

Howards Corner

Knowing the Scriptures

Chapter 5

In this chapter we will get into scriptures and start to delve into some of the things I talked about earlier such as types and shadows and numbers and prophecies and names. I also told you that I like to lay out the big picture first and then go back to look at scripture in between. I may do some zoom in and zoom outs as we often get a bigger overview and then a repeat of more detail of the same account. I will give you as big a picture as possible by starting in the beginning in Genesis and to the end in Revelation.

I will start in Genesis with the first prophecy in Gen 3:15. The world has been created by God in 6 days and God rested on the 7th day. There are a few things to notice in this account. The numbers 6 and 7 are pictures God has given to us to understand things that will happen in His plan for mankind. We see that the number six is the number of man and 7 is for completion or you might say it is 100% of something.

Sabbath the seventh day

Seven is also the Sabbath which is the day of rest because God rested on the seventh day after He had created the world and man in six days. This then was added to the Law to the Hebrew people through Moses. These numbers are intentionally given so that you may understand other scriptures later. The number seven is also the millennial reign of Christ for 1000 years which is the fulfillment of the reason for the Sabbath. It is then the time of total rest for Israel because they have been brought to reconciliation with God the Father through their belief in Jesus as Messiah. Which will not happen until the nation Israel is brought through a great tribulation, in the latter days, which is intended to bring them to have no other way of salvation except to finally accept Jesus as Messiah. We as Christians though are not under the law of the Sabbath but are in the spirit of the Sabbath in Christ Jesus. He is our Sabbath and leads us into total rest for we are now trusting in Him alone for our salvation and not in anything else.

Back to the story

We are then shown the story of Adam being created and placed in the Garden of Eden and Eve was created out of the body of Adam. After they were in the Garden, they were told that they could eat of every tree in the Garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That was the only Law at that time. But they could not keep the only law they had and disobeyed God.

We are now introduced to another character in the story. Satan appears as a serpent and deceives Eve into eating of the fruit of that tree. This then resulted in Adam also eating of the fruit. When this happened, they changed and immediately knew they were naked and had guilt for the first time. This led to them covering themselves with fig leaves. God later made coverings for them with animal skins. This is another symbol of the blood of animals used as a covering for sin then later we see that the blood of the Messiah (Jesus) is the covering of our sins.

Then in Chapter 3 God tells Satan because you have done this, **“Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly, and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers. He will crush your head and you will strike his heel.” Gen 3:14-15**

This then is the prophecy that sets the stage for the rest of God’s dealing with the rest of humanity. It will take place through the nation Israel. This is the foretelling of the Messiah who is the seed of the woman. That is why the seed is singular because it refers to a particular seed of a woman who will crush the head of Satan and he will strike him on the heel.

Satan will strike Jesus on the heel at the cross, but Jesus will crush his head. The striking of Jesus on the heel was because Jesus arose from the tomb and came back to life and therefore was not a fatal blow. The crushing of Satan’s head is a final death blow which will not be accomplished until the second return of Jesus to earth although Jesus defeated Satan in the spiritual realm at the cross. At that time Satan will be chained and thrown into the abyss until the Millennial reign is over and at which point Satan will be let loose for a final short period before he is thrown into the lake of fire. Satan’s head is crushed for eternity.

The Seed line

God has set in motion his prophecy of the seed line. This seed line goes all the way through all the Old Testament times to Jesus the Messiah. The righteous people of the Old Testament then believed the coming of the Messiah for their deliverance. Then after the coming of Jesus as Messiah those that receive Him as their personal Messiah will have salvation from the law of sin and death which God placed on this earth and on man's life.

When Adam disobeyed God, his spirit was corrupted or dead to spiritual things and all his descendants have inherited this corrupted spirit. Therefore, if we are to be in Christ we must be "born again", our natural spirit has died to spiritual things. Until we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, we cannot see spiritual things. Jesus said we cannot see the kingdom of God and we cannot enter it without this new spirit. Look at John 3:3 for what Jesus says about being born again.

This seed line is from Adam to Seth to others but of note is Methuselah who lived to the flood and died so the flood could come. Noah was in the seed line and carried the seed line through the flood to the new world after the flood. Shem was the one to carry on the seed line which then continued to Abraham to Isaac to Jacob (Israel). (I have attached in another PDF of the lives of the Patriarchs with dates for your information.) The seed line continued to Judah and through David until Jesus came to fulfill the seed line.

As the seed line progressed you will find that the carrier of the seed line may have many other children but only one is the seed line. Adam had many other children but only Seth was the seed line. Noah after the flood had three sons but only one (Shem) was the seed line. Then there was Jacob and Esau. Thought they were twins and Jacob came out last and was not the first-born Jacob was the chosen seed line.

Back to prophecy of Gen 3:15

Although the seed line has come to Jesus the prophecy of Gen 3:15 has yet to be completed. Jesus was the Seed and Satan has from the beginning tried to destroy this prophecy by his various schemes and deceptions. It is no surprise that Satan has been attacking Jesus' coming by trying to kill Him at His birth by Herod, but God hid Him in Egypt and then hid him in Nazareth and kept Him in a humble beginning until He was finally revealed. Satan tried to then tempt him in the wilderness but

could not and then working through the Pharisees and others He was not received as Messiah and was rejected by the Nation Israel. Satan then led the leader of the nations to crucify Him on the cross. This was the “Striking His heel.”

But the grave could not hold Him, and He was resurrected on the third day and walked about in this resurrected body for 40 days to witness that He was alive and then He ascended to heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God as our high priest if we are in Christ. Therefore, Satan only bruised His heel and God’s plan for the blessing and salvation of mankind continued.

The prophecy is not complete yet. Satan has not yet been crushed on the head. This happened to a degree when Christ defeated Satan spiritually on the cross but not yet the final death blow. That will happen at the end of the age of the gentiles when Christ returns to judge the world and set up His reign on the earth. Satan then will be chained and sealed in the abyss until the 1000 years are over but will be released for a short time at which time he will be thrown in the lake of fire. Then there will be a new heaven and a new earth which will be the 8th day of new beginnings.

Summary

I have carried you through a short overview of from the beginning (Genesis) to the end (Revelation). This is the zoom out view and as the bible does a lot of times you will see the zoom out story and then later you will see a zoom in detail view. I will also do this in my writing because a lot of things are going on at one time and you can not cover all at one time but must continue one theme and then go back and pick up other details later.

The story of the rest of God’s word is in between Genesis and Revelation and with diligent study you will be able to piece it all together by the leading of the Holy Spirit. The words are veiled and shown by symbols, numbers, names, types/shadows, prophecies, parables, and you will need to prayerfully read and study without bias. Error is in a lot of places in the world and in the churches also. Satan is still trying to destroy Christ’s church by deceit and half-truths. You must be aware that many are deceived in today’s churches because we have not been diligent enough to understand the word enough to combat the enemy.

So, when you read the bible, you must read it all and study because you do not know what you are leaving out. Even the genealogy has detail that is needed as a

witness that it is God's plan that He has given to us. At one point I decided that I would read every word in the bible even the begats and other genealogies and I have done so. I may not remember them all, but God has put them in my memory banks for further use in the future. The Holy Spirit will find them for me when I need them.

Until I get to chapter 6 keep working in the love of Christ and following His Love - Peace – Joy and all righteousness. Keep looking for those He has put in your life and witness to them His word of salvation.

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