHAT IS HIS NAME?

GOD SAID TO MOSES ... I AM WHO I AM
THUS YOU WILL SAY TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

I AM HAS SENT ME TO YOU.”
(Ex. 3:13 – 14)

“MOREOVER, GOD SAID TO MOSES

THUS YOU WILL SAY TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
YHWH THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS
THE GOD OF ABRAHAM
THE GOD OF ISAAC
THE GOD OF JACOB
HAS SENT ME TO YOU.

THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER
AND

THIS IS MY MEMORIAL TO ALL GENERATIONS (Ex. 3:15)**“MEMORIAL”**

An Invocation ... an appeal to a higher power for assistance

“WHOEVER CALLS UPON
The NAME
OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED”.

THE LORD GOD

“I Am”

is only used 2x in the whole Bible in reference to **YHWH**

Exodus 3:14-15 ... John 8:58

This gives a solid only opportunity to connect **Jesus** to **YHWH**.

In fact, so that Jesus could say **“I am YHWH.”**

“before Abraham was, I am.”

John 8:58

Therefore, making true:

*“Everyone who calls upon the name of YHWH
will be saved”* whether in the OT or NT.

Gen 4:26 ... Joel 2:32 ... Rom 10:13

“I Am”

A prime root ... same as ***“he is”***... it is the verb ***“to be”***

“I Am that I Am”

God is stating that he is the cause of his own existence

The LXX translates it:

“I am He who is” or ***“I am He who exists”***

“I Am” is built into YHWH giving the root idea of the
“self-existent one”

YHWH also carries with it
“he causes to be” or ***“He creates”***

Context is the “Master” of Interpretation

Exodus 3:14

“And God said to Moses, ***“I AM WHO I AM”*** and He said,
thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ***I AM has sent me to you.***”

Exodus 3:15

“And God, furthermore, said to Moses, Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ***The LORD*** (YHWH),
the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.”

“I Am that I Am”

“ahyah illathy ahyah”

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ONLY ONE GOD!

MOSES BELIEVED GOD
Went back to Egypt (Ex. 4:20)

The children of Israel eventually believed,
Ultimately obeyed GOD (Ex. 12:28)

PHARAOH DID NOT BELIEVE.

Egyptians believed in many gods and worshiped Pharaoh
their king as a god.

"YHWH" will harden Pharaoh's heart
five times.

"Indeed, for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may
show my power in you and that

MY NAME may be declared in all the earth"
(Ex. 9:16)

GOD DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS:
"EL-SHADDAI".... "God ALMIGHTY"
(Ex. 7:14 – 12:29)

The ONLY TRUE GOD
(Is. 45:22-24)

" Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment " (Ex. 12:12)

• The Nile became blood (Ex. 7:20)	Hapi / Kunum	The god of the Nile
• Frogs covered the land (Ex 8:6).....	Heqet	The goddess with a frog's head
• Lice like the dust of the land (Ex. 8:17).....	Set	The god of the desert
• Swarms of flies (Ex. 8:21).....	Uatcht	The fly god
• Livestock is diseased (Ex. 9:6).....	Aris	The bull god
• Boils (Ex.9:11).....	Sekhmet	The goddess of disease
• Hail (Ex. 9:25).....	Nut	The sky goddess
• Locusts (Ex. 10:14).....	Osiris	The god of crops & fertility
• Darkness (Ex. 10:22).....	Re	The sun god
• Death of the firstborn male (Ex. 12:29).....	Min	The god of reproduction

MAN IS HELPLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF
Apart from The ONE TRUE GOD

“Pharaoh’s Hard Heart”

- 1) **Staff to a Snake** (Ex 7:13) ... Yet *Pharaoh's heart was hardened*, and he did not listen to them,
- 2) **Nile to Blood** (Ex 7:22) ... But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and *Pharaoh's heart was hardened*,
and he did not listen to them...
- 3) **Frogs** (Ex 8:15) ... But *when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart* and did not listen to them,
as the LORD had said.
- 4) **Lice** (Ex 8:19) ... Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." *But Pharaoh's heart was hardened*,
and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.
- 5) **Flies** (Ex 8:32) ... *But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also*, and he did not let the people go.
- 6) **Livestock Diseased** (Ex 9:7) ... And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead.
But *the heart of Pharaoh was hardened*, and he did not let the people go.
- 7) **Boils** (Ex 9:12) ... And *the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart*, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.
- 8) **Hail** (Ex 9:34, 10:1) ... But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned again and hardened
his heart, he and his servants ... *Then the LORD said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart* and the heart of his servants...
- 9) **Locust** (Ex 10:20) ... But *the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart*, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.
- 10) **Darkness** (Ex 10:27) ... But *the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart*, and he was not willing to let them go.
- Red Sea crossing** (Ex 14:4) ... Thus *I will harden Pharaoh's heart*, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh
and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.

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ONLY ONE WAY TO GOD!**THE DELIVERANCE OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**GOD GAVE SPECIFIC **ONE WAY** INSTRUCTIONS TO BE DELIVERED.**THOSE WHO BELIEVE WILL OBEY.** (Ex. 12:1-28 / 43:49/ Deut. 15:5 /16:1-8)

- **ON THE TENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH** (Ex. 12:2-3)
*bring **A LAMB** without blemish into each house (Ex. 12:5)*
- **ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY, SACRIFICE IT AT TWILIGHT.** (Ex. 12:6)
*Do Not Break Any of **The LAMB'S Bones**. (Ex. 12:46)*
*Sprinkle **The BLOOD** on your door posts. (Ex. 12: 7)*
- **A SOJOURNER WHO WANTS TO KEEP THE PASSOVER TO THE LORD...**
let him be circumcised (Ex. 12:48)
- **ONE LAW SHALL BE FOR THE NATIVE BORN AND THE STRANGER** (Ex 12:49)

ALL HOUSEHOLDS THAT WERE **NOT****"COVERED" in the BLOOD**

THE FIRSTBORN MALE DIED. (Ex.12:12, 29-30)

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE ... DEATH IS THE WAGE FOR SIN.

BUT...The LORD

"PASSED OVER"

ANY HOUSEHOLD IN EGYPT THAT WAS

"COVERED" by the BLOOD of the SACRIFICIAL LAMB.

(Ex. 12:13)

The SACRIFICIAL LAMB "SUBSTITUTED"

FOR THE FIRST BORN,

The LAMB'S DEATH AND SHED BLOOD "COVERED" ATONED FOR

THE SINS OF THOSE WHO BELIEVED.

THIS "FEAST" SHALL BE AN EVERLASTING MEMORIAL AND ORDINANCE. (Ex. 2:14)**WAS IT *The BLOOD of The LAMB* THAT SAVED THEM?**

“Jesus our Passover” (I Cor 5:7) ***Which day was Jesus really crucified?***

Original Passover (Exodus 12)

10th Day of Nissan ... bring a lamb into your house (v3) ... A lamb without blemish (v5)

14th Day ... Sacrifice the lamb at twilight (v6)

Put its Blood on the doorposts & lintel (v7)

Break none of its bones (v46)

Passion Week Facts:

There are some apparent discrepancies in the Gospel accounts of the timing of the crucifixion...

Good hermeneutics interprets the unclear in light of the clear (see John 12:1-12)

- 1) Jesus said He would be: in the heart of the earth for 3 days and 3 nights ... the ***“Sign of Jonah”*** (Mat 12:40).
- 2) The Resurrection occurred on the “first day of the week” ... counting back 3 days and 3 nights = Thursday.
- 3) No account of Thursday with a Friday crucifixion.
- 4) The Crucifixion occurred the day before the Sabbath (Mat, Mark, Luke) ... full stop !
But, John distinguishes that Sabbath as some sort of a special Sabbath ... what’s the distinction ?

*“The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath **for that Sabbath was a high day**, asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.”* (John 19:31)

- 5) As per definition of Lev 23:3, the regular weekly **Sabbath** could also be called a **Holy Convocation or an Assembly**.
*“For six days work may be done; but on **the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, a Holy Convocation...**”* (Lev 23:3)
- 6) Also, the first & seventh days of the Feast were Holy Convocations / Assemblies or Sabbaths (Lev 23:7-8 ... Ex 12:14-16)
- 7) The Feast of Unleavened Bread started the day after the Passover/crucifixion.
- 8) Therefore, that year, there were two Sabbaths in a row:
 - A) the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, followed by,
 - B) the regular Saturday Sabbath (Fri + Sat) ... affirming a Thursday crucifixion the best fit for the **total context**.

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THE EXODUS

WITH THE TENTH PLAGUE AND The PASSOVER,

The Children of Israel traveled across the desert to the Red Sea. (Ex. 31-14:2)

GOD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART FOR THE SIXTH TIME. (Ex. 14:4)

Pharaoh chased after the Israelites. (Ex. 14:9)

The children of Israel were trapped
just like man in general.

They were **HELPLESS TO SAVE THEMSELVES.**

ONLY GOD COULD SAVE THEM.

MOSES AND THE PEOPLE CALLED UPON THE LORD "YHWH." (Ex. 14:10 -16)

God opened the sea. (Ex. 14:21)

The Children of Israel passed through. (Ex. 14:22-31)

The Egyptians were drowned.

"I WILL CURSE THOSE WHO CURSE YOU" (Gen. 12:3)

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE ... HE DOES WHAT HE SAYS.

The Children of Israel will come out of Egypt in the fourth generation
and will come out with great possessions (Ex. 12:35-36 / Gen.15:14)

GOD lead The Children of Israel to Mount Sinai. (Ex. 19:1-2)

GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL

The children of Israel show much disbelief along the way.

(Ex. 14:10-14 / 15:24 / 16:1-4 / 17:1-3)

They did not deserve anything from GOD ... **BUT !**

GOD'S PROMISES AND COVENANT WERE WITH ABRAHAM.

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

Abraham's descendants will inherit the "promised land". (Gen. 17:8)

In Abraham, all the families of the earth will be blessed. (Gen. 12:3)

"The SEED" WILL COME!

NOT ANYONE NOR ANYTHING CAN STOP OR CHANGE GOD.

(SETH – NOAH – JACOB – JOSEPH – EGYPT)

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption ... Core Presentation:

- 1)** After the disobedience of Adam & Eve in the Garden, the Lord promised the "Seed of the Woman." A champion who would come and destroy Satan and sin. With that promise, the Lord then personally sacrificed animals to clothe Adam & Eve. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood for the sake of man (Gen 3:14-21).
- 2)** Cain and Abel brought their offerings/sacrifices to the Lord at a designated time (Gen 4:3). Abel and his sacrifice were accepted ... Cain and his sacrifice were not. It comes out that Cain had a black heart, didn't believe or want God. Belief is the prerequisite to an acceptable sacrifice (Psalms 51:17-19 ... Hebrews 11: 4). Also, Abel brought the first and best from his flock while Cain just brought produce (Gen 4:3-4). The accepted sacrifice was a blood sacrifice.
- 3)** Noah was instructed to bring seven pairs of clean animals onto the ark. Right after landing on the mountains of Ararat, Noah sacrificed some of the clean animals.
- 4)** Abraham was instructed to sacrifice his son. At the moment he would have struck him and proved his faith, the Lord provided a substitute Ram, an appropriate blood sacrifice. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood.
- 5)** Sacrificing certain animals to the Lord became part & parcel of having a relationship with God in the OT.
- 6)** With the Exodus from Egypt, the Lord initiated the Passover, which became an annual event for all believers to participate in. The Passover had a very specific set of instructions to sacrifice a lamb every year to the Lord. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood ... as in the Garden.
- 7)** The temple, the Law, and the sacrificial system were established as the center of Jewish society and included anyone of any nationality who believed in the God of Israel.
- 8)** The sacrificial system was maintained for 1500 years until Jesus came, the promised Champion to Adam & Eve. Just like God personally sacrificed animals for the sake of Adam & Eve ... Jesus, the Seed of the Woman revealed, would **PERSONALLY** sacrifice Himself for the sake of mankind on the cross. Jesus shed His own blood and became the ultimate substitutionary death that the animal sacrifices had been depicting since Adam & Eve. Since Jesus is the Lord, infinite and eternal, He is the only one qualified to die for all men of all time.
- 9)** The sacrificial system was abolished in AD70 with the destruction of the Temple by the Romans.
- 10)** As the believers in the OT looked forward to the coming of Messiah in Jesus, we look back to His fulfillment as the promised "Seed of the Woman."

**Reviewing this description/sequence and practicing it with someone will go a long way in preparing you to use it.
Then, as you try it for real and encounter various questions, challenges, and glitches, you will ultimately "make it your own."**

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THE MOSAIC COVENANT

GOD MADE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM. (Gen. 22:15 – 18)
 A Land, A people, **The Heir (The SEED / The REDEEMER)**
 (No promise about the nature of the people)

... KJV ...
 THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL were **REBELLIOUS** and **STIFF-NECKED**.
 (Ex. 32:9, 33:3+5, 34:9 / Deut. 31:24 - 29, / Ez. 2:3 - 5 / Acts 7:51)

NEVERTHELESS

GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WERE UPON THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL
 For GOD's own name-sake and the promises to Abraham
 (Ex. 32:9 – 14 / Ex. 34:8 – 9)

GOD MADE A SPECIAL COVENANT WITH THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

To be GOD's representatives to the world (Ex. 19:5 – 6)

"IF YOU WILL OBEY ... THEN I WILL BLESS YOU."

It's a **CONDITIONAL Covenant**. (Ex. 19:3 – 6 / 34:10)

The children of Israel agreed. (Ex. 19:7 – 8)

THE CORE OF THE AGREEMENT WERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS,
 GOD's standard for all men. (Ex. 20:1 – 17)

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| 1. You shall have no other gods before me | 6. You shall not murder |
| 2. You shall make no graven images | 7. No adultery |
| 3. You shall not use GOD's NAME in vain | 8. You shall not steal |
| 4. You shall keep the Sabbath | 9. You shall not lie |
| 5. You shall honor your father & mother | 10. You shall not covet |

THE COVENANT WAS RATIFIED BY A SACRIFICE AND **BLOOD**. (Ex. 24:1 – 8)

The key element ... **"IF YOU WILL OBEY"** (Deut. 11:26-28)

Those who believe will strive to obey.

"The SEED of the Woman"
 WILL COME WITH OR WITHOUT THE ISREALITES' OBEDIENCE

"IF YOU OBEY"

“The Law”

OT Strong’s # 8451 **torah** ... *“direction, instruction”*

Torah is used 190x in the OT

Versus only 17x for all other Hebrew words for Law

The word **tora** means basically “teaching” whether it is the wise man instructing his son or God instructing Israel. “Law” of God stands parallel to the word of the Lord to signify that law is the revelation of God’s will. In addition, the book of Deut itself shows that the **law has a broad meaning** to encompass history, regulations and their interpretation, and exhortations.”

(Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

NT Strong’s # 3551 **nomos** ...

“that which is assigned”... or... “that which is proper”

Nomos is used 192x in the NT (NASB)

Only 19 uses of all other Greek words for Law

“It applies very broadly to any norm, rule, custom, or tradition.”

“It normally denotes the Pentateuch, though it may comprise the OT as a whole.”

(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament)

“Law” in the Old & New Testaments can be any instruction from the Lord.

Context will help you determine if it’s the “law” of Moses or any instruction from the Lord.

Note: in the NT, some translations will use a capital **L** when they consider it to be referring to the Law of Moses vs general instruction.

“Law & Grace”

Grace has been part of God’s economy from the beginning ... *then came the “Law”, nevertheless:*
David and his men ate the *“sacred showbread”* and **it was OK!** (1 Kings 21, Mk 2:26)
In the same spirit, **Jesus plucked** and ate grain on the Sabbath (Mk 2:23-27)
Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for neglecting the “weightier” matters of the law ... justice, mercy and faith (Mt 23:23)

Jesus (under the law Himself) **boiled the “Law” down to two simple principles:**

1) love God more than anything and: **2)** love your neighbor as yourself

“On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” (Mat 22:36-40)

The law was a tutor to lead us to Christ (Gal 3:24) “for by the law is the knowledge of sin” (Rom 3:20)
The law is “holy” and good (Rom 7:12, 1 Tim 1:8, Heb 10:1) It will make one successful (Joshua 1:8)

Where is the balance ?

Legalism says, *“you must keep the law because it is the law !”* (letter of the law)

Break the law ... you pay regardless of the circumstances ... ie: **Rancher and the female bear**

Grace says, *“because I love you, I will help you keep the law.”* (spirit of the law)

1) Stop-sign rule ... IL drivers test **2) Paul at Airbus training** **3) Basketball shooting**

The difference is ... *Attitude ... Motive ... perspective*

It’s not Grace vs law ... **It’s grace working with the law** (Mat 23:23)

God is not obligated to give grace ... and sometimes does not!

Aaron and the Gold Calf ... Aaron’s sons “strange fire” ... Achin & Ai ... Ananias & Saphira

Rules of thumb:

The relationship is more important than the issue...***Ibrahim***

Fellowship / unity is more important than being right ... ***state your point, then drop it !***

Mercy triumphs over Justice (James 2:13) ... ***Grace leads to repentance and Mercy.***

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THE TABERNACLE

WITH THE LAW CAME THE KNOWLEDGE THAT MAN COULD NOT ACHIEVE
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

MAN IS HELPLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF ... He needs GOD's Grace and Mercy.

GOD TOLD THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TO MAKE A SPECIAL PLACE

"A Sanctuary" for GOD to dwell with them. (Ex. 25:8-9)

"The Glory of the Lord " filled that Place. (Ex. 40:34)

With the "SANCTUARY" was a special court yard and together they were
"The TABERNACLE"... in time The TABERNACLE became "The TEMPLE".

Included with the temple was a sacrificial system for the people to atone for their sins
and to make freewill offerings.

Those who "Believed" would participate in the Sacrificial System with a respectful heart.

CAIN + ABEL (Gen. 4:1-15) **SAUL** (I Sam. 15:22) **DAVID** (Ps. 51: 17-19)

The LAMB WAS THE PRIMARY ANIMAL OF SACRIFICE ... FROM THE BEGINNING !

For the sake of man / first - best / clean / substitute / shed blood / covered man's sin from judgment

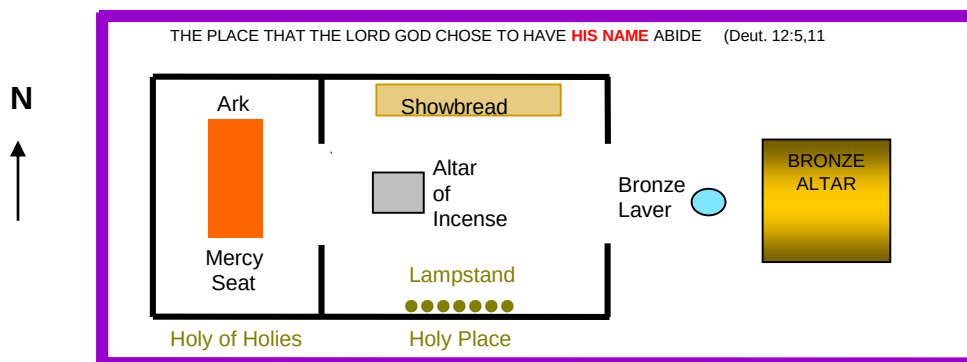
(Adam & Eve)

(Cain & Abel)

(Noah)

(Abraham)

(Passover)



THE TEMPLE WAS THE FOCAL POINT OF LIFE FOR THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

It also hosted a variety of festivals (celebrations), but the most significant of these were

"The PASSOVER" and "The DAY of ATONEMENT."

● RECONCILE

"ATONEMENT" **APPEASE**

● AMEND by a **SUBSTITUTE**

● COVER

“Atonement”

Atonement is to appease (reconcile, amend, cover) by a substitute.

Atonement is the Hebrew word “*kaphar*” or as is the modern Jewish holiday expresses it “*yom-kippur*” ... *The Day of Atonement*.

It most literally translates, day of the covering over. *Kaphar* is to cover over, to pacify, make propitiation.

It comes from the Hebrew word *kapher* : the price of life or ransom, which designates a mediator.

Kaphar then, combines the two in the Hebrew Scriptures to include the element of a mediator or a substitute ...

To satisfy the requirement by a substitute.

Review 3

Primary Principles

Charts 10-21

- 1) **The call of “Father” Abraham. The Lord selects Abraham out of the Ur of Chaldees, modern day Iraq, to be the beginning of the nation of Israel. The Seed will come through Abraham. Satan will now focus down on Abraham.**
 - A) The Lord made eight promises to Abraham in Gen 12&17.
 - a) The promises culminate with: *“In you, all the families of the earth will be blessed”* (Gen 12:3).
 - B) The Abrahamic Covenant has three distinct promises:
 - a) Your descendants will live and then be enslaved in a foreign land for 400yrs, which was Egypt. (we know that the enslavement did not start until after the Israelites grew to outnumber the Egyptians, Ex1:8-14)
 - b) The fourth generation will return to the promised land after the iniquity of the Amorites (Cannanites) is completed.
 - c) The Lord said: *“By Myself, I will do theses things”* (Gen 22:15-18). Abraham had no influence on the fulfillment.
- 2) **Abraham’s son Isaac gave birth to Esau & Jacob. Jacob is chosen to continue the lineage of the Seed of the Woman.**
 - A) Abraham walked with God *“and died in a ripe old age ... satisfied with life”* (Gen 25:8).
 - B) On the other hand, Jacob did not walk with God very well, doing many/most things his own way. At the age of 130, Jacob said: *“unpleasant have been the years of my life”* (Gen 47:9).
 - C) The promises to Abraham will be fulfilled! Jacob inherited that legacy and just like Abraham, the fulfillment would not depend on him. In their independent roles, Abraham walked with God and was blessed. Jacob did not walk well with the Lord and had nothing to show for it except delivering the twelve sons, but even that should have been done with one wife, not four. Jacob suffered in his life because of his unwillingness to do much the Lord’s way, but in spite of himself, the Lord accomplished everything He wanted to through Jacob.
- 3) **Judah was chosen to continue the line of Christ in spite of his short comings, but Joseph became a model and used of the Lord in a mighty way to establish the Israelites in a formidable way.**
 - A) Through Joseph, the Lord protected the Israelites to develop into a mighty nation of about 2.5 million people.
 - B) Perhaps the enslavement was the very thing that would cause the Israelites to want to leave Egypt. It worked!
- 4) **Moses is called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. In the process, YHWH Elohim introduces Himself to Moses and then to the Israelites as a whole.**
 - A) YHWH shows Himself to be the one and only “true” God against Pharaoh and the Egyptians.
 - a) Pharaoh is the last and final example that YHWH is Lord of Lords and King of Kings of all time.
 - B) **The Passover and then the official sacrificial system is introduced and set-up.** The temporary Law of Moses is established until the Seed of the Woman would come. Thereafter, no need of the sacrificial system, destroyed AD 70.

1444 BC

FAITH ! BLESSINGS or CONSEQUENCES ?**GOD LED THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL UP TO THE PROMISED LAND.**

(Num. 10:11 –12:16)

Twelve Spies were sent in for surveillance. (Num. 13:1-16)

The Land was flowing with milk & honey. (Num. 13:17-27)

BUT !**THE LAND HAD GIANTS AND STRONG CITIES.** (Num. 13:28-33)

Ten Spies were afraid to take the land – NO FAITH

(in spite of everything GOD had already done)

Two believed and trusted GOD to take the land:

JOSHUA and CALEB

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BELIEVED THE TEN ... NOT GOD (Num. 14:1-10) **The 80/20 rule !****GOD IS HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ... AND DOES NOT CHANGE.**

The penalty for sin (disbelief) is death.

ALL OF THE ISRAELITES HAD TO SUFFER CORPORATELY FOR THE DISBELIEF.

All those who disbelieved would die in the wilderness. (Num. 14:20-45)

CALEB and JOSHUA were saved ... and entered the Promised Land.**MAN'S EFFORTS (DEVICES) ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO GOD.**

In regret, the Children of Israel tried in vain to take the land.

It was too late! (Num. 14: 39-45)

THERE ARE ALWAYS CONSEQUENCES FOR DISBELIEF.

(ADAM and EVE / CAIN / HAM / JACOB / MOSES / AARON'S SONS)

MAN IS HELPLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF**MAN MUST HAVE FAITH (BELIEVE) TO BE ACCEPTED BY GOD.**

The next generation of Israelites believed ... and entered the Promised Land.

"The SEED" WILL COME

Obedience

Blessing & Protection

Disobedience

Consequences & Vulnerability to evil forces

Deut 11:26-28, 30:15-20

"I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity ..."

Ecc. 12:13-14

"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments ..."

Joshua 1:8

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall be careful to do according to all ..."

Isaiah 1:18-20

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord ..."

Isaiah 48:18

"If only you had paid attention to my commandments, then your well being would have been like a river ..."

II Tim 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God ... accurately handling the word of truth."

Isaiah 1:18-20

“Come now, and let us reason together, says the lord,

*Though your sins are as scarlet,
they will be as white as snow,*

*Though they are red like crimson,
they will be like wool.*

***If you consent and obey,
you will eat the fat of the land,***

***But ... if you refuse and rebel,
you will be devoured by the sword.”***

Truly, the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

1444 BC

1400 BC

LOOK UP

THE BOOK of NUMBERS COVERS THE EVENTS of THE WILDERNESS WANDERING

One significant event of that period was:

“ THE BRONZE SERPENT ”

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BEGAN COMPLAINING AND MUMURING AGAIN....

They spoke against GOD and Moses. (Num. 21: 4-5)

In Justice, GOD sent fiery serpents to kill the rebellious Israelites.

“REBELLION IS AS DIVINATION” (I Sam 15:23)

MAN IS HELPLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CONFESSED AND REPENTED.

Moses interceded for the people again. (Num. 21:7)

GOD IS MERCIFUL:

THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES

“Make a Fiery Serpent and set it up on a pole

And it shall be that everyone who is bitten, who looks at it, SHALL LIVE .”

(Num. 21:7)

“SO MOSES MADE A BRONZE SERPENT AND PUT IT ON A POLE.

And so it was ... if a serpent had bitten anyone,
when He looked at the Bronze Serpent ... HE LIVED.”

(Num. 21:8-9)

The point of looking-up at the Bronze Serpent was an act of: “Facing Your Sin” and Faith!

ONLY GOD’S WAY AND PROVISION WILL WORK.

THOSE WHO BELIEVED WOULD **“LOOK UP AND BE SAVED”**

(Joel 2:32 / Ps. 116:4)

DID THE BRONZE SERPENT HAVE POWER TO HEAL ?

The Children of Israel were burning incense to the “Bronze Thing” 800yrs later ... II Kings 18:4.

1400 BC

REMEMBER**ONE GOD, ONE WAY**

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM ... "YHWH"

Is Unique in **NAME** / Attributes / Oneness

Is perfectly Holy and Righteous ... He can not accept any sin.

MAN SINNED AND WAS SEPARATED FROM GOD.

All it took was one sin ... One act of disobedience ... One act of disbelief.

(Adam and Eve / Moses)

GOD IS JUST ... He will punish sin ... **THE WAGES FOR SIN IS DEATH.**

"The Law " exposes that man is incapable of meeting GOD's standards.

MAN IS HELPLESS TO SAVE HIMSELF !*SINFUL SEPARATED MAN, BEGETS SINFUL SEPARATED CHILDREN.**GOD LOVES SINFUL MAN ANYWAY AND WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.*THE PROMISED **REDEEMER** WILL FREE US FROM THE ROOT OF SIN → SATAN**GOD IS GRACIOUS ...**Giving man "*An undeserved withholding of judgment for a time*".In light of the coming **REDEEMER**, GOD's Justice (death for sin) is appeased by **The Substitute** death of an animal(i.e. **The Sacrificial System**)

This gives man time to believe and repent ...

GOD IS MERCIFUL ...

To men who "BELIEVE"

Men who believe are accepted by GOD ... eg. Abel

Belief = Acceptance → The Way to GOD

Men who believe ... will **strive** to obey

Belief produces obedience (evidence of true belief)

BUT

Obedience without belief is unacceptable ...

eg.: **Cain** (wrong sacrifice) ... **Moses** (killed the Egyptian)The object of belief (faith) is "**YHWH**" ... The GOD of Abrahamand ... "**Acting**" on what He has said !**"WHOEVER CALLS (Believes) UPON The NAME OF THE LORD ... WILL BE SAVED"** (Joel 2:32 / Ps. 116:4)

Remember the past... Accurately !

History gives us our identity.
It shapes and forms our focus
and direction for the future.

When history is altered,
incorrect or even incomplete,
it effects our identity
and
our world view.

“The Truth Project”

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption ... Core Presentation:

- 1) After the disobedience of Adam & Eve in the Garden, the Lord promised the "Seed of the Woman." A champion who would come and destroy Satan and sin. With that promise, the Lord then personally sacrificed animals to clothe Adam & Eve. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood for the sake of man (Gen 3:14-21).
- 2) Cain and Abel brought their offerings/sacrifices to the Lord at a designated time (Gen 4:3). Abel and his sacrifice were accepted ... Cain and his sacrifice were not. It comes out that Cain had a black heart, didn't believe or want God. Belief is the prerequisite to an acceptable sacrifice (Psalms 51:17-19 ... Hebrews 11: 4). Also, Abel brought the first and best from his flock while Cain just brought produce (Gen 4:3-4). The accepted sacrifice was a blood sacrifice.
- 3) Noah was instructed to bring seven pairs of clean animals onto the ark. Right after landing on the mountains of Ararat, Noah was instructed to sacrifice the clean animals.
- 4) Abraham was instructed to sacrifice his son. At the moment he would have struck him and proved his faith, the Lord provided a substitute Ram, an appropriate blood sacrifice. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood.
- 5) Sacrificing certain animals to the Lord became part & parcel of having a relationship with God in the OT.
- 6) With the Exodus from Egypt, the Lord initiated the Passover, which became an annual event for all believers to participate in. The Passover had a very specific set of instructions to sacrifice a lamb every year to the Lord. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood ... as in the Garden.
- 7) The temple, the Law, and the sacrificial system were established as the center of Jewish society and included anyone of any nationality who believed in the God of Israel. *"The same law shall be for the native born and the stranger..."* (Ex 12:49)
- 8) The sacrificial system was maintained for 1500 years until Jesus came, the promised Champion to Adam & Eve. Just like God personally sacrificed animals for the sake of Adam & Eve ... Jesus, the Seed of the Woman revealed, would **PERSONALLY** sacrifice Himself for the sake of mankind on the cross. Jesus shed His own blood and became the ultimate substitutionary death that the animal sacrifices had been depicting since Adam & Eve (2 Tim 1:8-11). Since Jesus is the Lord, infinite and eternal, He is the only one qualified to die for all men of all time.
- 9) The sacrificial system was abolished in AD70 with the destruction of the Temple by the Romans.
- 10) The believers in the OT looked forward to the coming of the **"Seed of the Woman,"** we look back to His fulfillment in Jesus.

Reviewing this description/sequence and practicing it with someone will go a long way in preparing you to use it. Then, as you try it for real and encounter various questions, challenges, and glitches, you will ultimately "make it your own."

1400 BC

JOSHUA**"YHWH is SALVATION"**

Joshua is the account of the conquering and the purging of the promised land.
(Gen. 12:6-7)

The iniquities of the Amorites were now complete. (Gen. 15:18)

Man is his brother's keeper even in matters of justice. The Israelites were GOD's executors of justice to the Amorites/Canaanites. (Gen.9:5-6)

1050BC

JUDGES**"To GOVERN and DELIVER"**

Judges demonstrates GOD's judgement on "BACK-SLIDING" and His Gracious Merciful nature to deliver and restore those who repent.

Left alone, man will fall away from GOD ... eg. the days of Noah.

By Grace through Faith GOD Saves Man (accepts man)

GOD Chastens His Own

(Pro. 3:11-12 / Heb. 12:5-7)

SALMON**BOAZ****OBED****JESSE**

(Mt. 1:5)

Both Ladies married into the line of Christ !

RAHAB

(Josh. 2: 1-21)

Rahab the harlot demonstrates GOD's love and impartial nature. Rahab the Gentile is accepted by GOD by believing.
(Repentance is Assumed)
(Josh. 2:8-11 / 6:22-23)

"WHOEVER calls upon **The NAME** of the Lord will be Saved " (Joel 2:32)

ACHAN & Ai (Josh. 6:18-19 / Chpt.7)
GOD is Holy and Sovereign and Just. GOD judged Achan's sin. Another example and standard are set.... as with Aaron's sons.

Rahab is a great example of being separated from sin as far as the east is from the west, by the honor of marrying into the line of Christ.

RUTH**"LADY FRIEND"**

A bright spot in the midst of a dark time.

God demonstrated again, His Impartiality.

Ruth, a Moabite, became the great-grandmother of David.

Simple belief (demonstrated by obedience) makes one acceptable to God.

ATTENTION! ... FEAR GOD !

Why did the Lord command:

the Children of Israel to annihilate the Canaanites ?
Every man, woman, child ... even the animals in Jericho?

Answer:

He gave them (the Canaanites) Grace ... time to repent,
since the time of Abraham, see the Abrahamic Cov. (Chart 11).

Other examples of people being given grace before judgment:

Adam & Eve (Chart 4)

Cain & Abel (Chart 5)

Noah/flood (Chart 7)

Jezabel in Rev 2:21 (context 20-23)

1000 BC

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

FULFILMENT OF THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

"Kings shall come from you." (Gen. 17:6)

DAVID WAS RAISED UP BY GOD TO ESTABLISH "THE KINGDOM".

Saul preceded David but was representative of the people's

Demand and choice ... UNACCEPTABLE!

(1Sam.8:1-22 / 12:13)

Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin. (1Sam.9:1-2)

DAVID was from the tribe of Judah. (1Sam. 16:11-13) ... The line of "The SEED".

(Gen. 49:10)

Anointed as King in his youth.

"THIS IS THE ONE" (1Sam. 16:11-13)

DAVID was favored of GOD, gifted and talented,

But, like all men, born a sinner. (Ps. 51:5)

DAVID'S LIFE was extraordinary, blessed of GOD,

But marred with sin ... ie: Bathsheba !

NEVERTHELESS ...

Not anyone nor anything can interfere with GOD's plan and promises.

"The SEED" will come ... and come through DAVID.

THE COVENANT (2Sam. 7:1-17)

A refinement of the promise to Abraham.

The Line of "The SEED" has come to DAVID and a "KINGDOM".

GOD told DAVID that he will make him a "House" (Dynasty).

"Your 'Dynasty' and your Kingdom will be established forever before you ...

YOUR THRONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER".

2Sam. 7:11-16 / Jer.33:19-21)

"The SEED" WILL ALSO BE A KING DESCENDED FROM DAVID.

"A THRONE FOREVER"

David ... a man after God's own heart.

David toward Saul when he had an opportunity to kill him:

"Now, my father, see! Indeed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you" (1 Sam 24:11,17)

Behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" (1 Sam 26:7-10)

David toward Saul upon his death:

"Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so also did all the men who were with him. Then David chanted with this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son," (2 Sam 1:11,17)

David toward Shimei:

Behold, my son who came out from me seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has told him. (2 Sam 16:11-12)

David toward his wicked son Absalom:

"And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Sam 18:33)

Malicious witnesses rise up; They ask me of things that I do not know. They repay me evil for good, To the bereavement of my soul. But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting; And my prayer kept returning to my bosom. I went about as though it were my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one who sorrows for a mother. (Ps 35:11-14)

970 BC

JOB

"DIVINE SUFFERING"

- Insights about God
- Activities and powers of Satan
- Suffering for righteousness sake
- God's high standard for faith & trust
- Accurate references to: Creation and Science (Job probably lived at the time of Abraham)

825 BC

PSALMS

"SONG OF PRAISE"

- A most popular book of the Bible
- Speaks to and from the heart through poetry on matters of Law (Instruction) – History – Praise – Supplication – Thanksgiving – **MESSIAH** - Nature (Creation)
- About half were written by David

JEROBOAM – NADAB – BAASHA – ELAH – ZIMRI – TIBNI – OMRI – AHAB – AHAZIAH – JORAM – JEHU

10 NORTHERN TRIBES– **"ISRAEL"**

DIVIDED KINGDOM

JUDAH & BENJAMIN = **"JUDAH"**

Rebelled against the
oppressive rule of Rehoboam
(1Kings 11:26 – 12:20)

SOLOMON – REHOBOM – ABIJAM – ASA – JEHOASHAPAT – JEHOASH – AHAZIAH – ATHALIAH – JOASH

PROVERBS

"BOOK OF WISDOM"

- "To know wisdom and instruction
 - To discern the words of understanding.
 - To receive instruction in wise behavior.
 - To give prudence to the naïve (simple)
 - To the youth, knowledge and discretion."
- (Prov. 1:1-4)

ECCLESIASTES

"THE MEANING OF LIFE"

- A perplexing book.
- Ecclesiastes is the meditation of Solomon in search of truth, reality & meaning.
- Apart from GOD, all is vanity (selfish and empty)
- **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**
"The conclusion of the whole matter..... Fear GOD and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man".

SONG OF SOL

"RIGHTEOUS ROMANCE"

- Sometimes taken as an allegory eg: GOD's Love for Israel
- Literally, it expresses GOD's endorsement and blessing on marital romance and intimacy.
- Physical intimacy by GOD's design is wholesome and pure.

“The Split Kingdom”

(I Kings 11:26 – 12:20)

“Jeroboam’s rise to power”

(a deduction from scripture and archeological bits)

- 1) Jeroboam had been placed in leadership by King Solomon
- 2) Jeroboam apparently bonded with the people he was over and may have protested against the King for more reasonable treatment
- 3) The prophet Ahijah (11:29-39) revealed to Jeroboam that he would become a King over a broken Israel
- 4) Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam (11:40)
- 5) Jeroboam fled to Egypt
- 6) Upon Solomon’s death, Jeroboam was called back to Israel by the people that he lead before to represent them in an appeal before the new King “Rehoboam” (Solomon’s son) (12:3)
- 7) Rehoboam chooses instead to increase the burden
- 8) The 10 tribes rebel and Jeroboam is made their King

***“For rebellion is as the sin of divination,
And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry.”***

(1 Sam15:23)

What does that say for the American Revolution ?

800 BC

GOD SPOKE THROUGH THE PROPHETS

600 BC

(ONE THIRD OF THE O.T.)

- To rebuke, to call to repentance and to warn of judgment to come.
 - To encourage with hope of restoration.
 - To encourage with the hope of the coming **REDEEMER "MESSIAH"** (Dan 9:26)
 - To foretell of numerous historical events (Pre-written History)
- Also to reveal facts of science and creation.

722

JEHOAHAZ – JEHOASH – JEROBOAM -- ZECHARIAH – SHALLUM – MENAHEM – PEKAHIAH – PEKAH -- HOSHEA

780

JONAH

770

AMOS

775

HOSEA

710

AMAZIAH - UZZIAH - JOTHAM - AHAZ - HEZEKIAH - MANASSEH - AMON - JOSIAH - JEHOAHAZ · JEHOIAKIM

840 - 830

OBADIAH

739 -685

ISAIAH (MESSIAH)

655 -625

NAHAM

734 -695

MICAH

630 -610

ZEPHANIAH

627 -580

JEREMIAH / LAM

615 -605

HABAKKUK

THE NEW COVENANT

- IS COMING -
(Jer. 31:31-34)

It will replace the Mosaic Covenant.
"The LAW" will be put in your hearts and minds.
Sin will be forgiven and remembered no more."

600 BC

400 BC

THE BABYLONIAN
CAPTIVITY

THE EXILE (605-585)

THE CAPTIVITY

70 Years (Jer. 25:8-11)
According to the
number of Sabbath
years neglected
(2 Chron. 36:15-21)

To rid Israel of
"IDOL WORSHIP"
(Ez. 16)

PROMISED RESTORATION

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE
OF HIS PEOPLE
"PRESERVATION"

THE TEMPLE

Is. 44:28
Jer. 29:10-14
Ezra 1:1-4

THE WALLS

Is. 44:28
Dan. 9:25
Neh. 2:11-18

JEHOIACHIN Gn. 49:10

Ez. 21:26-27

SHEALTIEL

ZERUBBABEL

DANIEL

HAGGAI

MALACHI

EZEKIEL

ZECHARIAH

JOEL

"The GLORY of the LORD"
left the Temple
(Ez. 10:18-19)
(Ex. 40:34)

"DANIEL"

70 Weeks (Dan. 9:20-27)
Foretelling of World Powers
PERSIA
GREECE
ROME
The Final World Power
The Abomination of Desolation
(Dan. 2:1-45 / 7:1 - 8:27)

Until “Shiloh” Comes ... Genesis 49:10

Jacob’s “death-bed” declaration to his fourth son Judah who presumably repented and gained favor:

*"The **“Scepter”** shall not depart from **Judah**, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
“until Shiloh comes,” and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."*

(Shiloh is used 33x in the OT ... 32x as a location 30mi north of Jerusalem where Joshua set-up the Tabernacle.
1x as the person in Gen 49:10, with no decisive meaning, but we can connect the dots to a clear conclusion)

King David’s Throne will be established forever ... Samuel 7:11-16 / Isaiah 9:6-7

*Your Dynasty and your **Kingdom** will be established **forever** before you ...*

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders;

*There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his **Kingdom**,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and **forevermore**.*

End of Earthly Kingdom years ... Ezekiel 21:25-27

“And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day has come,

in the time of the punishment of the end, thus says the Lord GOD,

Remove the turban, and take off the crown; this will be no more the same.

Exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high. A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I shall make it.

This also will be no more, until He comes (presumably Shiloh) whose right it is; and I shall give it to Him.”

The Triumphal entry ... Zechariah 9:9, Matt. 21:5

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!

*Behold, your **King** is coming to you (of the Tribe of Judah, direct descendant of David);*

He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey ...

Hebrews 1:8

*But of the Son He says, "Thy throne, O God, is **forever** and ever,*

*And the righteous **“Scepter”** is the scepter of His **Kingdom**.*

End of the “Earthly” Kingdom

Circa 600BC

Last King ... Jehoiachin

- 1)** Jehoicahin (19th King) was the very young son of Jehoiakim (18th King).
Rebelled against Babylon who had recently conquered Jerusalem and the land.
King Nebuchadnezzar removed him as king and took him to Babylon.
- 2)** Nebbi put Mattaniah in charge and renamed him Zedikiah...
who was the only surviving son of Josiah (16th King and last righteous one).
- 3)** Zedikiah (Mattaniah) also rebelled by breaking allegiance to Babylon.
- 4)** Zedikiah was taken to Nebbi who killed his sons in front of him and then
plucked-out his eyes...then took him to Babylon in chains where he would die.
- 5)** The last of the two tribes of Judah are taken into captivity in Babylon or dispersed.
- 6)** Jerusalem is destroyed and primarily Gentiles / Samaritans are left in the land.

400 BC

AD 30

NO WRITTEN REVELATION FROM GOD DURING THIS PERIOD

With Malachi, the canon of the OT was completed.

Israel had been cured of Idolatry.

Pharisees, Sadducees, Synagogues and Traditions Evolved.

THE WORLD WAS BEING PREPARED FOR " MESSIAH "

- Common language ... "GREEK"
- Traveling , Communication, Peace ... by the "ROMANS"
(roads) (mail system)

" The SEED " of the Woman – " The REDEEMER " - " MESSIAH "

Will conquer sin (Gen. 3:15) "THE SERPENT"

- There must be death (the Wage for Sin).
- There must be the shedding of **BLOOD** (the Atonement for Sin).
- There must be a calling upon **The NAME** of the Lord (BELIEF / FAITH).

ABIUD

ELIAKIM

AZOR

"The SEED" ... "The REDEEMER" ... "MESSIAH" ... "THE HOPE OF ISRAEL"

"Behold, **I** send my messenger and he will
Prepare the way before **ME**.
And **The LORD** whom you seek
Will suddenly come to His temple.
Even the messenger of the covenant
In whom you desire
Behold, **HE** is coming
Says "The LORD of HOSTS" (Mal 3:1)

ISRAEL WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE COMING OF THEIR...



Simeon (Luke 2:25-35) **Anna** (Luke 2:36-38) **John the Baptist** (Luke 3:1-6)
The Woman at the well (John 4:25)

THE PROPHETS TOLD THEM WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND EXPECT

“The SEED” “The REDEEMER” ... Will Be A King From David ... Will Be Stronger Than Satan ... And ...

REDEEMER -SAVIOR-	UNIQUE SON	KING	MESSIAH	RIGHTEOUS BRANCH	PRIEST	THE SERVANT	KILLED FOR US	JUDGE	PROPHET	CREATOR	HOLY ONE - GOD -
									Deut. 18:15-18		
	Ps. 2:1-12	Ps. 2:1-12	Ps. 2:1-12								
					Ps. 110:1-7			Ps. 110:1-7			Ps. 110:1-7
	Is. 7:14										Is. 7:14
	Is. 9:6-7	Is. 9:6-7						Is. 9:6-7			Is. 9:6-7
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Jer. 23:5-8		Jer. 23:5-8		Jer. 23:5-8				Jer. 23:5-8			
			Dan. 9:24-27				Dan. 9:24-27				
	Micah 5:2	Micah 5:2									Micah 5:2
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				Zech. 3:8-9		Zech. 3:8-9					
		Zech. 6:11-13		Zech. 6:11-13	Zech. 6:11-13						
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Some, Key Prophecies of Messiah

- 1) **Gen 3:15** Promise of the ... **"Seed of the Woman"**... right from the very beginning
 Will be stronger than Satan ... the only one who qualifies is God **Jesus** (John 10:30)
 Will be a Redeemer ... must pay a price **Jesus** (1 Tim 2:3-6)

- 2) **Psalms 2** The Anointed One / A King / A Begotten Son...who are they ?
 God's Anointed One (Messiah) v2 (only 2x in OT + Dan 9:26)..... **Jesus** (Mat 26:63-64)
 A King in Zion (Jerusalem) v6 ... (Lk 1:31-33 / Jn 18:37) **Jesus** (Rom 11:26)
 Begotten (born) Son v7 **Jesus** (John 3:16-18)
 A Son who will rule the nations with a "Rod of Iron" v7-9 **Jesus** (Rev 19:15)
 "Kiss the Son" ...give homage (bow down) to Him v12 **Jesus** (Phil 2:9-11)
 Blessed are those who put their trust in Him" v12 (Gen 12:3) **Jesus** (Acts 3:25-26)

- 3) **Psalms 110:1** (A Psalm of David) *The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."*
Acts 2:34-36 *"For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet. "' "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ ... this Jesus whom you crucified."*

- 4) **Isaiah 7:14** A Son will be born of a virgin ... who will be called "Emmanuel"... God with us (Mt 1:23)

- 5) **Isaiah 9:6-7** *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness. From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.*

- 6) **Isaiah 40:3** *A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD (YHWH) in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.*
Malachi 3:1 *"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.*
Mark 1: 2-3 *As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way; The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight.' " ... **Jesus***

- 7) **Isaiah 53** A description of the Crucifixion over 600 yrs before it happened ... and why
v5) *But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.*
v 6) *All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.*

- 8) **Daniel 9:26** *"The 70 Weeks of Daniel" ... from the issuing of a decree to rebuild the Temple (King Cyrus 444BC - Ezra 1:1-4). After the 69th wk (483yrs) "Messiah will be "cut off" (killed)... "but not for Himself" "Then Jerusalem will be destroyed" ...fulfilled by the Roman Army in AD 70.*

- 9) **Micah 5:2** From Bethlehem will come...
 The One who is to be ruler of Israel (Mat 2:5-8) **Jesus** (John 12:13)
 Whose goings forth have been from everlasting **Jesus** (Heb 1:1-12)

PROPHECY FULFILLED

"In The Fullness of time" (Gal: 4:4)

JESUS said "You search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life. These are they which testify of **ME**. (Jn. 5:39)

JESUS said "Do not think that I came to destroy the law and the prophets, I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." (Mt. 5:17)

OF ALL THE PROPHECIES CONCERNING "MESSIAH" TWO ARE MOST STRIKING:

1. THE EQUALITY OF **MESSIAH** TO GOD
 - The Pharisees knew it. (Mt. 26:63-64)
 - **JESUS said** he was. (Jn. 10:30-33 / 14:7-11 / 17:1-5)
2. VIVID DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CRUCIFIXION INCLUDING THE TIME.
(Ps. 22:1-18 / Isaiah 53:1-12 / Dan. 9:26)

JOSEPH & MARY

"JESUS THE CHRIST"

- JESUS -
"YHWH is Salvation"
(JOSHUA)

Upon seeing Jesus, John the Baptist said:

"Behold **The LAMB of GOD**

Who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn. 1:29)

"Look up and be saved" (Num. 21: 9 / Jn. 3: 14 – 15)

"For as in Adam all die, even so in **CHRIST** all shall be made alive" (1 Cor. 15:22).

"Through death He destroyed him who had power of death, that is, the devil" (Heb 2:14)

"Indeed, **CHRIST** our **PASSOVER** was **CRUCIFIED** for us" (1 Cor. 5:7).

The EPITOMY of HUMILITY

After the crucifixion... Jesus said:

"Oh foolish ones and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken.

Ought not the **CHRIST** to have suffered these things And to enter into **HIS** Glory ?

Beginning at Moses and all of the prophets **HE** expounded to them in all of the scriptures the things concerning **HIMSELF**" (Lk. 24:25-27)

JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE FINAL PROMISE TO ABRAHAM...

"IN YOUR SEED ALL THE NATIONS (Families) OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED".

"GOD, having raised up HIS Servant **JESUS**, sent **HIM** to **BLESS** you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

(Gen.12:3 / 22:18...Acts 3:25-26)

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption ... Core Presentation:

- 1) After the disobedience of Adam & Eve in the Garden, the Lord promised the "Seed of the Woman." A champion who would come and destroy Satan and sin. With that promise, the Lord then personally sacrificed animals to clothe Adam & Eve. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood for the sake of man (Gen 3:14-21).
- 2) Cain and Abel brought their offerings/sacrifices to the Lord at a designated time (Gen 4:3). Abel and his sacrifice were accepted ... Cain and his sacrifice were not. It comes out that Cain had a black heart, didn't believe or want God. Belief is the prerequisite to an acceptable sacrifice (Psalms 51:17-19 ... Hebrews 11: 4). Also, Abel brought the first and best from his flock while Cain just brought produce (Gen 4:3-4). The accepted sacrifice was a blood sacrifice.
- 3) Noah was instructed to bring seven pairs of clean animals onto the ark. Right after landing on the mountains of Ararat, Noah was instructed to sacrifice the clean animals.
- 4) Abraham was instructed to sacrifice his son. At the moment he would have struck him and proved his faith, the Lord provided a substitute Ram, an appropriate blood sacrifice. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood.
- 5) Sacrificing certain animals to the Lord became part & parcel of having a relationship with God in the OT.
- 6) With the Exodus from Egypt, the Lord initiated the Passover, which became an annual event for all believers to participate in. The Passover had a very specific set of instructions to sacrifice a lamb every year to the Lord. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood ... as in the Garden.
- 7) The temple, the Law, and the sacrificial system were established as the center of Jewish society and included anyone of any nationality who believed in the God of Israel. *"The same law shall be for the native born and the stranger..."* (Ex 12:49)
- 8) The sacrificial system was maintained for 1500 years until Jesus came, the promised Champion to Adam & Eve. Just like God personally sacrificed animals for the sake of Adam & Eve ... Jesus, the Seed of the Woman revealed, would **PERSONALLY** sacrifice Himself for the sake of mankind on the cross. Jesus shed His own blood and became the ultimate substitutionary death that the animal sacrifices had been depicting since Adam & Eve (2 Tim 1:8-11). Since Jesus is the Lord, infinite and eternal, He is the only one qualified to die for all men of all time.
- 9) The sacrificial system was abolished in AD70 with the destruction of the Temple by the Romans.
- 10) The believers in the OT looked forward to the coming of the ***"Seed of the Woman,"*** we look back to His fulfillment in Jesus.

Reviewing this description/sequence and practicing it with someone will go a long way in preparing you to use it. Then, as you try it for real and encounter various questions, challenges, and glitches, you will ultimately "make it your own."

Israel was to declare “The Name of the Lord” to all the earth

Exodus 19:5-6

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a Kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

I Chronicles 16:23-31

v23: Sing to the LORD (YHWH), all the earth; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.

v24: Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.

v31: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

Psalms 67:1-7

God be gracious to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us. That Thy way may be known on the earth,
Thy salvation among all nations. Let all the peoples praise Thee. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
For Thou wilt judge the peoples with uprightness, And guide the nations on the earth. Let all the peoples praise Thee.
God blesses us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him. (OT example ... Jonah to Nineveh)

Acts 2:5-11

v5: Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

v9: "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

v10: Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes.

Romans 9-11

The nation of Israel lost its position as the representative/ambassador for YHWH-Elohim the Gentiles were grafted-in and given the charge

I Peter 2:8-9 (from Ex 19:5-6 and Rom 3:2)

Messiah became "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense" to Israel for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word,

"But you (Gentiles) are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

"But, you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses
both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

“A Prophet Like Moses”

1) The Prophet would be a Hebrew / Israelite

(Deut 18:15)

2) The Prophet would be a mediator between God and the people

(Deut 18:16-17)

3) The Prophet will speak what God tells him, and in the Lord’s name

(Deut 18:18-20)

4) The Prophet would be known by God, “Face to Face”

(Deut 34:10)

5) The Prophet will do signs and wonders, as Moses did in Egypt

(Deut 34:11)

6) The Prophet will be accompanied by mighty power and great terror

(Deut 34:12)

“A Prophet Like Moses”

1/6

The Prophet would be a Hebrew / Israelite

(Deut 18:15...context chp 17 & 18)

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from midst, from your Brethren, you shall listen to him.”

(Deut 18:15)

Key Words

"**Brethren**"..."ach"...universal

"from your **Midst**"..."qereb"...inside, inward, heart

“A Prophet Like Moses”

2/6

The Prophet would be a mediator between God and the people

(Deut 18:16-17)

“Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen;
but let not God speak to us, lest we die."

(Exodus 20:18-21)

Jesus is called:

“the one mediator between God and man”

(1 Tim 2:5 / John 17)

“A Prophet Like Moses”

3/6

The Prophet will speak what God tells him, and in the Lord's Name.

(Deut 18:18-20)

Moses most clearly spoke in the Lord's name...“YHWH”

Jesus said:

“I have declared to them Your Name”

(John 17:26)

Jesus often quoted verses from the Hebrew scriptures,
which included **YHWH**

(i.e. Deut 6... in Mat 4:1-11, 22:34-40)

“A Prophet Like Moses”

4/6

The Prophet would be known by God, “Face to Face”

(Deut 34:10)

Face = *panim* ... inner characteristics and presence
panim in reference to God almost always means:
“in His presence”

Jesus said:

The world has not known you, but I know (*ginosko*) you

(John 17:25)

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament

“it’s ordinary use is for intelligent comprehension (to perceive, to understand, to know), at first with a stress on the act ... this act embraces every organ and mode of knowledge, e.g. by seeing, hearing, investigation or experience of people as well as things. Supremely, however, *ginosko* implies verification by the eye: hence the dominant concept is that of knowledge by objective observation.”

“A Prophet Like Moses”

5/6

The Prophet will do signs and wonders, as Moses did in Egypt

(Deut 34:11)

Acts 2:22

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene,
a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs,
which God performed through Him in your midst,
just as you yourselves know"

“A Prophet Like Moses”

6/6

The Prophet will be accompanied by mighty **power** and great **terror**

(Deut 34:12)

Power went out from **Jesus** (Luke 8:46)

and evidenced in all of His miracles such as:

At the Crucifixion: Darkness covered the whole earth

The Temple Veil was rent in two.....The Earth Quaked

Rocks were split.....Graves were opened.

At the Resurrection: another great earthquake occurred.

Terror (fear) accompanied **Jesus**

Mat 17:6, 27:54, 28:8.....**Luke** 7:16, 8;25, 8:37, 24:36-37,

John 19:8.....**Acts** 9:6.....**II Cor** 5:10-11

“Lord Jesus Christ”

Jesus is God ... did “GOD” die on the cross???

God is Spirit (John 4:24) and omnipresent in the whole universe at the same time, yet:

He has manifested Himself as a man on occasion throughout history while remaining omnipresent in the Universe.

To Adam & eve in the Garden (Gen 3:8) ... To Hagar (Gen 16:7-13) ... To Abraham (Gen 18:1-8 ff 33)

To Jacob (Gen 32:22-30) ... To Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15) ... To the parents of Samson (Judges 13:1-22)

To the Apostle John (Revelation 1)

Also, God presented Himself to Moses in the form of a burning bush (Exodus 3)

What was God letting these people see of Himself ? Certainly not His true form.

Examine the "Theophany" in Gen 18... **YHWH** appeared to Abraham along with two angels.

Did Abraham actually "see God," in His pure form ... no, no, no! but, it was God (YHWH).

Hagar said in Gen 16:13

*Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "Thou art a God who sees;" for she said,
"Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?"*

II Cor 5:19, “**God was in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself”

Actually, the manifestation of God in a human body is a mystery, the scholars call it "hypostatic union."

Manifestations of God cannot be fully explained any more than God can be fully explained.

The Lord ... His Deity

Jesus ... His Humanity

Christ (Messiah) ... His Mission

Philippians 2:5-8

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

“JESUS”

Who is He?

Genesis 1:1 ... *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

And in the NT ... *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.” (John 1:1-3,14)

“And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, beheld by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.” (1 Tim 3:16)

Also see Col 1:15-20

John & Hebrews are excellent sources to convey the “Uniqueness” and “Deity” of Jesus.

How could Jesus be God ? Why would God become a man ? How do you know it’s true ?

- 1) *“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”* (Rom 8:16).
- 2) *“Wisdom is vindicated by all her children”* (Luke 7:35).

Changed Lives!

Answered prayer!

Healings! Miracles!

100% Fulfilled Prophecy!

“Begotten”

Old Testament (Hebrew) **“yalad”** Strong’s #3205

From the **“Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament”** (Moody Press 1980)

*“In its narrowest sense **yalad** describes the act of a woman giving birth to a child, but it is sometimes used of the father’s part in becoming a parent.”*

“Although predominately used of human beings it is occasionally used of animals.”

Used 478x’s ... 1x in reference to the coming King and Messiah (Ps 2:7)

“become the father of” (145x’s) ... **“bore”** (85x’s) ... **“born”** (76x’s) ... **“give birth”** (13x’s) ... **“childbirth”** (10x’s)

New Testament (Greek) **“gennao”** Strong’s #1080

From the **“Theological Dictionary of the New Testament”** (Eerdmans 1985)

*“In the LXX and NT, as well as Greek in general, **gennao** means ‘to beget’ (father) or ‘to bear’ (mother). It also has applications to new birth by conversion and generation by the deity.*

Used 84x’s ... 5 applications to Jesus (Acts 13:33 / Heb 1:5, 5:5, 11:7 / 1 John 4:9)

Translated **“born”** 59x’s out of 84

“monogenes” Strong’s #3439

From the Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Eerdmans 1985)

*“In compounds with genes, adverbs describe the nature rather than the source of derivation. Hence **monogenes** is used for the only child. More generally it means ‘unique’ or ‘incomparable.’”*

Used 9x’s in the NT ... for Jesus 4x’s, all in the Gospel of John (1:14+18 / 3:16+18)

Translated **“only”** or **“only begotten”**

THE WAY TO GOD

JESUS Said: "I am the way and the truth and the life,
no one comes to the Father but by **ME**." (Jn. 14:6)

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of **GOD**." (Rm. 3:23)

"The wages of sin is death." (Rm. 6:23a)

"But the free gift of **GOD** is eternal life in **CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD**." (Rm. 6:23b)

"For **GOD** so loved the world that he gave his **ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** that whoever
believes in **HIM** should not perish but have eternal life." (Jn. 3:16)

JESUS at the LAST SUPPER

(Mt. 26:26-28 / Mk.14:22-26 / Lk. 22:19-20 / 1 Cor.11:23-26)

JESUS took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to the apostles:

"This is **MY BODY** which is broken for you."

(The Payment for Sin)

Likewise he took the cup:

"This cup is The NEW COVENANT in **MY BLOOD** which is shed for you."

(The atonement for sin)

(Jer. 31:31-34)

The NEW COVENANT

"For by grace you have been saved, through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of **GOD**, not of
works lest anyone should boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

JESUS said: " Believe that **I am He**.... Or you will die in your sins."(Jn. 8:24)

"Of **HIM** all the prophets bear witness that through **HIS NAME** everyone who believes
receives forgiveness of sins." (Acts 10:43)

"If you confess with your mouth **JESUS AS LORD** and believe in your heart that **GOD**
raised **HIM** from the dead, you shall be saved." (Rm. 10:8)

"For whoever calls upon The **NAME of The LORD** will be saved." (Joel 2:32 / Rm. 10:13)

No other **NAME** by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

"These are written that you may believe that **JESUS** is the **CHRIST, The SON of GOD**
and that believing you may have LIFE in **HIS NAME**." (Jn. 20:31) (Jn. 3:18)

" These things I have written to you who believe in **The NAME of The SON of GOD**, in
order that you may know that you have eternal life." (1Jn. 5:13)

- You will change on the inside (2 Cor. 5:17).... you will see life differently.
- You will change on the outside (1 John).... you will strive to obey.
- You will be born again (Jn. 3:3)...And you will know it. (Rm. 8:16 / 1Jn 5:13)

What is the Gospel?

1 Cor 15:1-5

- 1) Now I make known to you, brethren, **the Gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
- 2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 3) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,**
- 4) **and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,**
- 5) and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

How is Salvation imparted to man?

Romans 10:9

"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;"

Acts 10:43

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him...receives forgiveness of sins."

Genesis 4:26 *"With Seth and his son, men began to call on the **Name of the LORD** (YHWH)."*

Joel 2:32 *"Whoever calls upon the Name of the **LORD** (YHWH) will be saved."*

When Jesus becomes your “Lord”...

The penalty for sin is paid for.
You will receive eternal life instead of death.

You are raised from a shameful position,
to a position of honor with Jesus.

Trials and difficulties will come,
but the Lord will carry you through them as you trust Him.

You will have power for this life.
As you walk in the Spirit, comes love joy, peace.
With obedience comes general success.

“Evidence of Salvation”

*“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature;
the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

1) A greater awareness of Sin (1 John 1:8)

“If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

2) A desire to know more about God (John 17:3)

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.”*

3) A desire to be with other Believers (Hebrews 10:25)

*“not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.”*

4) A desire to share the Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)

*“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”*

1 John 2:3-6

*“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says,
“I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;
but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we
are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.”*

“Witnessing Tools”

2 Questions:

- 1) “When you die ... do you know that you will go to heaven?”
- 2) “One day, you will stand before God ...
If He were to ask you ... ‘Why should I let you into my heaven?’
What would you say?”

Two Illustrations:

- 1) Scrambled Eggs ...
- 2) The Record Book ...

Honor / Shame

Approach to the Gospel

1) Talk in the 3rd person...

Use others and biblical characters as examples

2) Draw attention to the result of sin...

Not the sin or the sinner

The result of sin is shameful ... and unacceptable to Allah

Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things (shameful acts), he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. (2 Tim 2:21)

3) Honor comes from identifying with Jesus the King and His Kingdom.

If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me;

and where I am, there shall My servant also be;

if anyone serves Me, the Father (Allah) will honor him. (John 12:26)

THE CHURCH

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL “CORPORATELY” REJECTED JESUS as The MESSIAH

GOD temporarily removed Israel from being his ambassador.

Israel was temporarily replaced by the Church (Romans 9-11).

Just as “The SEED” came as promised (no one or anything could stop Him),
so will the Church fulfil its calling to the end.

Jesus said: “I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL WILL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT!” (Mat. 16:18) ... remember: “By Myself, I will do these things !”

Even some of the Pharisees recognized the wisdom in
not fighting against the Church (Acts 5:33-42).

In CHRIST we are given all things pertaining to life and godliness
and the word equips us for every matter of life.

(2 Tm 3:16-17 / 2 Pet 1:3)

**But we are warned of false teachers, prophets, corrupted doctrines
and compromising churches.**

Mt. 24:11-12 / Mk. 7:6-8 / Eph. 4:14 / Col. 2:20-23 / 1 Tm. 4:1 / 1 Tm. 6:3-5 / 2 Tm. 4:4-6 / Heb. 13:7-9

**The book of Revelation describes good and bad churches and
GOD’s blessing or judgment upon them** (Rev. 2 - 3).

NEVERTHELESS

The plans and promises of GOD do not depend upon man ... GOD will do and finish what He said !

Jesus said: “*The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a
witness to all the nations and then the end will come.*”

(Mat. 24:14)

10 Points of Systematic Theology

There are more, but these are the core.

These 10 points are common through-out the bible, are found in most every book, but not limited to any one book.

As you get more familiar with them, they will increasingly enhance your reading everywhere in the Bible.

They are common themes/doctrines in the background that add more depth and breadth.

1) Bibliology ... the study/doctrine of the Bible.

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God (2 Peter 1:20-21).

All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness (2 Tim 3:16).

How does the Bible tell us to read & study it: *Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little (Isaiah 28:9-10).*

Do not add or take away from the words of God or there will be serious consequences (Dt 4:2, Pro 30:5-6, Rev 22:18-19).

2) Theology ... the study/doctrine of God.

God has a personal name: *I am **YHWH** this is my name and my glory I will not give to another (Isaiah 42:8)*

This is my name forever and a memorial to all generations (Ex 3:15).

There is only one God: *Hear O Israel, **YHWH** your God, **YHWH** is one (Deut 6:4).*

*I am **YHWH** and there is no other, besides Me there is no God (Isaiah 45:5).*

God's **NAME** is powerful: *casting out demons (Luke 10:17), miraculous healings (Acts 3:6), there is "Life" in His name (John 20:31).*

God's **NAME** is synonymous with salvation: *Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. (Joel 2:32a, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Rm 10:13)*

In the beginning, **God (Elohim**, what He is) created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1).

He is **self existent** (Ex 3:13-15), **Eternal** (Ps 90:2) and **all powerful** (Jer 32:17).

3) Pneumatology ... the study/doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

Third person of the Trinity: *The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the communion of the **Holy Spirit** ... (2 Cor 13:14).*

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin (John 16:8).

The Holy Spirit indwells the believer (Rom 8:9). *If we live by the spirit, let us also walk by the spirit (Gal 5:25).*

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Rom 8:14).

The Holy Spirit: **teaches** (John 14:26), **comforts** (John 16:7), **enlightens** (John 16:13), **guides** (Rom 8:14),, **intercedes** (Rom 8:26).

10 Points of Systematic Theology ... continued:

4) Christology ... the study/doctrine of Jesus Christ.

YHWH is the only God. Nevertheless, this one God presents Himself as the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit**.

These three persons of **YHWH** make up what man calls the Trinity. We see all three of these persons together in the following verses: Isaiah 48:16, 61:1, Mat 28:19, John 15:26, Acts 2:33, Rom 8:9, 1 Cor 12:3, 2 Cor 13:14, Gal 4:6, 1 Tim 3:16, Heb 9:14.

Jesus is the second person of the Trinity. His distinctives as God are His incarnation and His mission to make the way for man to be saved. The incarnation is the virgin birth through Mary, which was planned from all eternity past (2 Tim 1:8-10).

The culmination of Jesus' mission was fulfilled by His death, burial & resurrection, to save mankind from eternal damnation.

Jesus was promised in the Garden as the "Seed of the Woman" (Gen 3:15). The one who would come and destroy Satan and death.

There are many prophecies of Jesus in the OT: Here are a few: Ps 2:1-12, 110:1, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, 40:3, 53:1-12, Dan 9:26, Micah 5:2. Jesus is the Savior/Redeemer, but so is YHWH (Is 43:11+14)

Jesus foretold His death/resurrection 3x (Mat 16:21, 17:22-23, 20:17-19) and of His 2nd Coming (Mat 24: 3-31, Mark 13:3-27, Luke 21:7-28).

5) Anthropology ... the study/doctrine of Man.

Created by God to be like Him, in "His Image."

Also, to procreate, fill the earth, to subdue it, to rule over the fish, the birds, and over every living thing that moves on the earth, etc... (Gen 1:26-31).

Created in three parts:

- 1) A **Body** that will die and go back to dust from where it came (Gen 2:7, 3:19).
- 2) A **Soul**, the actual real you inside of the body that sins (Micah 6:7), and is eternal, either in the presence of the Lord or to eternal damnation apart from Him (Jude 1:7, Mat 25:31-41, John 5:24, Rev 22:5).
- 3) A **Spirit**, which will go back to God (Ecc 12:7).
The spirit is from God to act as our conscience, but at physical death, the spirit will go back to God.
So technically, the spirit is not part of us because we have no control over it, except to quench it.

6) Hamartiology ... the study/doctrine of Sin.

Man corrupted himself in the Garden and passed that corrupted nature onto all men (Ex 20:5, Rom 3:23, 1 Cor 15:23).

Since Adam, man has been born with a sin nature (Rom 5:12) and is naturally bent toward sin (Rom 3:9-18).

What does man have to do in order to go to hell? Nothing, he is born headed to the "Lake of Fire" (Rom 6:23, Rev 20:14-15, 21:8).

Biblical death is eternal separation from God (2 Thess 1-9).

10 Points of Systematic Theology ... continued:

7) Soteriology ... the study/doctrine of Salvation.

As was just noted in Hamartiology, man is born on a natural course to judgement and eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire.

Nevertheless, the Lord made a way for man to be saved from that natural destiny through the Lord Jesus Christ (Rom 10:9).

A) Even from eternity past, YHWH had that plan in place, the Gospel, the Good News for man to escape his plight (2 Tim 1:8-9).

a) *"The penalty of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Rom 6:23)

b) Jesus paid the eternal death penalty of our sin through His death, burial and resurrection. This plan applied right in the Garden of Eden, in the Seed of the Woman, "represented" by YHWH sacrificing animals to cover Adam & Eve's shame/sin.

The Gospel, the Good News that the Lord can and will forgive us of our sins comes exclusively through Jesus (John 14:6, 8:24).

A) The Good News is given to us by embracing Jesus as Lord, He is God, your King, your new boss (Rom 10:9).

B) The moment we embrace Jesus as our Lord/God/King/our new boss, we are automatically forgiven of our sins (Acts 10:43).

a) A prime example is the thief on the cross who asked Jesus: *"Remember me when you come into your Kingdom."* (Lk 23:42)

b) In the OT it was a matter of embracing YHWH as your God/King and His promise of the Messiah/the Seed (John 4:25).

8) Angelology ... the study/doctrine of Angels, including Satan & Demons.

Hebrew: "malak" Greek "angelos" The primary meaning of the Angel is "messenger."

Angels were created and in place before the creation of the World because they watched it's creation (Job 38:4-8).

They watch us (1 Cor 4:9), worship God and minister to men (Hebrews 1:6-7), are assigned to children (Mat 18:10), do not marry (Mat 22:30), will accompany Jesus at the 2nd coming, joyful when someone gets saved (Luke 15:10), escort believers to paradise (Luke 16: 22), participate in the management of the Tribulation (many references) ... and 1/3 of them sided with Satan in the angelic rebellion (Rev 12:7).

9) Ecclesiology ... the study/doctrine of the Church.

The Greek term for "church" in the NT is "ecclesia," simply meaning "assembly" or "gathering." The word "church" is a very poor translation because in English it has no meaning. The main idea of the ecclesia is that it represents the entire world-wide body of Christ, who is the head (Eph 1:1-2). The ecclesia has much structure and organization ... leadership, protocol, conduct, and discipline.

10) Eschatology ... the study/doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ

There are various views on the subject, but the most common is a literal approach with it's own pool of varying views. The literal view says that there will be a 7 year tribulation and at midpoint (Dan 9:27), the Anti-Christ will manifest by going into the Temple to proclaim himself to be God (2 Thes 2:3-4). **Mat 24:3-31** is a very good outline of a literal 7 year Tribulation with a beginning, middle, and end, followed by the 2nd Coming. The "Great Trib" will cause distress that the world has never seen or ever will (Mat 24:21).

Life in Christ

Can be boiled down to a simple formula...

God is Love (1 John 4:8) ... **The goal of our instruction is Love** (Titus 1:5)

Jesus said that the entire law is fulfilled in two commandments (Mat 22:35-40)

1 ... Love God with all your Heart Soul and Might

2 ... Love your neighbor as yourself

A popular way of stating it is:

To know Him ... and ... *to make Him known*

or

Worship ... and ... *Witness*

When we prioritize and focus on **Worship**

Faith ... Obedience ... Love ... Trust ... Adoration

We automatically receive:

P... Power

P... Provision

P... Protection

P... Peace

Which in turn produces a natural Witness with Power

$$\mathbf{W = P+P+P+P = WP}$$

“The Fear of the Lord”

The Fear of the Lord is:

the very core and heart-beat of our relationship with God Almighty.
Although literal fear is a strong component and often a starting point,
it is more maturely manifest by strong faith, trust, and love,
where perfect love casts-out fear = **Reverence and Awe.**

***When confronted with choices to please men or the Lord,
are you willing to fully walk with the Lord and be judged by the world
rather than fitting in with the world and being judged by God ?***

Our Fear of the Lord "level"
can be measured by the sin and compromise that we tolerate.

What does it look like, how does it manifest itself:

What can we do to grow in it ?

What can we gain from it ?

2 Peter 1:2-11 ... a blueprint for success !

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**; seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything** pertaining to life and godliness, **through the true knowledge of Him** who called us by His own glory and excellence.

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises,
in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature,
having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Now for this very reason: apply all **1) Diligence** ... in your **2) Faith** ... supply:
3) Moral Excellence ... **4) Knowledge** ... **5) Self-control** ... **6) Perseverance**...
7) Godliness ... **8) Brotherly Kindness** ... and **9) Love**.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing,
they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the **true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**...”

My people are destroyed for lack of **knowledge** ... Hosea 4:6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh,
but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses ... 2 Cor 10:3-5

The Armor of God ... Defensive & Offensive (some overlap) ... Eph 6;10-18

There are: **Helps** to be asked for ... Phil 4:6-7 “Peace that surpasses all comprehension...”
Promises to be claimed ... 2 Peter “Casting all your anxiety upon Him...”
Authorities to be exercised ... rebuking demons !

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THE END

GOD GAVE US THE BOOK OF REVELATION THROUGH JOHN

It gives an explicit description of the last 7 years of world history as we know it ... and:

FINAL JUDGMENT !!!

BUT

Its overriding theme is to reveal to the world
who **JESUS CHRIST** is.

"You believe there is one GOD. You do well.
Even the demons believe and tremble".

(James 2:19)

"FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND THERE IS NO OTHER BUT HE."

(Is 43:11,14 ... Is 44:6,24 ... Is 45:5-7,18,21,22 ... Is 46:8-11 ... 49:26)

"I AM The ALPHA and The OMEGA, The BEGINNING and The END, says
The **LORD**, WHO IS and WHO WAS and IS TO COME, The ALMIGHTY." (Rev. 1:8)

"I AM HE, who was dead and behold
I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE." (Rev. 1:18)

JESUS Said: "Before Abraham was ... I AM"
(Jn 8:58 / Ex 3:13-15)

"I AM the LORD GOD"

"Therefore GOD has highly exalted **HIM** and given **HIM The NAME** which is above every **NAME**, that at **The NAME of JESUS**,
every knee should bow, of those in heaven and those on earth and
those under the earth and that every tongue should confess that...

"JESUS CHRIST is LORD." (YHWH)
(Phil. 2:9-10)

"WHOEVER CALLS UPON The NAME of The LORD SHALL BE SAVED."
(Joel 2:32 / Rm. 10:13)

JESUS CHRIST is THE NAME of THE LORD

YHWH ... = ... ELOHIM ... = ... I AM ... = ... JESUS
(Deut. 6:4) (Ex. 3:13-15) (Jn. 8:58)

Acts 1:8 Group

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