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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).

Enjoy, and God Bless You!

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

Genesis

Reveals Jesus Christ as the Promised Seed

In the Book of Genesis, we read of a perfect creation created in complete perfection and then ruined because of sin. In Christ the Promised Seed we have Redemption from that sin and receive the new creation within, giving us the eternal victory in, and of, an endless life!

Genesis 3:15:

And I {God} will put enmity between thee {the Serpent whose epithets are: “the great dragon, the Devil, and Satan,”— Revelation 12:9} and the woman {Mary, the mother of Jesus}, and between thy seed {the Serpent’s *seed*} and her seed {Mary’s *seed*}; it {or *he*, and *he* refers to Jesus Christ} shall bruise thy {Serpent’s} head, and thou {the Serpent} shalt bruise his {Jesus Christ’s} heel {which happened when Jesus suffered and was crucified}.

Genesis 3:15 is an intricate verse of Scripture in which God spoke to the Serpent, so for your convenience, I would like to repeat this without the added commentary from the Amplified Bible:

Genesis 3:15 (The Amplified Bible):*

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise *and* tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait *and* bruise His heel.

This prophecy shows the coming of the Promised Seed and the eventual doom of the Serpent which is still a future event. Believers today in grace are members of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:27), and this is why Romans 16:20 records that God shall (at a future time) bruise Satan under our feet — *shortly*. In other words, He will allow the members of the body of Christ to help crush the Serpent’s *head* (the *head* represents the seat of his evil power and authority) under our heel in the offing time of Christ’s return to earth in glory as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

In Genesis 3:15 we have the first of many future prophecies relating to the suffering and the glory of Christ, and as we go along we will be pointing out some of these for you. As well, following is a verse relating to the coming of the Promised Seed. Luke 24:26 states, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" With the beginning of the Gospels, we have the actual birth of the Promised Seed through Mary and at the conclusion of the Gospels, we learn of "Christ's sufferings" culminating with his resurrection into his glory.

In the grace of the New Testament times, we today have the Promised Seed of Christ within as we also await the "glorious" appearing of Christ to return in all his glory, fulfilling the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 in its entirety. Currently we live in a time and age of great grace that is placed between the "sufferings and glory of Christ."

Today in this age of grace, we with Christ within anticipate the full coming of "the {future} hope of {our} glory" (Colossians 1:27).

Colossians 3:4:

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

I Peter 4:13:

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings {for he suffered for one and all in order to redeem mankind}; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

It is interesting to note that after the fall of man in Genesis 4:1, Eve conceived her firstborn son, and then made an astonishing proclamation: "I have gotten a man from the LORD." What man did Eve suppose she had acquired *from the LORD*? She thought Genesis 3:15 was already coming to pass; she envisioned that she conceived the Promised Seed from God, the Savior, and Redeemer of mankind. It turns out that she completely misconceived Genesis 3:15, for her newborn son, Cain, was the progeny conceived of Adam and herself. "AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD" (Genesis 4:1). In the Bible, Cain was the first murderer, rather than the *man from the LORD*. The Promised Seed, the *man from the LORD*, the true Promised Seed, and the true Savior of the world was given to our beloved Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Luke 1:31:

And, behold {the angel is talking to Mary}, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

In Genesis 3:15 we read the words *her seed*; however, as we know, the seed comes from the male and the egg comes from the female. *Her seed* means that she would not (biblically) know any man up to the timing of her actual conception, yet, still have a seed because Jesus was conceived by the divine creative conception of God. Mary is the only women in history to have conceived without any marital intimate relations with a man, that is until the “son of perdition {the bad seed}” arrives (John 17:12, II Thessalonians 2:3, and Genesis 3:15) in the soon future.

Mary would bring forth the most perfect man to ever grace this earth with his life and blessings of Redemption. Thus, Jesus was prophesied as *her seed*. Yet even though it was *her seed*, God was the Creator and the Father of Jesus.

God created in Mary’s womb twenty-three completely flawless chromosomes to add with Mary’s twenty-three. However, God’s created chromosomes and DNA right down to the smallest particles were completely sinless. In this manner, God’s chromosomes produced the most perfect man who contained godly dominant characteristics. Jesus was the prophesied *man from the LORD* who grew to speak to the hearts and souls of people; he was God’s gift to the world (John 3:16). Thusly, “the Word was made flesh, and {and then nine months later} dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

Jesus was the most complete human being to ever walk this Earth since the first man, Adam who once lived and walked before God in the Paradise Garden of perfection.

Matthew 1:18:

Now the birth {this word *birth* is the Greek word *gennēsis* and literally means genesis, i.e., the beginning of the Promised Seed} of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together {in marital relations}, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Luke 1:32-35:

-32: He {Jesus} shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father {or rather, his *forefather*} David:

-33: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

-34: Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? {Biblically speaking, to *know a man* is referring to the exact time of conception: See Genesis 4:1, above, and Matthew 1:24-25.}

-35: And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

That holy thing in verse 35 is a misunderstood phrase, but it is an accurate translation and represents the Seed growing within Mary's womb, i.e., *that holy thing*, and is correctly translated as *it* in Genesis 3:15. When the Promised Seed took the first "breath of life" then, the promised seed became "a living soul" (Genesis 2:7), a living, breathing human being, just as Adam became the first son of God at his first breath. This paragraph is not written to debunk or prove any social issues. Life is life, and all life is spirit, and all spirit belonging to man returns back to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7, Job 32:8). God forms "the spirit of man within him {or her}" (Zechariah 12:1). "The spirit of man *is* the candle of the LORD" (Proverbs 20:27). *The candle* is the life from God that burns within the human soul.

God gave us our lives so we could know and walk with Him, and in His Word He reveals how we all may "prove" to ourselves beyond any doubt that His will for us is "good, and acceptable, and perfect." God being the creator of life has given all men and women the blueprint to enjoy life with our Savior, and those plans are found in the Word of God through knowing Christ.

Romans 12:1-2:

-1: I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*.

-2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Let us highlight the phrase *present your bodies a living sacrifice*. This implies that God desires a commitment (presenting the whole person — wholly unto Him). But why this request? For in doing so we will begin proving to our inner conscious minds that the *will of God* is so *good*, completely *acceptable*, and unequivocally *perfect*. When we begin committing our lives to God (our bodies, i.e., our very souls), He will then begin proving to us that life with Him is truly spectacular and always rewarding. This is “proving what is acceptable unto the Lord” that we read about in Ephesians 5:10.

To name just a few things that are *acceptable unto the Lord*, we might start with His *love* that we have received from Him that we may then daily utilize. We have overflowing *joy* that we may bask in until we are completely rejoicing. We have the seed of *Christ in us* that continues growing and cultivating heavenly inspiration within our human hearts. Then beyond this, there are a thousand and one other things that we daily receive from God so that we may flourish in our personal and spiritual growth.

Ephesians 1:3:

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

The reason why we daily receive spiritual blessings will cause our inner soul to thankfully say, “This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

I Corinthians 3:9 (The Amplified Bible): **

For we are fellow workman (joint promoters, laborers together) with *and* for God; *you* are God’s garden *and* vineyard *and* field under {God’s} cultivation, [you are] God’s building.

Adam and Eve lived quite comfortably on the garden of God and they lived in complete serenity with Him and all of nature, being immersed in His divine grace. Yet known by Bible scholars and students alike, Adam and Eve fell from grace with the entrance of sin, and Paradise, the garden of God, ceased to exist for man. However, today as part of our Redemption we have freely received by the completed travail of Christ the enablement to once again travel with God to walk completely immersed in His divine grace in spiritual harmony, equal to that of Adam and Eve’s original fellowship, union, and serenity with God.

We are now *laborers together* with God in His cultivated home in the fleshy tables of our hearts (II Corinthians 3:3, 4:7). We become a new spiritual garden of God's making and design wherein God provides the cultivating, nurturing, and growth of our spiritual lives. As we freely commit our souls to Him, He will heal our hearts with His love in order that we may enjoy this new and everlasting partnership in the continuous present tense.

We today in God's garden are the sweet fragrance of Christ to Him (Ephesians 5:1-2). It is interesting to note that the word for "grow" in Matthew 6:28 for the growth life of "the lilies of the field" is the Greek word *auxano*. *Auxano* means to grow from within without compulsion, planted in the best conditions, having the best light for photosynthesis to promulgate the growth of life. This word *auxano* is also used for the growth and unification of the Temple of God, of whose Temple we collectively are the intricate parts of the church of God (Ephesians 2:21-22), for we are continuously growing in and with God's cultivation, immersed in the warmth and light of His love.

Ephesians 4:16:

From the whole body {of individual believers} fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

I Corinthians 6:19-20:

-19: What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost {the holy spirit} *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

-20: For ye are bought with a price: therefore {give, suffer, and then give some more until it really — really hurts, Oh, NO, but rather} glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Today, no matter where we are, we have a real spiritual connection with the Father in the garden of His delight wherein He supplies our sufficiency in Christ in us as He continues to deliver and honor us. "He {you and me} shall call upon me {God}, and I will answer him: I *will be* with him in {or *through*} trouble; I will deliver him {from trouble}, and {I God will} honour him" (Psalms 91:15). WOW – God honors us – what a rarefied privilege bestowed on those who call upon God!

Isaiah 58:11:

And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

“For in him {in God} we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:28), and this is why believers are “called trees of righteousness {and}, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified {by the believers}” (Isaiah 61:3). Believers are indeed God’s holy and beloved because *thou shalt be like a watered garden*.

Psalms 139:17-18:

-17: How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

-18: *If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.*

Have you ever considered the honorable thoughts God has about you? Most people think His thoughts are not so pleasant towards them, when in truth His thoughts that honor you are ever so — very *precious*! If you never considered or knew just how much God loves you and thinks about you in the most endearing ways is because you have not been properly introduced to Jesus Christ, the Promised Seed, for it is he who clears away the chatter and white noise so that God’s thoughts and voice becomes clearly recognized. “Many, O LORD my God, *are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered*” (Psalms 40:5). Jesus said, “How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that *cometh from God only*” (John 5:44)? You see, Jesus is the way to God! “He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him” (John 5:23), and we can only come to honor the Son of God by coming to know of him through the Scriptures as this builds trust in him and daily awareness of him, which answers the question — *How can ye believe?* Then you can come to know with believing conviction that the Father Himself honors you as we read in Psalms 91:15, above!

Then as you grow in God’s garden, every waking day you may come to know His thoughts that are ever rejuvenating the human soul with unceasing abundance of lovely thoughts, as the Psalmist wrote, “*If I should count them, they are more in*

number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee." What could be better than to wake up and know that you are not only in hollow of His hand, but that you are in His mind; the only question that remains is, Is He in yours? Christ the Golden Thread can assure you of union with the Father. "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations" (Isaiah 61:11), because "God is in you" (I Corinthians 14:25).

We are God's spiritual garden, for we are His habitation, "In whom {God} ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:22). Living in and enjoying our heavenly Father's own intimate refinements and cultivation, and we can say along with the Psalmist, that God is "delighted in me" (Psalms 18:19).

Our heavenly Father gently pulls out the weeds of doubts, worries, and fears, and increases the emergence of our confidence, trust, and believing faith. Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15:13). In other words, our heavenly Father can deliver us from whatever holds us captive, no matter how deeply seated (or seeded) they may be, for God through the Promised Seed is the refiner of the human heart (in those who are God's Children). Therefore, the believer "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his {or her} fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he {or her} doeth shall prosper" (Psalms 1:3).

In the Gospel of Matthew 3:12 Jesus "fans {i.e., winnows}" to gently relieve us of the "chaff," meaning he delivers men and women from their worries, doubts, and fears, and gathers up and preserves God's children as wheat is separated from the chaff and collects that good part, the pure wheat (of which you are according to God's thoughts), as Jesus says to his reapers "gather the wheat into my barn" (Matthew 13:30).

Conversely, in the Gospel of Luke 22:31, Satan's hope and desire is to "sift . . . as wheat," meaning to pulverize and break down the pure wheat (i.e., one's wholeness, also See Mark 4:15); in an attempt to destroy all their hopes and dreams and to spoil their joys they have received walking in togetherness with God in Christ.

I Peter 5:7 (The Amplified Bible): **

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately *and* cares about you watchfully.

The first usage of *care* in I Peter 5:7 in the Greek Text is a different word than the second two words *cares*. The first word *care* means that which is distracting the mind, such as our anxieties, our fears, and our worries, while the second word *cares* above (used twice) is beautifully illustrated in the Amplified Bible with the words *affectionately* and *watchfully* and in the Text *cares* means to be an object of great care and interest with purposeful forethought.

This is God's desire for us, and all He asks of us is to reciprocate back by casting our cares onto Him. Then watch out — for the deliverance must follow, unless we become too impatient and take our cares back before God in Christ has a chance to work in our favor.

God warms our souls in the heavenly glow of His marvelous Light as He gives us spiritual growth which blossoms out from our inner being — this to replace the fear, worry, and cares of this world that we tend to dwell on and incubate.

God's alliance with man always contains an inside focus, "for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (I Samuel 16:7). Only with genuine growth and change from within will there be lasting change manifesting itself without. "The LORD *is* thy keeper {thy attendant within}" (Psalms 121:5).

Now just imagine this: that God knows exactly what He is working with, "for thou, *even* thou only {God}, knowest the hearts of all the children of men" (I Kings 8:39), and He still loves us with all our shortcomings and idiosyncrasies through and throughly through.

God's Word refers to "the man of God {i.e., God's man or woman}," as being "throughly furnished" (II Timothy 3:17). Notice the word *throughly* is used, rather than the word thoroughly. The difference is that the word *throughly* represents an inside action based entirely on God's *grace*, while thoroughly is an exterior concept based completely on man's *works*.

Grace and *works* are always contrary to one another. For examples we may bathe and wash thoroughly but no matter how much we scrub “working” for perfection, we cannot wash ourselves *thoroughly*. Howbeit in grace, God can and does cleanse from within during these “the times of the {inner} refreshing” which comes to us “from {having} the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). God “cleanseth us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9), as Christ also purifies us (Hebrews 9:13–14).

We may plant and water by sowing the healing Word of God in the center of our hearts and minds and God will give the increase which in the Greek is *auxano*, which, again, means to grow from within without compulsion, planted in the best conditions, having the best light for photosynthesis to promulgate the growth of life. “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase {*auxano*}. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase {*auxano*}. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: *ye* are God’s husbandry, *ye* are God’s building. (I Corinthians 3:6–9). The words *any thing* in the above verse does not imply that the believer is nothing of importance, but rather means that only with God are they something very special because they enjoy their Father/son or Father/daughter relationship of unity planted with the cultivation, refinement, and increase from heaven’s Holiest.

We may become genuine *laborers together with God* as we also help Him purify our souls from within with — love (I Peter 1:22), while simultaneously our heavenly Father tends His spiritual habitation of the human heart in love so we may produce an abundance of spiritual love (I Thessalonians 3:12). Love is the very first fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22). God gives us the increase (*auxano*) that we need to enjoy our lives in the spiritual garden of His care with an ever-renewable inner perpetual springtime of spiritual growth.

God created the creation itself, and the Earth within the creation was created for man. The Earth and all that is therein were given to man by God to sustain his physical life. Man was formed, made, and created for God, and it is He Who sustains man’s spiritual life so we (God in Christ in you and me) could enjoy each other’s combination of “fellowship in the Spirit” (Philippians 2:1).

The Promised Seed (because of the fall of man) was created to reintroduce as well as to reconcile man back to his original Creator. With our reception of the

Promised Seed comes unity, fellowship, and the comfort of being with the Creator Who becomes our heavenly Father.

God for the believer becomes “above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:6), ergo — God becomes not only the pivotal point of the entire universe but also the spiritual center within our lives.

In the Book of Acts 17:28 we read: “for in him {God} we live, and move, and have our being.” This is the state (or place) of all people and things, for God is the Creator of the universe, so ultimately everything in the universe is *in Him*. Consider the difference between all being “in Him (God)” as we read in Acts 17:28 above, and God presently being “in you all” as we read in Ephesians 4:6 above. When you begin walking with God is when He is revealed to you as being *in you*, for God through His Promised Seed becomes ever more understood to be a real and vital part *in us*, in our inner heart’s foundation.

When I recall first becoming a Christian in my early twenties (although I was raised as a Christian, and went to church most Sundays, I never was in the biblical sense a Christian as I was not born again, and didn’t really know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior), one huge concern of mine was in respect to making any kind of commitment to God because ever since I was a child I heard and learned that Christians must suffer their way up to Heaven. I was told that I could not have any fun in life if I wanted to get to Heaven and in order for me to become an active member of that elite religiously bound group I would have to start towing the line by practicing strict mandates. I was told that mischievous behavior would sequester one to total damnation.

So hopelessly, I tried but failed, learning that this kind of life was actually an impossibility to practice successfully (Acts 15:10, Romans 10:3, Galatians 2:16, and Ephesians 2:8-9). It became apparent to me that I was going to hell and I had reasoned that I did not want any part of a life which meant suffering for the baby Jesus, and I rationalized that my getting saved apparently was an unachievable endeavor anyway. After all, I did not even know who Jesus was or where he was, all I ever heard (and feared) was that God’s Word was a “thou shalt NOT have” – type of restraining Bible, and “boy, was I ever damned if I did have – fun.” However, I have since gratefully learned that God’s Word is a “thou shalt HAVE” – kind of liberating manuscript once we know His thoughts towards us through knowing Christ our generously wonderful Savior!

I have observed over the years that way too often what people say is in the Bible is not recorded in any of the Bibles I have read. Then, when they promulgate that something is not “biblical,” I have found that it was written in the Bible, usually in more than one place. Similarly, when the Bible says it is perfectly fine to do something, they chime in and piously trumpet, “Do not do that, unless you want to go to hell.” Then even further, when they proclaim that the Bible says, “Do not do something,” the Bible actually gives one leave to go right ahead if it blesses you or your family.

Thankfully, when I finally came to the Word of God itself, I began realizing that walking with God was actually quite enjoyable. I further discovered that God’s will for His children was a “thou shalt have” rather than a “thou shalt not have” life; as Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly” (John 10:10), and that Jesus Christ suffered so that I did not need to suffer, and to this biblical concept I could resolve to have a heartfelt commitment. I was completely released from so many unfounded half-truths that were shrouded in so-called religious doctrines.

Now I am so thankful just to know that God has blessed me (and you, too) with “all spiritual blessings” in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). I have seen that God works the same miracles of deliverance inside the hearts and lives of others that have also discovered the Golden Thread within the Scriptures.

When I was originally introduced to God as being my heavenly Father by coming to know my Savior, I was literally shocked to see that the Bible was actually God’s Word, Will, and Testament for men and women and that it actually contained the answers to “life and godliness” (II Peter 1:3)! When anyone finds Jesus Christ in the Scriptures, simultaneously they will find their spiritual relationship with God as their heavenly Father rather than as simply knowing of Him as “the (unknown) man upstairs,” for He is at home IN YOU!

Allow me to re-quote the beginning of this chapter: “In the Book of Genesis, we read of a perfect creation created in complete perfection and then ruined because of sin. In Christ the Promised Seed we have Redemption from that sin and receive the new creation within, giving us the eternal victory in, and of, an endless life!”

In our salvation we become God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:10), and "created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24), because we have received the Promised Seed!

Galatians 3:16:

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made {in the Old Testament}. He {God} saith not, And to seeds, as of many {plural *seeds* – no}; but as of one {*one* singular seed}, And to thy seed {or *your seed*}, which is Christ.

There are not many seeds, but one seed, and this one seed of Christ is within (Christ-in-you, i.e., Christian), and with this seed we belong to "one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Today when we become saved we receive the seed of Christ within, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible {seed}, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Peter 1:23). Jesus regained everything Adam and Eve had – yet lost – not only for themselves but lost for all humanity.

The true story of Genesis is one of creation, regeneration, redemption, and fellowship with the Creator and is spiritually an internal presence and an eternal reality, and confirmed *by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever*.

Now through Christ, the Promised Seed, a new and exciting life is returned back to us in order that we may again walk with our God in righteousness and divine grace.

The coming of Jesus Christ our Promised Seed is recorded in Genesis 3:15 as man's only future hope since his fall from grace in Genesis.

Thankfully, Christ did come, and thus we may now be *born again of incorruptible seed*. This is the planted seed of Christ within; the same seed God promised in Genesis 3:15. Christ, via "Christ in you" (Colossians 1:27), spiritually grows (Romans 8:9-16, II Corinthians 1:22) in the heart and soul of spirit-filled men and women, young and old (I John 5:11-12).

By God's grace, we currently have the first, future prophecy recorded in the Book of Genesis revealing the Promised Seed of Christ who is residing in our very being.

We who find Christ personally become an integral part of His-story from the Scriptures, for through the Promised Seed we genuinely begin growing in the light of understanding that we are truly in Christ wherein we "behold, all things are become{ing} new" (II Corinthians 5:17), because we are the acclaimed children of God, by a spiritual, new birth, and thus, we are the sons and daughters of our heavenly Father!

Bonus Chapter

The Alpha and The Omega

(The Beginning and the End, the First and the Last)

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

Revelation 22:13:

I {Jesus Christ} am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

The phrases *Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last* were well known to the people in the biblelands. Besides the obvious usage of *alpha* and *omega* as the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, they also have a dynamic representation in the Scriptures.

The following Alpha and Omega story was told by Bishop K. C. Pillai, DD (c. 1900–1970), who converted to the Christian faith from Hinduism in India. He had a wealth of practical understanding in so many customs of the biblelands. Dr Pillai opened up a new and fascinating field of study from the customs, cultures, and manners of the people in the biblical lands, having lived and learned them from his childhood. Dr Pillai taught and inspired many in the United States until his passing. (Three of his published works are cited at the end of this study.)

Bishop Pillai told the story of what the Alpha and Omega meant to the people of the first century as follows. "When a foreign nation was about to attack a certain region, they who were about to be assaulted would commission a messenger who would then run throughout the different towns and villages and herald the warning of the danger. This messenger would yell out: *I am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, your first and your last warning that the enemy is coming*, then he would run on to other villages and towns in the enemy's path and repeat this warning."

This was perhaps similar to Paul Revere's ride when yelling out: *The British are coming! The British are coming!* The messenger was the only one who would come; there would be no other messengers to follow, and thus he was the first and the last. Then the people could either prepare for the imminent danger of attack on its way or reject their only chance to defend themselves.

In the Bible, the Alpha and Omega is in reference to Jesus Christ who brought the one and only salvation for all men and women. Jesus is the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, our messenger traveling in prophecy throughout the Scriptures from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, and thus he is the Beginning and the End. We can track God's messenger, the "forerunner," Jesus Christ, through the entire Word of God, for he is the Golden Thread. Jesus is spun into every fiber of prophecy in the tapestry of life, as he runs through and spans the ages of time in Scripture revealing him as man's complete Savior.

Acts 4:12:

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name {than Jesus Christ} under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

When Jesus had told the Apostle John that he was the Alpha and Omega in Revelation, Jesus was saying that he was the only hope of the ages, the only entrance into the everlasting graces of the Creator.

In the Gospels, Jesus preached about the end of the world, and the termination of life as it currently exists (Matthew 24:3ff). The Alpha and Omega heralds out that through him there is a harbor of refuge and a heavenly entrance, giving those who will believe on him a safe passage (Matthew 13:25-30, 36-43, and John 3:16-21), for he is humanity's preservation and salvation.

Jesus Christ is the one great subject in the Word of God, for he is the prophesied Promised Seed of the woman. He is the Master's master key who unlocks the divine revelation in the Word of God. The entire Bible is about him either directly or indirectly. Everything written in the Scriptures is subject to him and centers in and around him. Whether the references are explicit or implicit, the topic of all the content of the Bible is Jesus Christ, and without him, man cannot fully understand or appreciate the Scriptures in their fullness or detail, for Jesus is the mediator between God and man.

With the Alpha and Omega revealed in the Word of God, we can further learn that through Christ, man has his own Genesis, his beginning commencing in divine purpose and fully completed as is revealed in the Book of Revelation with culmination into an eternity of divine grace. The Book of Revelation is the

complement and completion to the Book of Genesis; without the Book of Genesis the Book of Revelation would be incomplete and left wanting, and vice versa.

What completes all that was written in the beginning (in the Book of Genesis) is Jesus Christ (in prophecy). What fulfills all that is written for the end (in the Book of Revelation) is Christ Jesus (in fulfillment of prophecy).

To illustrate, in the Book of Genesis, we learn of man's banishment from Paradise and expulsion from the tree of life (3:24) while in the Book of Revelation, we see man welcomed back again into Paradise with free access to the tree of life (22:14).

In Genesis, the curse of the ground and man's curse is pronounced (3:14, 17) while in Revelation we find no more curse at all (22:3).

In Genesis, we encounter man sentenced to sorrows, sufferings, and death (3:17, 19) while in Revelation we witness man's acquittal and freedom to live life without sorrows, sufferings, and death (21:4).

In Genesis, there is night (1:5) while in Revelation there is no more night (21:23).

In Genesis, we observe the sun and moon for physical light (1:16) while in Revelation we see that we do not need the sun and moon because we will be living in the light of God (21:23).

In Genesis, we come across the seas (1:10) while in Revelation there are no more seas (21:1).

In Genesis, we have a river for the Earth's blessings (2:10-14) while in Revelation we have a river for the new Earth's blessings (22:1-2).

In Genesis, we have the entrance of sin and man's fall from grace (3:14, 17) while in Revelation we have the end of sin and man's complete restoration into God's grace (21:3, 22:3).

In Genesis, we have the rainbow as a visible token of God's covenant with the Earth (9:13) while in Revelation we have the rainbow in recognition of God's covenant (4:3, 10:1).

In Genesis, we have the marriage of the first man — Adam (2:18–23) while in Revelation we have the marriage of the last Adam — Jesus Christ (19:1–9, also see I Corinthians 15:45).

In Genesis, we have man driven from Eden (3:24) while in Revelation we have man restored to a new paradise (22:1ff).

In Genesis, we discover Satan's rebellion (between verses 1:1 and 1:2, also see Revelation 12:7–9, Ezekiel 28:15–18, and Isaiah 14:12, while in Revelation we are shown Satan's final rebellion and destruction and a new Earth (20:7–10, 21:1). Please note in Genesis 1:1 the Earth was complete and perfect, created "not in vain" (Isaiah 45:18), but then in Genesis 1:2 the Earth became "without form and void" (Jeremiah 4:23). Then beginning from Genesis 1:3 through Genesis 2:3, God began putting the Earth back together for man. (See also II Peter 3:5–7, and See also the study titled: Geneses, written by the same author.)

In Genesis, we have the Earth created (1:1) while in Revelation we read that the Earth passed away (22:1).

In Genesis, we have the sun, moon, stars associated with Earth's government (1:14–16), while in Revelation we have the sun, moon, and the stars associated for earth's judgment (6:12, 8:12, and 16:8).

In Genesis, we have man created in God's image (1:26) in charge over the earth, while in Revelation we have another man in charge over the earth in Satan's image (13:11–16).

In Genesis, we have the future prophecy of "the woman" (Mary) and of her Son (Jesus) foretold as a future tense promise and their conflict with (the Dragon) the Serpent (3:15), while in Revelation we again have "the woman" (Mary) and her Son (Jesus) as a past tense reality of the promise fulfilled and their conflict with (the Serpent) the Dragon (12:1–6).

In Genesis, we have man's dominion completely diminished and the beginning of Satan's dominion (3:24) while in Revelation, we have Satan's dominion ended and man's dominion completely restored (22:1ff).

In Genesis, we have the doom of the Serpent pronounced (3:15), while in Revelation, we have the destruction of the Serpent executed (20:10).

Thus, we have the beginning and the end with all that was introduced (formed, made, and created) in the Book of Genesis 1:1-2:2 completely fulfilled in an endless life because of Jesus Christ, culminating in the Book of Revelation 21:1ff complete with a new Heaven and Earth.

Without Jesus Christ, both Books are just books - (and every book between, flawed!) - and man hasn't a prayer, a hope, or a Savior. With Jesus Christ, man has a harbinger of true opportunity, a lively hope, and a risen partnership with and in Christ Jesus for all eternity. Both Books were produced generations apart and no amount of human genius or intervention could have schemed out this awesome bond with intellect only, for both Books are perfectly entwined way beyond what you or I could ever dream up.

The Book of Revelation for the Christian believer is not a disparaging book of doomsday (as we will learn through this series on The Golden Thread), but rather it reveals an incredible amount of good news, relinquishing fears and bestowing on humanity a magnanimous amount of spiritual insight regarding the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

We have Genesis, the Book of the beginning, and we have Revelation, the Book of the end; both complement and augment each other to reveal Christ as our Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. Jesus Christ fills to the full all the Scriptures and assures men and women of their salvation through his accomplished redeeming work.

The Bible, I believe, is His-story (God's) in the making and that Jesus Christ is the true essence of His-story, man is the ultimate purpose and reach of His-story, and the Scriptures contain the true history of creation and man. It evidences the record from the dawn of time to eternal bliss, from the alpha of Lucifer to the omega of his total demise in the lake of fire, from the beginning of man and his struggle with sin and death to his ultimate victory in an endless life. The content within the Scriptures give an overview of all time showing the individual ages in the scope of the larger picture of eternity and man's individual part he has in all God's creation with the Savior.

Isaiah 43:10:

Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant {Jesus} whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Before me and *after me* are representations of God — the Supreme Alpha and Omega.

Between the Alpha and the Omega is the *servant* of God — Jesus Christ, *chosen: that ye may know and believe* in God. Jesus is the “Servant” *chosen* to reveal God. Jesus makes known the heavenly Father to those who want to know, and they who discover Christ become genuine *witnesses* of God’s brilliant creative power.

It is interesting to note that the Book of Isaiah is within the core (or center) of the Bible, and from this center God said in Isaiah 48:12, “I *am* he; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.” God is the Creator, and thus He is the Alpha and Omega of creation, while the Son of God is the Alpha and Omega to knowing Him personally Who has the power of creativity.

To truly know God intimately is to first know the Son, for in him we are lovingly shown the Father, “And such trust we have through Christ to God-ward” (II Corinthians 3:4).

II Peter 1:2-3:

-2: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

-3: According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

What a honorable privilege we have to know Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior, and oh, how thankful we can become to have been given such wonderful understanding from the Word of God that reveals to our hearts the truth, the love, and the light of God Himself through the great revealer — Jesus Christ.

The author's foundation to this series of *The Golden Thread*

In 1980, I received a copy of *How to Enjoy the Bible*, by Dr. E. W. Bullinger. This book was first published in 1907. In pages 7-25, Dr. Bullinger asserted that the one subject in the Word of God is Jesus Christ. I was awed by his insight because I was also coming to the same conclusions through my studies. I returned to his foundational 19 pages year after year for my own inspiration. While searching for other books, commentaries, and studies on this subject, I made a startling discovery; I have not been able to find anyone who has truly advanced Dr. Bullinger's work in nearly a century.

Dr. Bullinger had written that Jesus was alluded to at least once in every book of the Old Testament. When he wrote that Jesus was the one great subject in the Bible, I originally assumed he was referring to the fact that Jesus was one of the primary focuses amongst hundreds of other tantalizing biblical subjects and stories. It was not until I gave much study, thought, and time to this concept that I started to realize that Jesus was in actuality the only master key to the entire Bible and with him fathoms of biblical secrets could be unlocked. *With and through* him, all the seemingly disjointed stories and nuances completely unfold into an inclusive revelation of the majesty of Jesus' life and his redeeming work for humanity. My research builds upon the foundation laid by Dr. E. W. Bullinger but stands on its own as an anthology arranged from every book in the entire Bible.

What Dr. Bullinger wrote in the following paragraphs I have used as my reference guide and foundation and turned his short paragraphs into whole chapters, which I have so titled, *The Golden Thread* after discovering William G. Carr's quote that I used in the Preface, above, "*the Lord's coming runs like a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation.*"

One further note, I have also followed the thread directly to each believer's life, as I became aware that the subject of Christ has everything to do with you — he came for you, he died for you, he rose for you, you were the purpose and reason for the creation in the first place as you will learn throughout this series.

Below is a copy of pages 19-24 from Dr. E. W. Bullinger's book, *How to Enjoy the Bible*.

“ . . . Christ in the Separate Books of the Word.

In GENESIS we shall understand the record of Creation (ch 1), for we shall see in it the counterpart of our new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Cor 5:17).

In the light which shined out of darkness (Gen 1:2, 3) we shall see the light which has shone “in our hearts to give the knowledge of the glory of God in the face (or person) of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 4:6). No wonder that those who know nothing of this spiritual light of the New Creation know nothing of the light that was created on the first day as revealed in the record of the old creation. The natural man sees only a myth and an old wives’ fable in the Creation record, and seems actually to prefer the Babylonian corruption of primitive truth. These “other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart” (Eph 4:17, 18). Woe be to those who follow these blind leaders, for “they shall both fall into the ditch” they have prepared for themselves by their fleshly knowledge and worldly wisdom.

In the Creator we shall see Christ (John 1:3; Col 1:16).

In the first Adam we shall see the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45; Rom 5:14). In the first man we shall see “the second man, the Lord, from heaven” (1 Cor 15:47).

In the “seed of the woman” (Gen 3:15) we shall see the coming son of Abraham, the son of David, the Son of man, the Son of God. . .

In Abraham’s shield we shall see the Living Word, coming, speaking, and revealing Himself to him (ch 15:1; John 8:56).

In Isaac we shall see Christ the true seed of Abraham (Rom 9:7; Gal 3:16). In the Annunciation to the Mother (Gen 18:10; Luke 1:30-33), the miraculous conception (Gen 18:14; Luke 1:35) and the pre-natal naming (Gen 17:19; Matt 1:21; Luke 1:31, 2:21). In the projected death of the one we see the foreshadowing of the other, two thousand years before, and on the same mountain, Moriah; and this Mount, selected not by chance, or for convenience (for it was three days’ journey), but appointed in the Divine counsels as the site of the future altar of burnt offering (Gen 22:2; 1 Chron 21:28-22:1; 2 Chron 3:1). In the *wood* laid upon Isaac (Gen 22:6), and not carried by the servants or on the ass, we shall see Him who was led forth bearing His Cross (John 19:17).

In Joseph, of whom the question was asked, “Shalt thou indeed reign over us?” we see Him of whom His brethren afterwards said, “We will not have this man to reign over us” (Luke 19:14). But we see the sufferings of the one followed by the glory, as we shall surely see the glory of the true Joseph following His sufferings in the fulness of time (1 Peter 1:11), of which glory we shall be the witnesses, and partakers (1 Peter 4:13, 5:1).

We must not pursue this great subject or principle in its further details, though we have but touched the fringe of it, even in the book of Genesis. As the Lord Jesus began at Moses [Luke 24:27] so have we only made a beginning, and must leave our readers to follow where we have pointed out the way.

It may be well, however, for us to indicate one or two of the leading points of the other books of the Old Testament.

EXODUS tells of the sufferings and the glory of Moses, as Genesis does of Joseph, and in both we see a type of the sufferings and glory of Christ.

Joseph's sufferings began with his rejection, his own brethren asking, "Shalt thou indeed reign over us? Or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?" (Gen 37:8). Moses' sufferings began with his rejection and the question of "two men of the Hebrews,"—"Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?" (Exo 2:14). In all this we see the rejection of Christ by a similar question, the thought of their hearts being put into their lips, in the parable, where "his citizens hated Him and sent a message after Him saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us'" (Luke 19:14).

But the issue in all three cases is the same. Of each it is true, as it is said of Moses, "This Moses whom they refused, saying, 'Who made thee a ruler and a deliverer?' The same did God send to be 'a ruler and a judge' by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush" (Acts 7:35). Even so will God surely "send Jesus Christ...whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20, 21).

Thus early, in Genesis and Exodus, we have the great subject of the sufferings and the glory of Christ more than foreshadowed (1 Peter 1:11, 4:13, 5:1; Luke 24:26).

EXODUS tells us also of Christ as the true Paschal Lamb (1 Cor 5:7, 8); as the true Priest (Exo 30:10; Heb 5:4, 5); and the true Tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not men (Heb 9).

LEVITICUS gives us, in the offerings, a fourfold view of the Death of Christ (the Sin and Trespass Offerings being reckoned as one), as the Gospels give us a fourfold view of His life.

NUMBERS foreshadows the Son of Man come to be "lifted up" (ch 21:9; John 3:14,15); the Rock (ch 20:11; 1 Cor 10:4); the Manna that fed them (ch 11:7-9; Deut 8:2,3; John 6:57,58); and the future Star that should arise "out of Jacob" (ch 24:17; Luke 1:78; 2 Peter 1:19; Rev 2:28, 22:16).

DEUTERONOMY reveals the coming Prophet "like unto Moses" (ch 18:15; Acts 7:23-26); the Rock and Refuge of His people (ch 32:4, 33:27).

JOSHUA tells of “the Captain of the Lord’s host” (ch 5:13-15; Heb 2:10, 12:2) who shall triumph over all His foes; while Rahab’s scarlet cord (ch 2:12-20) tells of His sufferings and precious blood which will shelter and preserve His people in the coming day of His war.

JUDGES tells of the Covenant Angel whose name is “Secret,” i.e. “Wonderful” (ch 13:18, margin; compare Isa 9:6, where the word is the same).

RUTH reveals the type of our Kinsman-Redeemer, the true Boaz; and the question of chapter 2:10 is answered in Proverbs 11:15.

SAMUEL reveals the “sufferings” and rejection of David, who became a “Saviour” and a “Captain” of his followers (1 Sam 22:1, 2), foreshadowing David’s Son and David’s Lord, “the Root and the Offspring of David” (Rev 22:16).

KINGS shows us the “glory which should follow,” and the “greater than Solomon” (Matt 12:42); the “greater than the Temple” (Matt 12:6), where everything speaks of His glory (Psa 29:9 and margin).

CHRONICLES reveals Christ as “the King’s Son,” rescued “from among the dead,” hidden in the House of God, to be manifested in due time, “as Jehovah hath said” (2 Chron 22:10-23:3).

EZRA speaks of “a nail in a sure place” (ch 9:8), which according to Isaiah 22:23 is used of Eliakim, who typifies Christ.

NEHEMIAH tells of the “bread from Heaven” and “water out of the Rock” (ch 9:15, 20), which are elsewhere used as typical of Christ (John 6:57, 58; 1 Cor 10:4).

ESTHER sees the seed preserved which should in the fulness of time be born into the world. His name is there, though concealed, but His will and power is manifested in defeating all enemies in spite of the unalterable law of the Medes and Persians.

JOB reveals Him as his “Daysman” or “Mediator” (ch 9:33); and as his “Redeemer” coming again to the earth (ch 19:25-27).

THE PSALMS are full of Christ. We see His humiliation and sufferings and death (Psa 22), His Resurrection (Psa 16), His anointing as Prophet with grace-filled lips (Psa 45; Luke 4:22); as Priest after the order of Melchisedec (Psa 110; Heb 5:6, 6:20, 7:17,21); as King enthroned over all (Psa 2), and His kingdom established in the earth (Psa 103, 145, &c.).

PROVERBS reveals Christ as the “Wisdom of God” (ch 8; 1 Cor 1:24); the “Path” and “Light” of His People (ch 4:18); the “Surety” who smarted for His people while strangers

(ch 11:15; Rom 5:8-10; Eph 2:12; 1 Peter 2:11); the “strong tower” into which the righteous run and are safe (ch 18:10); the friend who loveth at all times, and the brother born for adversity (ch 17:17).

ECCLESIASTES tells of the “one among a thousand” in the midst of all that is vanity and vexation of spirit (ch 7:28).

THE SONG OF SONGS reveals Him as the true and faithful Shepherd, Lover, and Bridegroom of the Bride, who remained constant to Him in spite of all the royal grandeur and coarser blandishments of Solomon.

ISAIAH is full of the sufferings and glories of Christ. He is the “despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (ch 53:5); wounded for our transgressions, oppressed, afflicted, and brought as a lamb to the slaughter; cut off out of the land of the living (ch 53:2-9). Yet the glory shall follow. “He shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied” (ch 53:11). He will be His people’s “Light” (ch 60:1, 2; Matt 4:16); “The Mighty God” (ch 9:6; Matt 28:18); Salvation’s Well (ch 12:3); the King who shall “reign in righteousness” (ch 32:1, 2); Jehovah’s Branch, beautiful and glorious (ch 4:2).

JEREMIAH tells of “the Righteous Branch,” and “Jehovah our Righteousness” (ch 23:5, 6); of the “Righteous Branch” and King who shall reign and prosper (ch 33:15).

EZEKIEL reveals Him as the true Shepherd (ch 34:23), and as “the Prince” (ch 37:25); the “Plant of Renown” (ch 34:29), and “Jehovah Shammah” (ch 48:35).

DANIEL reveals Him as the “Stone” become the Head of the corner (ch 2:34; Psa 118:22; Isa 8:14, 28:16; Matt 21:42, 44; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:4, 6). Also as the Son of Man (ch 7:13, 16); and “Messiah the Prince” (ch 9:24).

He is HOSEA’S true David (3:5), the Son out of Egypt (11:1);

JOEL’S “God dwelling in Zion” (ch 3:17);

AMOS’ Raiser of David’s Tabernacle (ch 9:11; Acts 15:16, 17).

OBADIAH’S “Deliverer on Mount Zion” (v 17);

JONAH’S “Salvation” (ch 2:9); the “Sign” of Christ’s resurrection (Matt 12:39-41).

MICAH’S “Breaker,” “King” and “Lord” (ch 2:13, 5:2, 5);

NAHUM’S “Stronghold in Trouble” (ch 1:7);

HABAKKUK’S “Joy” and “Confidence” (ch 3:17, 18);

ZEPHANIAH'S "Mighty God in the midst of Zion" (ch 3:17);

HAGGAI'S "Desire of all nations" (ch 2:7);

ZECHARIAH'S Smitten Shepherd; The Man, Jehovah's Fellow (ch 13:7); Jehovah's "Servant—the Branch" (ch 3:8); "the Man whose name is the Branch" (ch 6:12);

MALACHI'S "Messenger of the Covenant" (ch 3:1); the Refiner of the Sons of Levi (ch 3:3); "The Sun of Righteousness" (ch 4:2).

Thus, the "Word" of God has one great subject.

That one great all-pervading subject is Christ; and all else stands in relation to Him. He is "the beginning and the ending" of Scripture, as of all beside.

Hence, the Word of God, at its ending, shows how the beginning all works out; and how, that to which we are introduced in Genesis is completed in Revelation...."



"... {Jesus Christ} asserted that the Old Testament Scriptures were as historically true, as they were true from every other stand-point. The history of Moses He endorses – Daniel He endorses as the prophet of God in his own times: and Jeremiah also, and Elijah, Elisha, and Nehemiah; so we might go on and give name after name that the blessed Lord endorses as historically true, and connected with the very events and times in which the Old Testament related them. The very facts of the Old Testament Scriptures which modern skeptics delight to sneer at and laugh at us for believing, He takes up and endorses.

Did the fish swallow Jonah? we are sometimes asked.

The Lord Jesus says it did.

Was Jonah three days and three nights in the fish's belly, and then Was he cast up by the miraculous power of God alive?

Christ declares it was so.

Was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt as she crossed the burning plain of Sodom?

Christ says she was.

Did the bush burn with fire, and yet was not consumed? Did God speak out of the bush?

Christ says it was so.

Was the brazen serpent lifted up in the wilderness, and when the bitten Israelite looked at it, was he healed?

Christ says that it was so.

Was the manna given in the wilderness day by day from heaven, and not on the seventh day?

Yes, Christ says so.

Did the flood come and destroy them all? Was there a universal deluge?

Christ says there was.

He stands by the Old Testament Scriptures then in these very points where modern thought sneeringly says, how can these things be? . . .

. . . {Jesus Christ} declares the Old Testament to be full of Himself: in Moses, in the Psalms, in the prophets. On the blessed resurrection morning He opened the understanding of the disciples that they might see Him in all that had been written (Luke 24:44ff).

Modern teachers tell us that there never was a tabernacle in the wilderness—that all that is said about the tabernacle in the wilderness is a mere myth—there was no such place for worship till the temple was built—it is those connected with the temple who invented the story and added it to the canon {i.e., the original inspired Text of the Scriptures} when the temple and its glory had passed away. Was it so? Our Lord endorsed the fact of the tabernacle. Our Lord endorses the fact of the Mosaic ritual, and the Levitical economy, and ascribes it to Moses: and over and over again He attests the Mosaic worship, and the tabernacle economy. The tabernacle is a history full of Himself from the beginning to end. He said, “Abraham rejoiced to see My day.” One has well said, “The sacred writers made it their principal object to announce, to describe, and to honour the Saviour”: and so they do too, from Genesis to Revelation. The great aim of the Old Testament Scriptures is to announce, describe, and honour the Lord Jesus, and when the Lord Jesus appeared among men He accepted the whole testimony, endorsed it all, and said, “This day are these Scriptures fulfilled in your ears,” and in your sight.

I close by just reminding you that the disciples followed their Lord. In their Epistles they treat the Old Testament Scriptures in precisely the same way; and the Old and the New stand or fall together, so are they interwoven: built and based, as it were, the one upon the other. Ah! where is modern thought wrong? Modern thought seeks to adjust the Bible to itself, which is exactly the wrong way about. The right thing to do, according to divine teaching, is to adjust all human thought to the Bible. What our teachers now-a-days want is to make the Bible fit their theories, and adjust it to their way of looking at things. Oh,

how many volumes are written just for this purpose to try and square the Bible-teaching with the thoughts of modern teachers. Men desire to get rid of the supernatural: but what are we without the supernatural? What power have we? What puny creatures we are apart from the eternal power—the supernatural power which the Word of God reveals as the source of all things. Oh, why should we wish to get rid of the supernatural? Rather let us cling to it, rejoice in it as a higher power than man can bring to bear, a governing spirit which carries all before it as it moves along.

Modern thought attempts to make the intellect supreme, forgetting that the intellect is depraved as a part of man's nature: that from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot the fall has done its work in man. Shall reason and intellect vaunt themselves over the revelation of God? Surely not. Modern thought seeks to depreciate the spiritual, not elevate the material: but the spiritual element, the spiritual power is the main and vital force. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh: that which is born of the spirit is spirit." What is wanted is that we should just receive the spiritual; that the spirit which God has given to us should rise above the soul and above the body, and in communion with God's Holy Spirit find its power for service, find its right sphere of life, and of development, and of all that is holy, and blessed, and true." Pastor Fuller Gooch / November 1894



"One of the greatest evidences of the inspiration of Scripture is that it everywhere points to Christ, the living Word. Christ is the very spirit and soul and body of the Scriptures—He is the substance of all shadows and types; and while in the Old Testament He is veiled, He is revealed in the New. He is the "Yea and Amen" of all the promises of the Word of God. He is the one signified in all the offerings and sacraments. He was proclaimed in Eden: prefigured in the Ark: pointed to in Isaac; portrayed in the lamb—pictured in the brazen serpent in the wilderness; prophesied by Moses; personified by Joshua; and He is the very centre and circumference of the Book {the Bible} . . . He is the seed of the woman in Genesis: He is the Passover lamb in Exodus: the High Priest of Leviticus; the smitten rock in Numbers; the Prophet of Deuteronomy: the captain of the Lord's hosts in Joshua; the deliverer in Judges; the mighty man of strength in the Book of Ruth; the patient man in Job; the afflicted and glorified one in the Psalms; the man of wisdom in the Proverbs; the preacher of Ecclesiastes; the beloved in the Song of Songs. . ." William G. Carr / May 1895

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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 was the first Byte we ever posted regarding The Golden Thread on Monday, November 13, 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. By the time that first Monday turned into Tuesday and the next Byte on Exodus was posted we had 834 readers of our first Byte on Genesis, and thousands more since then. We have used our original Bytes for our pattern and guide to make the fuller text of the series for you to enjoy.

Genesis – Revealing Our Promised Seed

The preached Word of God (whether it is spoken or written), will reveal Jesus Christ, and when we become personally acquainted with Jesus Christ, he begins fulfilling his mission to reveal God within the hearts and souls of searching believers.

Jesus Christ is the subject of all true prophecy, and as we discover Christ within the Scriptures as the way, the truth, and the life to the Father, he begins revealing our loving heavenly Father with crystal clear revelations of divine truth.

In the books of the Old Testament we can discover Christ everywhere in prophecy, which shows us his coming, and the plan of man's own redemption in Jesus' sufferings and his glory. In the Gospels we can find Jesus Christ who physically lived on this earth fulfilling the prophecies written of him.

In the Epistles we will spiritually see Christ living within our hearts. Combining these three (the revealed prophecies recorded about his coming, his physical appearance, and his spiritual presence), we can discover and receive our complete redemption, and receive eternal life that emanates out from the eternal embrace of the Creator.

Jesus Christ is "the missing link" to the heart of God, Who is the true center of the universe, and the spiritual center of the Christian believer, who can now enjoy living the life that is more than abundant. In Genesis we saw creation in perfection and then ruined because of sin. In Christ the promised seed we have redemption from sin and receive the new creation within, giving us the eternal victory of an endless life!

Genesis 3:15 – {this is the first prophecy in Scripture} And I will put enmity between thee {the Serpent} and the woman {Mary, the mother of Jesus}, and between thy seed and her seed; it {"it" refers to Jesus Christ} shall bruise thy head {This prophecy shows the eternal doom of the Serpent, which is still a future event. Believers are members of the body of Christ and this is why Romans 16:20 says that God shall (at a future time) bruise Satan under our feet}, and thou {the Serpent} shalt bruise his {Jesus Christ's} heel {which happened when Jesus was crucified}.

In this verse we have the sufferings and glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and we have the promised seed prophesied.

In Mary we have the birth of the promised seed, in grace today we have the seed of Christ within. It is interesting that in Genesis 4:1 Eve says "I have gotten a man from the LORD." What did Eve think she had? She thought that she had the promised seed from God, the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind; it turns out that she was so very wrong; this man (which was the progeny of Adam and Eve) was Cain, who was the first murderer! The promised seed (and the man from the Lord) was given to Mary.

Luke 1:31 – And, behold {the angel talking to Mary}, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

In Genesis we read the words "her seed"; however, as we know, the seed comes from the male and the egg comes from female. "Her seed" means that she would not (biblically) know any man at the time of her conceiving, yet, still have a seed, because Jesus was conceived by the divine conception of God Himself, and Mary would bring forth the most perfect man to ever grace this earth with his life and blessings of redemption. Thus Jesus was prophesied as "her seed."

Galatians 3:16 – Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made {in the Old Testament}. He {God} saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy {our} seed, which {who} is Christ.

We are born again of incorruptible seed (I Peter 1:23), saved by grace and have as Mary had, the prophesied and promised seed of Christ within our very hearts.

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