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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 inlayed 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

Numbers – Reveals Jesus Christ as the Bright and Morning Star

Numbers 24:17a:

I shall see him {this is a prophecy of Jesus Christ}, but not now:
I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of
Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel . . .

The *Star out of Jacob* is in reference to the birth and life of Jesus Christ. *Jacob*, whose name was ultimately changed by God to Israel in Genesis 32:28, had twelve sons. Each of his twelve sons' families multiplied and eventually formed the twelve tribes of Israel. From *out of Jacob* would *rise* this prophesied *Star* who was still unseen at the time of the prophecy in Numbers 24:17, above, though simply knowing of this future *Star* gave nation of Israel great hope of his future coming.

The word *Sceptre* is used in the above verse for the bearer's staff (or rod) that further symbolized the sovereignty and authority of a King. The *Sceptre* in Numbers 24:17 would not only *rise out of Jacob*, but the "sceptre shall not depart from {the tribe of} Judah" according to Genesis 49:10. Judah (the fourth son of Jacob) became the tribe from which Jesus was born as the King of Israel, "for *it is* evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda" (Hebrews 7:14). Mary, the mother of Jesus, was in the bloodline of her ancestor Jacob. Still further, Jesus was born where? In "Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda" (Matthew 2:6). Is not the Word of God so wonderfully precise where we can see other related Scriptures integrate into the whole to fill in the many nuances of colorful details pertaining to the Golden Thread?

In the Bible, the words *Judah* and *Juda* refer to the same place or race, though they are spelled differently in the King James Bible in the Old and New Testaments as seen in the above paragraph. The latter is translated from the Hebrew into English, while the former is translated from the Greek into English.

Micah 5:2:

But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the
thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he {the Messiah and

Savior, Jesus Christ, foretold from the beginning} come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

The wise men (ancient astronomers), with their vantage point east of Jerusalem, were watching for signs in heavenly bodies that would announce the birth of Jesus Christ and were spiritually moved as they realized that “his star” was finally in its rising over the meridian in the Judean night sky. They then packed up and headed out to find him, him who was prophesied from days of old (Matthew 2:1-2), for the *Star out of Jacob* was anticipated ever since Numbers 24:17 revealed the coming of this foretold *Star*, and in Bethlehem of Juda was the finale of his prophesied birth.

What was it that the chief Priest and Pharisees said to the people in the Gospel age? “Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet (John 7:52). So I did my own research since they asked and as Jesus said, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not” (Matthew 23:2-3). I looked to see if any prophets actually came from Galilee, and I found that Jonah, Nahum, Hosea, Elijah, Elisha, and Amos also arose out of the area of Galilee! I guess those “hypocrites” (Matthew 23:13) were hoping no one would actually search the Scriptures; this is an example showing you just how the chief Priest and Pharisees were so into the doldrums of condemnation that they could not even see the truth any longer, even when the *Star out of Jacob* was standing right in from of them!

Even Jesus taught us to search the Scriptures, but his reason for doing so was very different than the chief Priest and Pharisees and Scribes; Jesus wanted us to discover the truth, and truth leads us to eternal life and to the testimonies of Jesus himself, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

I would say that the chief Priest and Pharisees have made lies their refuge, and under falsehood they hide (Isaiah 28:15). Anyways — Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but his family settled in Nazareth when they returned from Egypt (Matthew 2:19ff), and Nazareth was a city in the regain of Galilee,

“This is **Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee** {emphasis supplied}” (Matthew 21:11, re-compare this verse with John 7:52, above, and Matthew 2:23, below). Thus, Jesus arose from the region of Galilee, so the chief Priest and Pharisees were using make-believe knowledge of the Word to divert one’s focus away from Jesus who is the Word (John 1:14), and who was prophesied to be from Galilee, “he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene {**of Galilee**}” (Matthew 2:23).

Knowledge is power, the more you know the more you have!

In Revelation 2:28, the *Star out of Jacob* is identified and titled as “the morning star,” and in Revelation 22 Jesus himself further adds even more details about the *Star*.

Revelation 22:16:

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you {the Apostle John} these things {recorded in the Book of Revelation} in the churches. I {Jesus} am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

Jesus Christ identified himself not only to be the *morning star*, but as being *the bright and morning star*. He is *bright* because today we can clearly see him shining outwardly for he is translucently visible within the Scriptures. As believers handle the Scriptures in this light — that God’s Word truly reflects the truth that Christ abides in the human heart as *the bright and morning star*, he then rises to the surface of one’s understanding.

Colossians 1:27 proclaims that you have: “Christ in you, the hope of glory,” and *glory* is the brilliance of God and His power with Whom we may fellowship, and it is exclusively revealed to men and women in “the Word of life.”

I John 1:1-3:

-1: THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

- 2: (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness {in our hearts}, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us);
- 3: That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

John is explaining that the believers today in God's revealed grace can see, hear, and handle the revealed *Word of life* because Christ is the living Word and prophesied *Star*, and who is becoming clearly recognized from the Scriptures and from within our hearts. The Scriptures are so much more than words put to paper forming sentences, but are "quick {living, or lively} and powerful {energy, giving off synergy when believed from the human heart}" (Hebrews 4:12), because the words *of life* "are spirit, and *they* are life" (John 6:63).

It is interesting to also note that at one time Lucifer was the Angel of light before his ill-attempted overthrow of Heaven (Revelation 12:7-9). Lucifer means "Day Star" and "Bearer of Light," thus he was called by God, the "son of the morning" in Isaiah 14:12, and *son of the morning* literally means the morning star of God. Jesus Christ has this illustrious title and prestige that the Angel of light, the *morning star* once had, but lost. Thankfully, Lucifer's misfortune is now our eternal fortune.

II Peter 1:19:

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place {in the human heart}, until the day dawn, and the day star {which is *the bright and morning star*} arise {Where?} in your hearts:

We now have Christ within, thus we also have the *morning star* arising in our own hearts, and the more we look to Christ in the Scriptures, the brighter the *morning star* appears and clearly shines within. Furthermore, whenever we believers give assistance to a new Christian, they then will experience the joys of knowing Jesus, as Christ begins arising in their own hearts and lives. Believe me there is plenty of Christ the *bright and morning*

star to go around for us to share: “ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life” (Philippians 2:15–16).

Today, having the *bright and morning star* within is an awesome understanding and privilege. Ephesians 5:8 encourages, “For ye were sometimes {in} darkness {before salvation}, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light.” We are *light in the Lord* for we have the *bright and morning star* who is literally rising in our hearts so that we may daily *walk as children of light* before our God, “through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring {or *sun rising*} from on high hath visited us {through Christ within}” (Luke 1:78).

The *Star out of Jacob* was prophesied and anticipated through lingered stays and hoped on throughout the ages of times that have passed on by and by. But today in God’s grace, we have access into the spiritual realities that were prophesied, written about in Scripture, anticipated, and hoped on, and now we have received the God-given right to enjoy the rising of our *bright and morning Star* — Jesus Christ in our own hearts.

The tender mercies of our God upon our souls enable us to experience the “sun rising” of His Son rising within our hearts, “unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings” (Malachi 4:2).

Malachi 4:2 (The Amplified Bible):*

But unto you who revere *and* worshipfully fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings *and* His beams, and you shall go forth and gambol {frolic} like calves [released] from the stall *and* leap for joy.

We may personally know him as our guiding lodestar (a star that leads or guides; one that serves as an inspiration, model, or guide) who the Book of Numbers revealed: Jesus Christ is the Bright and Morning Star.

A Bonus Chapter

Jesus Christ in the Scriptures: Finding Him

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

Knowing the subject of the Bible will reveal one of the greatest secrets in the entire world today. Jesus Christ is that subject! Without Jesus Christ, there is no legitimate subject at all. Every jot and tittle revolves around him in some way, no matter where in the Bible we read. When we truly find Jesus Christ in the Scriptures, he reveals God as a loving, merciful, and forgiving Father.

An exciting adventure and wonderful part of the Christian life is finding Christ our Savior who in turn reveals God's true will for men and women in the Scriptures. Without first finding our Savior in the Scriptures, the astute student will at best only find paltry stories and fables and even tangled, half-truthful historical documents like some of the biblical critics of late have challenged.

The Bible was never written to prove history, but rather it was written to reveal Jesus Christ, the liaison who was foretold as our Redeemer in the prophecies of Scripture. It was he who fulfilled the plan of mankind's total Redemption and it is he who reveals to humanity the true characteristics of God Himself, for Jesus Christ is the mediator and missing link between God and man. Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; . . . they {the Scriptures} are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

The mission of Jesus Christ has always been, still is, and will always be to reveal and explain God, for "Jesus Christ {is} the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). When you discover Jesus Christ in the Scriptures, you will instinctively begin to know him as your Savior, for he reveals glimpses of himself and his Father to you through the window of heaven's throne.

"Philip findeth Nathanael and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth" (John 1:45). Philip knowing his Scriptures had the foundation on which to

find and recognize him who was the subject of the Old Testament — *Jesus of Nazareth*.

So the question of the ages for humanity is: “Have we found him?”

While the eternal answer is: *We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth.*

Therefore, the quest of men and women of searching hearts must begin in the Scriptures, for therein *Jesus of Nazareth* is discovered, and as he is, he will begin quenching our hearts’ thirst for true spiritual fulfillment.

Jesus presented to humanity:

John 4:14:

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

What an awesome and everlasting benefit we can receive when we discover Jesus!

A Second Bonus Chapter

Jesus Christ Is the Golden Thread

In the Anthology of *Jesus of Nazareth*, we are tracing him through the separate Books of the Bible, to search out Jesus Christ who is the missing link to the heart of God. When we genuinely find Jesus within the Scriptures, he as our personal Savior literally becomes empowered and right away begins enabling us to understand the realities of not only himself but also of his Father, the God and Creator of the Heavens and Earth. The entire Bible is God's Word. Contrary to how some of our modernistic views are implemented to disdain and/or distort biblical truths, and regardless of how man who is often imperfect interprets the Bible, the Scriptures are not only complete and entire but they are God's divinely-given words for believers.

In I Corinthians 1:24 we read that "Christ {is} the wisdom of God." Without Christ, a non-seeking individual will remain in a state of spiritual inertness without access to the God of heaven and His true wisdom. Conversely, the candidate who is seeking Christ in the Word of God will find it is with pleasure that Jesus will always give men and women unhindered access to his Father's true wisdom, nature, and love. Through this doorway, we may delightfully approach God with open hearts to receive His love and guidance.

God is the Author of His Word, Jesus Christ is the inspiration and the contiguous subject through all of God's Word, and the entire life of Jesus Christ from his birth to his ascension into heaven and his personal return fulfills the realities of God's plan of Redemption for humanity. Through the Scriptures' teaching we can learn about the Son of God who lived, died, and was raised at God's behest to conquer temporal mortality, with the eternal results straightaway given to mortal beings who find Jesus of Nazareth.

Through Christ, the Scriptures show men and women how to become wise unto salvation; the Word of God via Christ reveals how to recognize the voice of God. The Bible teaches men and women who are in Christ how to

enjoy God's promises which are guaranteed and given because of the completed work of our Savior.

The Word of God, whether written, spoken, preached, or read (and mentally perceived), will always make known Christ who is the "mediator between God and men."

I Timothy 2:5:

For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

The Scriptures make known *Christ Jesus*, and as we come to know him from the Scriptures, he becomes empowered to fulfill his mission of revealing the spiritual realities of Him Who dwells atop heaven's throne. Then as God becomes known, He will begin manifesting Himself in our lives and in our heart's quest for spiritual fulfillment and heavenly understanding.

Proverbs 8:35:

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

From the Book of Genesis we have the story of Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob. Joseph's very own brothers ended up selling him into slavery because they did not believe his God-given visions and prophecies he spoke regarding their future (Genesis 37:5-11), and because this story is written in the Bible, it must by its very nature relate to Jesus in some way. Perhaps on the surface the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors may first appear in a cursory reading to be only a story of one family in the Bible who became somewhat dysfunctional. Yet as the story continues we learn how Joseph ended up in Egypt, becoming Pharaoh's right hand man, having the authority of being the second most prestigious man in all of Egypt. He was placed at Pharaoh's right hand and received honor and accolade formerly reserved and due only to Egyptian royalty (Genesis 41:38-45).

In this Bible story we find a happy ending complete with Joseph's God-given dreams coming true. Joseph ended up saving not only Jacob, his father and brothers, but also the entire Nation of Israel from starvation and

death, not to mention that Joseph ended up preserving the family line of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

On account of Joseph being in Egypt utilizing the wisdom of God, Joseph not only preserved his family line but also saved the lives of the people living in Egyptian provinces and surrounding areas by stockpiling the food supplies in readiness for the upcoming seven-year famine (Genesis 41:1ff). Joseph is personally credited for acquiring most of the wealth that bountifully flowed into the Egyptian coffers, causing Egypt to become one of the most prosperous nations this world has ever known (Genesis 41:53-57).

In Joseph's life from the Book of Genesis, we can begin to notice startling traces and glimpses of Jesus, The Promised Seed who was foreordained before the world began to be the hope of the entire world. Through Joseph's true story we can recognize the Redeemer in prophecy who was also rejected by the Nation of Israel, his brethren. As Joseph was, Jesus would become Israel's only hope and their rescue from a spiritual drought and their only salvation and preservation for an endless life, as he is also our hope and our spiritual refreshing and salvation and preservation for an endless life.

There is no end to the correlations that are wonderfully sewn within the Scriptures as a multilayered, embossed masterpiece of delight as we begin looking for and seeing the Golden Thread, Jesus Christ, who holds the living Tapestry of God's healing Word together.

From a strictly forensic point of view, the Scriptures are the bona fide declaration of Jesus. The Bible is the inscribed birth certificate of Jesus Christ (with centuries of noncontradictory writings and testimonials), and the stories within are linked documentations of his complete biography attesting to his authenticity which structures his entire life perfectly with the written Word of God.

The deeper one scrutinizes the Scriptures, the more dynamically Christ becomes recognized. His footprints are everywhere inside of the Scriptures blazing a trail that he painstakingly paved with his own life being clearly marked throughout the prophecies and leading directly up to the Creator.

Jesus' fingerprints appear ubiquitously on every single page of Holy Writ. With Jesus as our guide, we will find passages that are easy to follow as they gently guide us up into all "the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19).

The more we look for Christ in the Scriptures, the greater we will notice how much he is woven within our own hearts, drawing us ever closer and closer to Him Who created all things. The greater we see Jesus in the Word of God, the more he reveals our heavenly Father Who draws us through Christ to Himself.

Jesus said in John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

John 12:44-45:

-44: Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me.

-45: And he that seeth {perceives} me seeth {perceives} him that sent me.

So in this Golden Thread series, as we begin learning of Jesus of Nazareth, we can confidently read on with "trust" in the knowledge that the Father will be drawing us ever closer to Himself through Christ as promised.

II Corinthians 3:4 (The Amplified Bible):**

Such is the reliance *and* confidence that we have through Christ toward *and* with reference to God.

The Bible states, "The honour of kings *is* to search out a matter" (Proverbs 25:2). There is no greater *matter* under Heaven than to *search out* "Jesus Christ the Golden Thread" and find him to be not only alive and well but to finally see him at work revealing the truths that lead our hearts to God and the more abundant life.

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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 Numbers on Thursday, November 16, 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.

Numbers – Revealing Our Morning Star

Numbers 24:17a – I shall see him {this is a prophecy of Jesus Christ}, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, . . .

The “Star out of Jacob” is a reference to the birth and life of Jesus Christ. “Jacob” is the father of the tribe of Israel, he had twelve sons each one being one of the tribes. From Jacob would come this prophesied Star, who was unseen at the time of this revelation, yet this Star gave them hope in his future coming. Mary the mother of Jesus was in the bloodline of her ancestor Jacob. In Revelation 2:28 the Star is further identified as “the morning star.”

Revelation 22:16 – I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches {the things recorded in Revelation}. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

Jesus Christ identified himself as not only the “morning star,” but as “the bright and morning star.” He is now “bright” because today we can clearly see him through the Scriptures, and as we handle the Scriptures in the light that God’s Word truly reflects in our hearts we currently may also “behold him,” in the fiber of our entire beings, for Christ is in us (Colossians 1:27).

I John 1:1-3:

-1: THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

-2: (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness {in our hearts}, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

-3: That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

John is explaining that the believers today in God's divine and revealed grace can see, hear, and handle the revealed Word of life because Christ the living Word and prophesied Star of God is now alive within our hearts. It is interesting to note that at one time when Lucifer was the angel of light before his ill-attempted overthrow of heaven, he was called the "son of the morning" in Isaiah 14:12, and "son of the morning" means the morning star. Jesus Christ has the illustrious title and prestige that the angel of light, the morning star, once had.

II Peter 1:19 – We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star {the bright and morning star} arise {Where?} in your hearts:

Because we have Christ within, we have the morning star arising in our hearts, and the more we look to Christ in the Scriptures the greater the arising of the morning star appears, the brighter he shines in our lives.

Today, having the morning star is an awesome understanding and privilege, he was prophesied, foretold of, anticipated, and hoped for, but today we in God's grace have access into the spiritual realities of all that was prophesied, foretold of, anticipated in, and hoped for, because we now have the God given right to enjoy the continued rising of our bright and morning Star – Jesus Christ. We have the tender mercies of God to know the "sunrising" of His Son within.

Luke 1:78 – Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring {sunrising} from on high hath visited us.

The Golden Thread - Chapter Titles

The Old Testament:

1. Genesis - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Promised Seed
2. Exodus - Reveals Jesus Christ as the True Passover
3. Leviticus - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Offering and the High Priest
4. Numbers - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Bright and Morning Star
5. Deuteronomy - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Prophet
6. Joshua - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Captain of Salvation
7. Judges - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Wonderful Secret
8. Ruth - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Redeemer
9. First and Second Samuel - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Deliverer
10. First and Second Kings - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Still Small Voice
11. First and Second Chronicles - Reveals Jesus Christ as the King's Son, and Eternal Answer
12. Ezra - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Spiritual Revival
13. Nehemiah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Heavenly Pardon
14. Esther - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Good Day
15. Job - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Arbitrator
16. Psalms - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Song in the Night
17. Proverbs - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Path of Righteousness
18. Ecclesiastes - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Wholeness of Man
19. The Song of Solomon - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Beloved
20. Isaiah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Refuge from the Storms of Life
21. Jeremiah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Righteous One
22. Lamentations - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Hope
23. Ezekiel - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Covenant of Peace
24. Daniel - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Power and Wisdom of God
25. Hosea - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Ransom
26. Joel - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Heavenly Standing
27. Amos - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Sure Salvation
28. Obadiah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Day of Deliverance
29. Jonah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Sign of Resurrection
30. Micah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Breaker and the Spiritual Strength
31. Nahum - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Stronghold
32. Habakkuk - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Joy in God
33. Zephaniah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Eternal Rest
34. Haggai - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Desire of all Nations
35. Zechariah - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Total Forgiveness
36. Malachi - Reveals Jesus Christ as the Messenger of the Covenant and a Delight

The Gospels:

37. The Gospel of Matthew – Reveals Jesus Christ as the Shepherd King
“A righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper”
38. The Gospel of Mark – Reveals Jesus Christ as the Servant
“I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH”
39. The Gospel of Luke – Reveals Jesus Christ as the Man
“Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH”
40. The Gospel of John – Reveals Jesus Christ as the Son of God
“In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious”

Parchments of Transition

(Treaties from the Beloved Physician to “YOU” the Beloved of God):

41. The Book of Acts – Reveals **Our** Timeless Spiritual *Love* in Christ
An upward calling – reaching, appreciating, and enjoying the mystery of God in Christ in you!

The New Testament:

42. Romans – Reveals **Our** Justification in Christ
43. First and Second Corinthians – Reveals **Our** Sufficiency in Christ
44. Galatians – Reveals **Our** Liberty in Christ
45. Ephesians – Reveals **Our** Standing in Christ
46. Philippians – Reveals **Our** Joy in Christ
47. Colossians – Reveals **Our** Completeness in Christ
48. Thessalonians – Reveals **Our** Comfort of Hope in Christ
49. First and Second Timothy – Reveals **Our** Faithful Witness in Christ
50. Titus – Reveals **Our** Promise of Eternal Life in Christ
52. Philemon – Reveals **Our** Forgiving Love for the Individual in Christ
53. Hebrews – Reveals **Our** Substitute for Sin in Christ
54. James – Reveals **Our** Believing Faith in Christ
55. First and Second Peter – Reveals **Our** Pastoral Stewardship of Grace in Christ
56. First, Second, and Third John – Reveals **Our** Fellowship in Christ
57. Jude – Reveals **Our** unCommon Salvation in Christ
58. Revelation – Reveals the Revelation of Jesus Christ and **Our** Destiny in Christ