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We are so glad that you chose to download this eBooklet as our gift to you. Jesus taught us in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and we aspire to follow our Lord's teaching. The Apostle Paul also understood this concept, "What is my reward then {for preaching and giving the gospel away freely}? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge" (I Corinthians 9:18). Paul came to realize that to serve the Word *without charge* was both a blessing to those who received the Word and to himself personally because he understood that God Himself is the reward, "I *am* thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward" (Genesis 15:1, and see Hebrews 11:6). When you have God in your life as your *exceeding great reward*, then being *with God* you will have everything you need to begin enjoying the more than abundant life. Our prayer for you is that you come to know experientially that "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

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Scripture Notes:

Number one:

The verses quoted in this book are either from the King James Version of the Bible, or the Amplified Bible — Expanded Edition. When explicatory additions are used by the author in any of the Scripture verses they are enclosed in {braces}. Any other (parentheses) and/or [brackets] found in the Scriptures in this book have already been inserted by the Bible translators.

Example:

John 3:16 (The Amplified Bible):**

For God so greatly loved and dearly praised the world {the people in the world} that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him {God's Son, who is Jesus Christ} shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

Number two:

All Hebrew and Greek words quoted in this book are transliterated into English, and will be typed in *italics*.

Example:

The verb “loved” in John 3:16 (above) is the Greek word *agapaō* and indicates God's love applied.

Number three:

In the Bible the words *son of God* and *sons of God* is an all-inclusive biblical language and includes men and women, boys and girls, young and old.

Example:

Romans 8:14 (The Amplified Bible):**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Preamble

"All things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me." Jesus Christ

Have you ever asked yourself, What is the subject of the Bible? If we were to pose this question to any number of people, responses would be numerous. But what if we could honestly find one single thread of truth in the Bible that would satisfy the question and prove the subject beyond any doubt? We would benefit immensely by having the clearest understanding of God's opened will when reading His Scriptures. The Golden Thread answers this question; Jesus Christ is that one thread, and thus, he is the illustrated subject and theme through both the Old and New Testaments.

This Golden Thread Bible study series can be briefly summarized with three verses of Scripture, two of which are found in the first chapter of the Gospel of John, "*And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,*" and "*we have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.*" The third verse is found in the seventh chapter of the Book of Hebrews, "*Wherefore he {Jesus} is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*"

When comparing these three verses, it is evident that Jesus is, first, according to the Bible itself, the incarnate Word of God; secondly, Jesus is the living subject and focal point of all that the Prophets wrote, and thirdly, Jesus is unquestionably the only way to, not only salvation, but to God Himself. Consequently bypassing Jesus in one's search into the Bible is the main reason that so many people do not understand the heart of the Scriptures. Jesus of Nazareth confessed, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.*" When a man or a woman can come to know Jesus as he is, this is when coming to know the Father and His way, His love, and His truth is assured by Jesus!

So the questions that one must ask and answer when looking for God the Father is: "Have we followed Jesus along his *way*, have we discovered that he is the *truth*, and have we received the *life* that he himself is?" These questions are brought to light and then answered from beginning to end in this series as we follow Jesus through every Book in the Bible, commencing in Genesis, so that you will be able to say with believing confidence, "*I have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.*"

Preface:

“THE truth of the Lord’s coming runs like a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation. It is not a new doctrine, but an old truth . . . May we see how full the Scripture is of it, and how it runs like a golden thread.” William G. Carr / June 1894

Our intent in this series is to find and then highlight Scripture and follow its woven course through the Bible concerning Jesus Christ, noticing how these Scriptures relate to the whole of the Golden Thread who is Jesus Christ, thereby uncovering the inherent knitted tapestry of Christ that is displayed throughout God’s Word.

Our aim through this approach is in the pursuit of the thread that holds the living Word together, for then the larger mural of the life of Christ and what he has accomplished for humanity is brought clearly into focus.

In the course of this series as we pass through all of the books of the Bible, we will highlight a theme from each book, such as this study in the Book of Genesis. Our focal point will be to emphasize the singular aspect of Jesus Christ as the Promised Seed. Indeed, there are hundreds of thousands of subjects in Genesis and all of them do relate to Christ in various meaningful ways. However, our endeavor is to “figuratively” point a telescope at a single thread and bring this into a clear focus. Then we will hold a microscope over that particular focused concept to clearly view a detail of our wonderful Savior. With this approach, we will actually be magnifying, one by one, biblical concepts, concepts that were previously unclear or totally unrealized, and these will be cataloged for you throughout this series.

As an example, in Genesis we will begin following the thread of the Promised Seed who is Jesus Christ, searching for wherever the path itself leads and thereon we will be guided into both the Gospels and the New Testament; this research method will be followed through from Genesis to Revelation.

Learning about Jesus Christ from only the Gospels can greatly confine and blur one’s complete vision of him. Often the Gospels give a summation of the life of Jesus, whereas the why and the purpose and the reason for God sending His Son are largely offered to us in extraordinary details throughout the Old

Testament Scriptures and further ahead in the New Testament Scriptures. If we were to only look at the Gospels in a search for Jesus Christ, we may end up drawing conclusions devoid of all the contributing factors and perhaps only understanding about half of the story of his life's purpose as it relates to you — personally.

In The Golden Thread series, we will bring out new insight regarding Jesus by viewing him through both the Old and New Testaments to see the purpose, the prophecies, and the reason why God sent His Son into the world, and then a more palpable representation of him comes into the spotlight to enlighten our day-to-day walks with God which is our goal as believing Christians.

Honestly now, consider this with me; Would it benefit you and me if I framed only a small part of a great masterpiece and still call it a priceless work of art? Oh, let us say for illustration, what if I framed only one square inch of Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers" masterpiece, viewing only a piece of one sunflower and some of the background, and placed this up on my wall? How would any of the guests in my home recognize what I had framed? Could you honestly enjoy and appreciate the scope and beauty of the whole artwork with ninety-five percent of the master's brushstrokes missing? How could that inspire a connection to his masterwork, and to the brilliance of the artist himself?

In The Golden Thread, we view Jesus of Nazareth through the entire Bible (a widescreen version), rather than viewing him from just the Gospels because the Gospels are only a part of the whole portrait of our Redeemer, and then we present to you a most clear and enlarged illustration of him that will enlighten you with opened windows allowing in the fresh air and light to reveal hidden truths that reflect upon his heart and purpose that connects you — to him.

Our endeavor will be to discover for ourselves the comfort provided by *The Comforter* as we come to know the Son of God who will truly link our searching thoughts together with those of — our Creator.

The inlaid thread-mark of Christ has no end, for he is woven contiguously back and forth through the fibrous pages of Holy Writ, ever rejuvenating the human heart with revelations and godly insights. Thus, the revelation of Jesus Christ being the Golden Thread starts at the borders of prophecy as he forms cords of a safety net that secures man's entrance into eternity. As we proceed through the books of the Bible, we will be examining within the Scriptures its

inherent story showcased within to discover and enjoy the embrace of the living Christ.

The Golden Thread is written as a layman's commentary to guide the reader through the accomplishments of Jesus of Nazareth for the redemption of searching men and women.

Jesus is the principle figure, holding every fragment of the Scripture together in perfect harmony, for he is "the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (I Corinthians 1:24). Thus, without him there is no spiritual power or wisdom that may be truly gained in regards to heavenly ordained truths that are imparted to believers through understanding the complete Christ of Scripture.

As we discover the Redeemer in the Scriptures, he then reveals true hope and joy within our souls and gives soothing relief from confusion and uncertainty regarding the individual believer's ultimate destiny.

The Golden Thread is not written to cater to any particular set of religious beliefs, but rather crosses religious boundaries and preset dogmas in the exploration to enlighten searching souls with the Bible's inherent narrative of our Savior.

This series highlights the Bible with understandable passages to augment biblical perimeters of thought and provide avenues into Christ's life to portray what he accomplished for the salvation of the world.

The Golden Thread presents Jesus Christ as a true and totally complete Savior and allows his-story to come alive within the heart of one's understanding.

Our goal through the Scriptures is to equip the reader with the keys to make a spiritual connection with the living Christ and the God of heaven and creation.

With the Just One as our guide, we will also find him to be our open Door, and through him we discover heavenly love, peace, joy, grace, and hope as is revealed throughout the Scriptures.

"The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth" Acts 22:14

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." Jesus Christ

Exodus

Reveals Jesus Christ as the True Passover

Mention of the word *Passover* nowadays brings to mind a Jewish festival or holiday, and for the most part the word hardly comes up except perhaps when talking about the Last Supper or we hear the word *Passover* during the Easter season. We will see that Jesus Christ is not only the believer's True Passover but he is our exodus and redemption from the bondage of sin and sickness.

The word *exodus* means a going forth, a way out, a departure (from bondage). The children of Israel were living as slaves under horrendous conditions in Egypt and God was going to make them free and bring them into the Promised Land. In order to have this deliverance commence with the exodus into freedom, God initiated the first of yearly Passovers so the people of Israel would hold in remembrance the details of his or her escape.

Exodus 12:25–27a:

-25: And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service {of the Passover}.

-26: And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

-27a: That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt. . .

The Passover lambs that Israel sacrificed were symbolic to memorialize their emancipation from bondage and redemption, and as a Nation they were to continue this sacrifice of the Passover year after year on the same day and at the same time (Exodus 12:3–6). The Passover service was from its commencement a home-based fellowship between families and their God, it was never a temple or church-based ceremony.

The Passover lamb had two major components, one was the body itself, and the second was the blood from the body of the lamb (Exodus 12:23). In the very night that Israel left Egypt they first sprinkled the Passover lamb's blood on their doorposts (sometimes called "the lintels") of their homes and then they prepared and ate the flesh later in the evening (Exodus 12:7-8). The innocent lamb's blood was not simply used to prevent death from entering into their homes, the blood was also for the forgiveness of their sins, while the flesh (or body) of the lamb when eaten was for their physical and spiritual healing. This is why during the forty years in the wilderness; the entire Nation of Israel never became sick.

I wanted to reiterate here (the importance shown later) that the Passover was a special home event for the children of Israel and had nothing whatsoever to do with the temple or synagogue functions, but was specifically intended for each family, and further, the Passover meal highlighted an individual purpose to represent each participant's own redemption. *Redemption*, the *Redeemer* and the *redeemed* are the main theme throughout the Book of Exodus. Passover was never given as a priestly mandate to sacrifice and serve to the worshipers, rather each family was responsible to have their own intimate Passover meal and provide their own lambs and accouterments because even the priests, from the High Priest all the way down their ranks, were to take the Passover meal in their own homes as the entire house of Israel partook in the same manner, "In the tenth *day* of this month {the Month of Nisan, corresponding roughly to our April} they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house" (Exodus 12:3).

In Exodus 12:11 and 27, the Passover is so named: "the LORD'S Passover." God gave the children of Israel two wonderful things that strengthened their frail minds and weak bodies for the task and journey ahead, forgiveness in order that they may have a good (or clear) conscience to believe God, and healing so they could go the distance through the barren desert. They were to initiate and establish a Passover once a year as a reminder of their redemption from slavery, sickness, and sin, "It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses" (Exodus 12:27).

The Passover was a yearly vigil given to help strengthen their believing and enjoyment in having the God-given freedom to choose their own destinies without oppression in the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey.

John 1:29, 36:

-29: The next day John {the Baptist} seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

-36: And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he {John} saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

John was a Levite, and as a Levite, he was a Priest of the Most High God. John's father, Zechariah was a Priest (Luke 1:5), and Elisabeth his mother was also from the same line of Aaron from the Tribe of Levi (Luke 1:5) from whence came the Levitical priestly line (Exodus 31:10). As noted in the verses above, in John's service as a Priest, John the Baptist in his role as a Prophet was pointing out and choosing for Israel the one True Passover, *The Lamb of God*, The LORD'S Passover, who was Jesus (Hebrews 9:12-15, I Peter 1:18-21).

Jesus' body and blood was given to accomplish the redemption of Israel with deliverance also from the mandates of the yearly Passover, and would free the world from the bondage of sin for eternity. Jesus would redeem Israel from the law (Romans 7:1, 6, Galatians 4:5), and the whole world from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13-14). Jesus, *the Lamb of God* would become our Passover, not the LORD'S, but ours, and he would be our spiritual exodus from the bondage of the sin nature, as well as provide our eternal entrance to the right hand of God (in the Spiritual Land flowing with milk and honey; because through our Passover, God "hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"— Ephesians 2:6; as Hebrews 7:26 states it, we are "made higher than the heavens" — this is God's esteemed view of us).

Luke 9:31:

Who {Moses and Elijah speaking with Jesus in a "vision"} appeared in glory, and spake of his {Jesus'} decease {*exodos*} which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

Matthew 17:9:

And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision {the VISION of Jesus' *decease* and *glory*} to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead {and that Peter did in his second Epistle,— II Peter 1:16-19}.

The word *decease* in Luke 9:31 is the Greek word *exodos* and means an exodus, *his exodus into glory*. Jesus' exodus would be accomplished for all humanity *at Jerusalem*. The word *accomplish* is the Greek word *plēroō* which means to complete, to fill to the brim, and when Jesus Christ gave himself for us, he "took our infirmities, and bare *our* sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17), and this he accomplished as the True Passover, as the greater, as the more than symbolic yearly Passover because he was the True Passover. His body and his blood were shed for our sanctification. "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*" (Hebrews 10:10), and that is for all and for all time that he did "sanctify the people with his own blood" (Hebrews 13:12). His body sacrificed and offered, and his own blood shed *at Jerusalem* was given for the redemption of the whole world; "by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*" (Hebrews 9:12).

I Corinthians 5:7b:

... For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

This is written in Corinthians, which is a Christian Epistle, and is therefore written to all believers (See I Corinthians 1:2), for Christ indeed is *our Passover* who was *sacrificed for us*.

During the last hours prior to Jesus' crucifixion he initiated the Communion Service (Luke 22:19–20), which for the world represents all of his purchases (I Corinthians 6:20) that he would accomplish and perfect at Jerusalem for humanity through his *exodus* and ascent into *glory*. And the purpose for this — our exodus and our glory; "Christ also received us to the glory of God" (Romans 15:7)! Jesus introduced this Communion Service at the same place where the Passover was to be offered, in a room of a home, showing us that this is the place where Communion is best served.

Colossians 3:4:

When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Jesus became the True Passover for the entire world; this is why in Christendom we do not need to yearly sacrifice lambs on our back dooryard porches. Rather we may humbly and graciously partake of Holy Communion (I Corinthians 11:23ff), and celebrate not only the purpose for his decease, but, and "yea

rather,” for his resurrection and exodus into the heavens (for us) — being our forerunner to God’s own right hand “the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus” (Hebrews 6:20). The Greek word for *forerunner* is the word *prodromos* meaning the one who goes in advance to a place where the rest are to follow. “*It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us {until we personally arrive}” (Romans 8:34).

In order to come to an understanding of Jesus being the chosen Lamb of God we must follow wherever the trail leads us, and as stated in the Preface we will travel *wherever the path itself leads*. In following The Golden Thread, his trail leads us to the True Passover as that Pascal Lamb who was foretold in the Book of Isaiah 53:7; “he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,” and from his *slaughter* we will be brought through both the Gospels and the New Testament.

Isaiah 53:4–5:

-4: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

-5: But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

The Hebrew word for *borne* is *nasa'* and means to lift up and to carry (for us). The Hebrew word *griefs* in verse 4 is *choliy* and means sickness, the sickness we bear or have borne, of which sickness we are all have been acquainted, Jesus carried through his passion for us. Jesus cries out to you and me, “Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28), because “surely he hath borne our sickness” once for all and just as *surely* accepting him as our Passover lifts our sickness from our inability to carry this ourselves!

The Hebrew word for *carried* in verse 4 is *cabal* and means to bear up a load and the Hebrew word for *sorrows* in verse 4 is *mak'ob* meaning pains or sorrows caused by spiritual oppressions. Jesus “went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil” (Acts 10:38). All too often we trudge along our way through life with the burdens of these deep-seated pains and sorrows, not even imagining that Christ our Passover wants to do us *good* and heal us of these inner sorrows that we thought we have buried way too deep to ever let out, to ever let God see what the real, inner heartfelt pain is that hinders us from

coming completely to our Savior and our Promised wholeness — physically, mentally, and spiritually!

Without this burden-lifting insight — received, appreciated, and enjoyed, sinful man comes to this conclusion: *yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted*, i.e., that it was at the hand of God that Jesus was hurt, stricken, smitten and afflicted, this Jesus, who was His only begotten Son and who only *went about doing good!* Man so often thinks we suffer at the hand of God, thus and so must have our Savior! When all along it was in our ignorance, in our hopelessness, and in our transgressions that Jesus stepped into our stead and lifted us up to God through his suffering, and *yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But {BUT the truth is that} he was wounded for our transgressions.* For what and for who was he wounded? **For OUR transgressions!** Only when we humble ourselves enough can even begin to see how high we have been lifted by *Christ our Passover* who was *sacrificed for us!*

The Hebrew word for *wounded* in verse 5 is *chalal* and means to uncontrollably desecrate or violate someone or something perfectly whole or fit by piercing, by thrashing, by whipping, by stabbing (it is the desecrating the body of Jesus!).

David wrote of Jesus' piercing "the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet" (Psalms 22:16), which was done when Jesus was nailed to the cross, and then, when Jesus was on the cross "one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 18:34). This perfect man was beaten and whipped beyond recognition, "he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is no beauty that we should desire him*" (Isaiah 53:2) — this is what it was for him to be *wounded for our transgressions!* "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted . . . he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter" (Isaiah 53:7), and then "he was cut off out of the land of the living" (Isaiah 53:8) *for our transgressions.*

The Bible reveals the sufferings of Christ in many details. "I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair {facial hair}: I {Jesus} hid not my face from shame and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). Imagine the shame, the pain, the torturous treatments he endured — for us. "The plowers plowed upon my back {this is his whippings}: they made long their furrows" (Psalms 129:3). While sinful man — "hid as it were *our* faces from him" (Isaiah 53:3), and we might say "We did not hide our faces from him!" However, if we never knew, then we were indeed hidden from this redeeming knowledge, and as we come

to really get to know him, we find what shame he endured, what pity he did not get, and what he did, he did — for us. “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was* deceit in his mouth” (Isaiah 53:9). With this knowledge we can at least begin to realize why we really do have access to God, as Christ was our True Passover, our exodus into the next life.

Isaiah 52:14 (The Amplified Bible):*

[For many the Servant of God {Jesus} became an object of horror; many were astonished at him.] His face *and* His whole appearance were marred more than any man’s, and His form beyond that of the sons of men—but just as many were astonished at Him.

The above verses regarding Jesus’ torture plainly states as clear as the nose on my face that his *face* and his *whole appearance were marred more than any man’s* for he was beaten beyond recognition. No one could look directly at him for he was an *object of horror* upon which one could not hold his gaze. Isaiah wrote, “We hid as it were *our* faces from him {away from his face}; he was despised, and we esteemed {honored} him not” (Isaiah 53:3), for no one at the crucifixion could congregate the courage to actually look at his brutalized face, and in which his whiskers were actually “plucked off” (Isaiah 50:6). In fact, there was not just a small bevy of palace guards who brutalized Jesus, but an entire assembly of malicious soldiers.

Matthew 27:27:

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

This word *band* is most interesting, it is also used in Mark 15:16 and John 18:12. In the Greek Text the word *band* is *speira* and means a military cohort, and a cohort was a Roman military unit that formed one tenth of an infantry legion. A legion was a division of 3,000 to 6,000 soldiers, so a cohort consisted of 300 to 600 men; these men were trained military soldiers, professionally adapted in the craft of torture, cruelty, and warfare. Normally a cohort or a legion were tended to be numbered on the higher side of 600 or 6000 men respectively, and especially with the wording of a *whole band of soldiers*, it was logically the whole infantry unit of 600, but at the least they were numerated to be at least 300 armed cohort of fighting, military soldiers.

This is the *band* that took their time beating, wiping, and slandering the most perfect man to grace the earth, and this is why they disfigured him so horribly, and this is also the reason why his *face* and his *whole appearance were marred more than any man's*. Also, there were the “soldiers of the governor” (palace guards), and the priests and many of the rulers of Israel present to lambaste the Son of God, our Passover, as is revealed in all four Gospels. The depths he went through were for our transgressions, any and all so that nothing on earth, no sin, no lie, no crime can separate the redeemed from the Redeemer, no — nothing can stand between you and him and him and me and you and God and God and me!

Romans 5:10:

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

The Hebrew word for *transgressions* is *pāsha* and means sin of revolt and rebellion, ultimately resulting in death, it is to sin against the lawful authority of God and His Word (caused by the sin nature in the carnal mind of the unredeemed and God-rejecter), as we read in Romans 8:7 “the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” These *transgressions* were compulsorily laid upon humanity when man fell from grace as we read in Romans:

Romans 5:12–14:

-12: Wherefore, as by one man {Adam} sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon {through} all men, for that all have sinned:

-13: (For until the law {or *before the law was ever given*} sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed {not grasped or understood} when there is no law {“for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin”— Romans 3:20}.

-14: Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him {Jesus Christ, the second Adam} that was to come.

All men are compulsory co-partakers of Adam's transgression, and predestined to be at odds with God simply by accident of birth and bloodline and born into the generation of the Adamic race – but – nay, to the believer there is an escape – a destiny changer, a real heartfelt rewrite of his or her destination, afforded to him or her by predestination from God through Christ our Passover, not an earthly predestination, but a new one higher than the heavens. Your new birth and regeneration comes with the eternal promise of predestination to heaven's throne (Romans 8:17, 29).

We all have been born into the human tragedy (Romans 5:12-14, above), indeed it is a travesty (Romans 3:26), it is a crime forcibly spread across God's creation, and it is the fate of humanity past, present, and still a distance into the future. It is now man and his earth, it is not as it was, man and his God on earth, and therein lies the crux of the fall that leads man, repentant man, to the crucifixion of the cross and him (“the last {or as the Text reads, *the second*} Adam”— I Corinthians 15:45) who was lifted up upon that cross, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me” (John 12:32).

Christ is not the last Adam as all men are born from Adam's bloodline, but *the second Adam* was crucified on a tree (I Peter 2:24), condemning sin in the flesh, and providing man a new, spiritual baptism (Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:5, and Romans 6:4-12) with him into a new regeneration of a spiritual life in Christ, into the joys of the new man (Ephesians 4:24), a new heavenly race of beings through Christ, once again (since the fall of man) created in the image of God (Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:10); the Text reads, we become “the sons of the light, and the sons of the day” (I Thessalonians 5:5). We may now experience a new genesis, a renewed day – every day.

Romans 5:17-19:

-17: For if by one man's offence {this is Adam} death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

-18: Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

-19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one {this is Jesus} shall many be made righteous.

Jesus “humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8), and through his *obedience* we were redeemed and made righteous.

Recall Isaiah 53:4–5:

“Surely he hath borne **our** griefs.”

And “carried **our** sorrows.”

And “he *was* wounded for **our** transgressions.”

And “*he was* bruised for **our** iniquities.”

And “the chastisement of **our** peace *was* upon him.”

And “with his stripes **we** are healed.”

Isaiah 53 is as much about you and me as it is about our True Passover! It took all of the above to redeem us back to God. Look at all the stuff that was against us — look at how much he took on for us, and all too often man, unredeemed man, thinks Jesus was smitten of God, when all along Jesus did all he did – for God – for us!

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way” (Isaiah 53:6), then we read the next half of the verse about the *astray* who are turned to their own way “and the LORD hath laid on him {Jesus} the iniquity of us all.” How many? Us all, nobody got missed! Then we read the words in Isaiah 53:10 “it pleased the LORD to bruise him,” many read this like as if the LORD God was happy, joyful, and very pleased to *bruise* Jesus — but NO! What He was *pleased* about was (and still is), is the end result, REDEMPTION, yours and mine, the joy set before God and before our True Passover was (and still is) you and me! The word *pleased* is in the perfect tense and expresses a completed action as God was pleased with the outcome of our redemption.

Another very interesting foresight by God regarding the Passover Lamb was when He instructed the children of Israel in Exodus 12:46: “neither shall ye break a bone thereof,” referring to the Passover Lamb. Now when we look further at the torture and crucifixion of Jesus, the Gospel of John 19:36 sheds a remarkable light, “For these things were done {breaking the legs of two other men who were hanging on crosses beside Jesus}, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him {Jesus} shall not be broken.” The Scripture that was fulfilled is Psalms 34:20, “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.” Why is this mentioned in relation to the lamb and Jesus? Because *the Lamb of*

God would not have even one of his bones broken, which was further proof of Jesus' authenticity as the only true Lamb of God. Imagine this for a moment, how amazing it was to not have a single bone broken and yet to be so brutalized in his body; only heavenly foresight and prophecy could have seen such a detail.

As horrifying as Jesus' tortures were, his tormentors despicably popped out all of his joints according to a prophecy of him in Psalms 22:14: "all my bones are out of joint." These are some of the deplorable things Jesus went through for our redemption, and just imagine this for a moment, Jesus knew what the Scriptures foretold of him, and thankfully, he still thought we were worth all this pain! Wouldn't you humbly and appreciatively agree and accept your unconditional forgiveness?

The sacrifice of the Passover lamb's blood spared the firstborn in the homes of Israel and for this they were truly thankful. Now, just imagine this for a moment - our Passover - Jesus Christ, as man's sacrifice was the firstborn of God and was not spared! The crucifixion of the only begotten of the Father brought death into His home for three very long days and nights before Jesus was raised and spared eternal death for all who will accept his sacrifice and the subsequent eternal life now offered through his resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Christ our Passover gives us a clear conscience to walk daily, moment by moment with our heavenly Father. Jesus Christ was the final sacrifice; he fulfilled and secured, once for all - our eternal exodus into his own heavenly glory.

Our Passover - Jesus Christ - has delivered us from spiritual death and delivered to us eternal life. He redeemed us from the bondage of sin (and sins), and gave us the rights to personally know and walk with our God (II Corinthians 6:2, Hebrews 2:18, and Ephesians 2:1-10).

When Jesus was crucified, his precious and "innocent blood" (Matthew 27:4) ran down his cross at the doorpost and threshold that opened eternity up to one and all, giving us an equal share (Romans 8:16-17), and eternal entrance into the Promised Land and Home of His Holiest (Ephesians 2:18-22). We now have our God-given household right of eternal righteousness that is daily abiding within us.

I Peter 2:24:

Who {Jesus Christ} his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should {now} live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. {Thus, he fulfilled in himself the prophecy of being *Our Passover*.}

Like the sacrificial lambs of old, Jesus' body and blood was salubriously offered for our spiritual, physical, and mental healing, and our complete forgiveness of sins. Jesus who was the chosen *Lamb of God*, actually died at the same time the children of Israel were slaying their symbolic lambs. Yet, as they were in the act of imbruing the lambs' blood on their doorposts and consuming its flesh in joyful remembrance of their own exodus and deliverance from their thralling discomforts of captivity, *the Lamb of God* was suffering in the throes of inconceivable tortuous anguish for them.

Unbeknownst to most of Israel, they passed-over the genuine Lamb's blood that was being unselfishly offered for their forgiveness as the Lamb's body was being sacrificed for their healing. Jesus' precious blood was running down his cross, and trampled under the feet of the irascible soldiers and belligerent onlookers and besmirching taunters, at the post and threshold that now gracefully leads us out of the bondage of sin and sickness and into the presence of his Father. *Christ our Passover* brought humanity back up from the brink, from the peripheries of hopelessness and delivered mankind back to endearing fellowship with their heavenly Father.

Romans 8:29-30:

-28: For whom he {God} did foreknow {you and me}, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

-30: Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

On Calvary's cross, Jesus' crucified body was completely disfigured from his beauty; for our glorious justification as well as for our eternal healing, and Jesus bled to death for humanity's total forgiveness. He suffered greatly until he uttered from the depths of his soul in John 19:30, "It is finished," meaning our redemption was complete, as he breathed out his last breath . . .

Then in his resurrection and ascension up to the Throne of Heaven, he blazed a trail for mankind into the heavenly home of eternity — this is our predestination and our calling.

Hebrews 12:2:

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Do you know what *the joy that was set before him* was? The reward that made it possible for him to endure such pains — was the hope of you and me coming to personally know him and walk with God! We were (and still are) his joy as much as he is our hope, our very reason to be “rejoicing in hope” (Romans 12:12)! We may enter into his joy and know our “lively hope {we have} by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (I Peter 1:3). May we “consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself” (Hebrews 12:3) with utter thankfulness.

Jesus Christ is now our True Passover, prophesied and detailed in the Book of Exodus, and he is our way into the everlasting kindness and love of a healing and forgiving heavenly Father.

A Bonus Chapter

“I AM THAT I AM”

(Note: All bonus chapters relate to the subject of The Golden Thread)

For so many, God is simply an intangible Being with various titles, concepts, and ideas that hold vague meanings and implications. People sometimes refer to God as *the man upstairs* or *the great I AM* or *the spirit in the sky*, while others speculate, *I know that there is something (or someone) out there (or up there) because I can see the order and perfection of life all around, but whatever power it is or wherever that power may originate, I just cannot grasp its real source.* Some of us may have thought of God in suchlike terms before knowing Jesus Christ, “the Prince of life” (Acts 3:15), who introduced our searching hearts to His Majesty’s loving embrace and eternal purpose.

One could see all the works of man and easily believe that there is no God, but how can he look up into the starry heavens or view the perfection of life all around and still believe there is no God? The more we understand God via knowing Jesus Christ, the greater our spiritual lives grow as our union with the heavenly Father and with nature itself begins harmonizing with tranquility. All of the Prophets in the Old Testament preached about Christ and through knowing him, God becomes more magnified and detailed.

Exodus 3:14:

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

The most basic understanding of these words *I AM THAT I AM* means that God cannot deny His own existence. Simply put — God is Who He is. The Apostle Paul said of himself in I Corinthians 15:10 “by the grace of God I am what I am.” Paul could not deny who he was, and that he was who he was only by the grace of God; it is the same with us, we are who we are only by the grace of God, for He is our Maker. Even Popeye understood who he was, “I yam what I yam and tha’s all what I yam, I’m Popeye the sailor man,” (“toot, toot!”). It is no

mystery understanding who God is; it is a mystery why so many people do not know who God is when Jesus Christ our Savior reveals Him to our inner hearts.

Man is truly something to behold from God's perspective; Hebrews 2:6-9 records that the Son of God as well as Man were made just "a little lower than the angels." The Hebrew word for *angels* in Hebrews 2 is *Elohim* and is the word for God, corresponding to the Greek word *Theos*, not angels. This is a huge mistranslation, which has greatly lowered expectations. *Angels* is the Hebrew word *malak* corresponding to the Greek word *aggelos*.

Man was made *a little lower than* the Creator of the universe, which is actually quite high up on the pedestal of God's creation, higher than the angels who were created to be servants and ministers of God (Psalms 104:4, Hebrews 1:14). In contrast we, the children of God, are His sons and daughters (I John 2:1-2), and masterpieces of His creative "workmanship" (Ephesians 2:10), and the saved man becomes the crowning achievement of God. He "crowned us with glory and honour" (Psalms 8:4-5), creating nothing less than Christ in us, thus, we truly are what we are by the grace of God, and it is something to behold.

In Exodus chapter 3, God, by referring to Himself as *I AM THAT I AM* was showing Moses the true essence of Himself, and as Moses saw for himself the immensity of God, Moses began believing that he could rise up to his God-given calling to deliver Israel.

God was preparing Moses to do some extraordinary exploits by way of delivering the children of Israel from the bondage of cruel slavery where they were imprisoned in the land of idol worship and servitude. Moses was also going to teach Israel about the spiritual realities of the Golden Thread, of him who was prophesied; the Christ, the awaited Messiah and Savior, and their rock of strength and hope (Deuteronomy 32:30-31).

I AM hath sent me unto you is not all that God exclusively told Moses to say to the children of Israel to inspire them to follow him off into the desert without food and water. Simply saying *I AM hath sent me unto you* was not (is not, and never will be) a magical phrase that mysteriously empowered Israel (or anyone else for that matter) to get up and get going into the barren desert (that only happens in the movies).

I Corinthians 10:4:

And {the children of Israel} did all drink the same spiritual drink {given by Moses}: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them {or rather who *came after them*}: and that Rock was {is, and will always be} Christ.

Moses began revealing the Messiah to the children of Israel (Deuteronomy 18:15, Acts 3:22-23). Then, as the Israelites began to figuratively drink and savor the comforting words that flowed from the mouth of Moses, they began perceiving the subject of all true prophecy, the rock Christ who *came after them*, as is recorded for posterity in the Gospels.

The hope of the coming of Christ was what inspired them to get moving over to the Promised Land where their Redeemer would come to redeem them. Jesus Christ became known through the spoken Word of God by Moses. This is how Moses strengthened Israel to the point that they also began believing in He Who could not deny Himself, in He Who said to Moses: *I AM*.

Hebrews 11:6:

But without faith {believing faith} *it is* impossible to please *him* {God}: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The reward itself inspired Israel, as well as Moses, to boldly go through the sweltering desert to the other side, to where the promise awaited, to the place of hope, to home, and to their destiny. Within the heart of their hearts they had the knowledge of Christ (who is the Word, John 1:14) who not only followed after them in the fullness of time, but to the very place where he would redeem, in their Promised Land of milk and honey.

Hebrews 11:24-27 (The Amplified Bible):**

-24: [Aroused] by {believing} faith Moses, when he had grown to maturity *and* become great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

-25: Because he preferred to share the oppression [suffer the hardships] and bear the shame of the people of God rather than to have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life.

-26: He considered the contempt *and* abuse *and* shame [borne for] the Christ (the Messiah Who was to come) to be greater wealth than all {ALL} the treasures of Egypt, for he looked forward and away to the reward {the eternal reward that God gives}.

-27: [Motivated] by {believing} faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed and undismayed by the wrath of the king {Pharaoh}: for he never flinched *but* held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible.

The Greek word for *faith* is *pistis*, and means believing faith, of which Christ is man's *author* and *finisher*, (Hebrews 12:2), and if one is in need of more faith, then faith will be found through knowing Jesus Christ in the Word of God, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). By Moses choosing to believe in Christ, he chose an apparent life of hardship with the bound slaves of Egypt. He walked away from Pharaoh's household and the life of luxury and looked to the invisible God of his conscious mind Who comforts and rescues from fear and rewards believing-faith in Christ.

Moses' standing as a leader in Egypt was perhaps similar to that of the Apostle Paul who regarded his social standing as a blameless Pharisee in the Law and being in the top echelon of his class (Philippians 3:4-10). Yet in comparison Paul counted it all as nothing but "dung, that I may win {or *gain*} Christ" (Philippians 3:8). Why? Paul and Moses, as well as you and I, have access to the "the riches of Christ" (Colossians 1:27), and the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3), leaving no comparison between being in Christ and life without him. Moses chose to place the rest of his life and future in Christ who was to him the prophesied spiritual rock who would follow, and with whose knowledge would strengthen him as well as Israel, as they were assured of a much better life. By believing-faith, Moses chose temporal hardships rather *than to have the fleeting enjoyment of a sinful life* in order to receive "a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory" (II Corinthians 4:17), *more* than Egypt could ever offer.

Exodus 3:15a:

And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you. . .

Moses had much more to go on than simply to say *I AM sent me unto you*, but also to inform Israel that the same God their ancestors believed in and hoped on has *sent me unto you*. One blissful benefit that Moses received for choosing to believe was that he spent personal time with God the Creator. As Moses enjoyed his time with the God of his life and hope, he learned from His actual voice the realities of the coming Redeemer and Moses grew to know the love of his life would indeed be his Messiah.

Today we may also experience this kind of personal relationship with the Father and with Christ Jesus who is literally our brother in the household of God; “Beloved, now are we the sons of God” (I John 3:2). “I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty” (II Corinthians 6:17-18).

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The Embryo of The Golden Thread Series

Between the dates of November 13, 2000 and January 8, 2001 we posted the first of fifty-eight short Bible Bytes illustrating Jesus Christ as The Golden Thread on our website, biblebyte.org. Every day we posted another instalment until we went through all the books of the Bible. Below is the Byte we posted about Exodus on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, and for nostalgia and preservation of the original, the Byte appears just as it was posted without any additional edits or corrections. We had such an enormous response from our readers at that time that we were encouraged to begin the groundwork for the complete study of The Golden Thread series. We have used our original Bytes for our pattern and guide to make the fuller text of the series for you to enjoy.

Exodus - Revealing Our True Passover

In Christendom we normally think of the Passover as a Jewish festival or holiday, and for the most part the word Passover hardly comes up except when talking about the last supper. Today we will see that Jesus Christ is not only our true Passover but that he is our exodus and redemption from the bondage of sin. The word Exodus means a way out, a departure (from bondage). The children of Israel were living as slaves under horrendous conditions in Egypt and God was going to set them free and bring them into the Promised Land, and to commence this deliverance God initiated the Passover.

The Passover lamb had two major components, one was the body itself, and two was the blood. In the very night that Israel left Egypt they sprinkled the Passover lambs' blood on their doorposts and ate the flesh. The blood was not simply used to allow the angel of death to pass over their homes; the blood was for the forgiveness of their sins, while the flesh (body) when eaten was for their healing. This is why during the forty years in the wilderness they were not sick.

In Exodus 12:11 the Passover is called "the LORD'S Passover." God gave the children of Israel two wonderful things that strengthened their frail minds and bodies for the task and journey ahead, forgiveness in order that they may have a good conscience to believe God, and healing so they could go the distance through the barren desert. They were to have a Passover once a year, as a reminder of their redemption from slavery and sin; this was to help strengthen their believing and enjoyment in having the God-given freedom to choose their destinies without oppression.

John 1:36 – And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he {John the Baptist} saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

John was a Levite, and as a Levite he was a priest of the Most High God. John the Baptist in the above verse pointed out to Israel the true Passover Lamb of God. The lambs were symbolic, but the Lamb of God would redeem Israel and the world from the bondage of sin for our eternity and would become our spiritual exodus and entrance to the right hand of God.

Luke 9:31 – Who {Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus in a “vision”} appeared in glory, and spake of his {Jesus’} decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

The word “decease” is the Greek word *exedon* and means exodus. Jesus’ exodus for humanity would be accomplished at Jerusalem. The word “accomplish” means to complete, to fill to the brim, and when Jesus Christ gave himself for us he became the Passover for the entire world, this is why in the Christian Church we do not need to sacrifice lambs. Jesus Christ was the final sacrifice; he fulfilled – once for all – our eternal exodus into his own heavenly glory.

Our Passover – Jesus Christ – he has delivered us from spiritual death to eternal life, he redeemed us from the bondage of sin (and sins), and to the righteousness of God.

Knowing our Passover will give us a clear conscience to walk daily, moment by moment with our heavenly Father.

I Corinthians 5:7b – . . . For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

During the last hours prior to Jesus’ crucifixion he initiated the communion which represents for all of us his accomplishments that would be perfected and accomplished at Jerusalem. When Jesus was crucified his precious blood ran down his cross at the doorpost and threshold of eternity, giving us an eternal entrance into the promised land and home of His Holiest, with the gift of eternal redemption that daily abides within our very hearts.

I Peter 2:24 – Who {Jesus Christ} his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should {now} live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

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