



FOLLOW THE SEED

Bible Study Notes



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In the Beginning

We hear one of the greatest roarings of the eternal coming from the book of Genesis. When we discover something in the book of Genesis and can find it repeated or referenced throughout the Bible, we call it a 'roaring'. "In the beginning", comes from the Hebrew letters בְּרֵאשִׁית. By analyzing each letter and translating this word, letter by letter, we come up with this literal phrase; 'the son and the father reasoned together to destroy, by the hand of God in covenant.' So, we see that the real beginning actually began before creation. The Son and the Father planned, covenanted together to destroy the works of the devil before the devil even began destroying, or as John tells us, he came to steal, kill and destroy.

John 10:10 (KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

This Hebrew phrase also explains what John meant in Revelation 13:8 that the Lamb of God was "slain before the foundation of the world". Before God created the world, before He created man, He had a plan. Regardless of what could or would take place, God had already prepared a solution and nothing or no one could not stop or thwart His purpose.

Revelation 13:8 (KJV) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Eternal Principles

In Genesis chapter one, the creation story, God unveils principles of the universe that are eternal. He created seed and stated that every seed will produce and has the power to recreate after its kind. When He created man, He declared that man was created in His image and His eternal seed was in men to reproduce eternal beings on the Earth. He also created man to live comfortably in two worlds simultaneously; the eternal realm, (the spirit realm) as well as the temporal realm, (the natural realm). Creation shows us that God, who is eternal, created the temporal world by faith out of the eternal. Therefore, unveiling the principle, that 'the eternal controls the temporal'.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (KJV) While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen [are] temporal; but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.

Next, God gave man authority and dominion over His creation. He gave man the power of attorney. This means that man has the power and authority to act on God's behalf in the Earth.

God knew when He created a being in His image and in His likeness, this being would have a free will, and ability to choose for himself. A free will actually poses a threat to God in that a free will can say 'No' to his creator. In fact, in Genesis chapter three we see this very thing take place. Something terrible occurred. Satan began to challenge the things God had told Adam and man began to doubt God's word, His character and His purpose for their lives.

Genesis 3:1-7 (KJV) ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which [*is*] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree [*was*] good for food, and that it [*was*] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [*one*] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [*were*] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Satan can appear as an angel of light. He is also very intelligent and because of his beauty and apparent knowledge, Eve began to listen to him and give credence to what he said.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (NKJV) And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

Genesis 3:1 (AMP) Now the serpent was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the LORD God had made. And the serpent (Satan) said to the woman, "Can it really be that God has said, 'You shall not eat from ^[b]any tree of the garden'?"

Contrary to what God had told Adam, Satan said; "I hear you're not allowed to eat of any of the trees in the garden." (and it was Satan, not a talking snake or Satan using ventriloquism on a snake, just like it was Satan who tempted Jesus, the last Adam, 40 days in the wilderness). Eve replied; "We can eat of any tree we like except for the one that's right in the middle of the garden. We cannot eat of that one, neither can we touch it because we might die." Satan

scoffed; "You won't die! God is just tricking you and he's holding out on you because He does not want you to know what He knows and He doesn't want you to have the same power He has. He's keeping secrets from you."

We don't know how many times Satan and Eve had this conversation, but eventually she began to think that maybe Satan was right, maybe God was tricking them, maybe He was holding out on them, maybe this tree held a secret to self-direction and independence from God. (Maybe she was 'the weakest link') Maybe they really could be just like Him. After all, this information was coming from Satan who appeared to be a superior being and very wise and seemed to know what he was talking about.

Sin & Death Enter the World

Adam and Eve were created beings, created in God's image and likeness, yes, but they were reliant upon Him for everything, from the air they breathed to the food they ate. When Eve finally gave in to the devil's persistent lies, she took the forbidden fruit (and the Bible doesn't say it was an apple) and gave some to Adam. Their sin wasn't that they ate the forbidden fruit, their sin was they chose to be self-directed, self-centred, denying, as created beings, their reliance on God. In doing so, just as God had told them, they both died. Well, weren't they still breathing and walking around? Did they really die? What does it mean to die? To die means to become unaware and unresponsive. They became unaware and unresponsive to the spirit life and communion with God they previously enjoyed and now they felt like they needed to cover themselves and hide from God. They were still walking around and still breathing, but death came into their spirit. They were spiritually dead. Immediately they became aware that they were naked. They were no longer clothed with the glory of God; unaware and unresponsive to that part of the life they once knew.

By obeying the lies of Satan, sin came into the Earth and with sin came death. Not only did sin and death come into the Earth, but it also came upon all of Adam's descendants, including you and I.

Romans 5:12 (KJV) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

High Treason

Adam actually committed high treason against God when they chose to follow Satan's lie and ignore what God had told them. Satan, who is not a man created in the image of God, had no authority on the Earth, but by getting them to believe his lies and act upon them, he usurped man's authority. Man was still and always will be God's appointed authority on the Earth, he

never lost his authority and God never changed His mind when Adam fell. However, man lost his ability to live in communion with God and was only aware and responsive to the natural world. He was separated from the essence and intimacies of God because death came into his spirit. Even today we are haunted by the dream we cannot remember. In our inner most being we know we are eternal and that there is more to our existence than what we see in the temporal. It's like a dream we can't remember, but we yearn to know it and someday hope it will be revealed. Each human being is aware that there is more to our existence than the temporal and we try not to think about it.

The results of sin and death coming into the world were visible immediately. Fallen man began to; lie, hide from God, be fearful and blame others for his mistakes and his shortcomings. Because we all came from Adam, we inherited the sin and death nature and from then until now, nothing has changed, we are all act exactly the same. Each one of us chooses to be self-reliant, self-directed and not reliant on God or accountable to Him for our actions. Each one of us is responsible for our own sin until we are changed by the Seed that destroys the power of sin and death.

The Seed

Man's treason did not catch God off guard. He anticipated what would happen if He created a being on His level that had a free will. Incidentally, God will never override your free will; you are a free moral agent. Immediately after man's fall, God stepped in to activate His covenant and a rescue plan for man. Another principle revealed in this chapter is that blood has to be shed or there is no remission of sin as further referred to in Hebrews. Remission means; freedom, pardon, deliverance, forgiveness, liberty.

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

After Adam's sin, God taught them this principle. Blood has to be shed to cover sin, to pardon the offenders and give them freedom from the consequences of their sin. Sin kills! God did not kill Adam and Eve. However, He killed an animal, probably a lamb, in their place and covered them with the skin. He further explained to them that this lamb was symbolic of the Seed, the lamb that was coming to take away the sin of the world. The Seed that would ultimately crush Satan's head. God actually cut covenant with Himself as we talked about earlier. It was all part of His plan; the lamb was slain before the foundation of the world.

After the fall God prophesied to Satan, the woman and the man and described what had resulted because of their actions. Bible translation rules tell us that the rule of first

occurrences reveals its primary purpose. Let's look at Genesis 3:15 to see where the prophecy about 'the Seed' begins.

Genesis 3:15 (AMP) "And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise (crush) your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel."

This is the first mention of the Seed and our goal is to follow it throughout the scriptures until we see the fulfillment of this prophecy. Satan planned to use man's authority against God and against man, but God had already predetermined the ultimate destruction of Satan and his plans. What does the Seed have to do to fulfill this prophecy? What does the Seed have to do to crush Satan's head? Man's one act of treason brought sin into the world and with it came sickness, disease, pain, sorrow, death and separation from God.

For the next 900 years Adam taught his family and their descendants about what God had prophesied. The Seed is coming, that will crush Satan's head. This is the most important and significant prophecy and everything hangs on the fulfillment of this prophecy. We can follow the Seed all the way through to the book of Revelation and because of that, we call it the roaring of God.

The next reference to the Seed is in the story of Enoch, the seventh of Adam. Enoch walked with God, which means he flowed with God. He had such a clear understanding of God's covenant, that he walked from the temporal, Earthly life into the heavenly life, the eternal without dying. In the Hebrews it is stated that Enoch walked with God and was not.

Hebrews 11:5 (KJV) By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

It was further written of him in Jude:

Jude 1:14 (KJV) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

He understood the prophecy so well that he actually saw the end of the world. From the few words written in the book of Genesis concerning the Seed, Enoch understood what it meant even to the point where he could see the end and fulfillment of the prophecy which was resurrection from the dead.

The next mention of the prophecy is written in Genesis chapter 6 about Noah.

Genesis 6:18 (KJV) But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Genesis 6:9 (KJV) These [*are*] the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man [*and*] perfect in his generations, [*and*] Noah walked with God.

Genesis 8:20 (KJV) ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

We can see by these three verses that the prophecy, the knowledge of the Seed and God's covenant is being passed down through the descendants of Adam and they are keeping it alive.

Next in line we see that God began to speak to Abram.

Genesis 12:1 (KJV) ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

You will notice that the King James version capitalizes all of the letters in the word **LORD**. This word in the Hebrew is יְהוָה and these four letters literally mean; behold nail, behold hand, or 'the revelation of the God of the nailed hand'. It is interesting that this same Hebrew word is found concerning Adam, Enoch and now Abram. The mystery of the Seed and the covenant that God cut with Himself is being passed on from generation to generation. In Abram, God began to reveal to man the mysteries of the Seed wrapped in covenant. The covenant originated in the eternal realm and was revealed to Abram in a vision. The next evidence given by God was to reveal His covenant to Abram through Melchisedec, the eternal high priest.

The Eternal Priesthood

After Abram defeated Chedorlaomer and the four armies with him, Abram was met by Melchisedec who is revealed as the King of Salem (peace) and priest of the most high God.

Hebrews 7:15 (KJV) And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

17 For he testifieth, Thou [*art*] a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

These verses indicate that Melchisedec is a part of the Seed and through the Seed there is a priest coming from the eternal. David also confirms this new order in Psalm 110.

Psalms 110:4 (KJV) The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou [*art*] a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

God Cut Covenant with Himself

The next evidence we see is in Genesis 15. God appeared to Abraham in a vision and showed him how that through him the Seed would come that would bless all nations of the world. Abraham understood covenant and that the promises made during the cutting of the covenant were irrevocable.

Genesis 15:8-17 (KJV) And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 ¶ And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [*that is*] not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the

Amorites [*is*] not yet full.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

Abraham was present during the cutting of the covenant and was witness to the covenant, but was only there to observe while God cut covenant with Himself. The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit all agreed to the terms of the covenant and Abraham witnessed God passing between the animal carcasses. Abraham understood that what God had spoken to him was going to come to pass because it had the strength of blood covenant backing it.

Hebrews 6:13-20 (NOE) When God made His promise to Abraham, He swore by Himself, because He had no greater to swear by: 'I vow that I will bless you abundantly and multiply your descendants.' Thus it was that Abraham, after patiently waiting, obtained the promise. Men swear by a greater than themselves, and the oath provides a confirmation to end all dispute; and so God, desiring to show even more clearly to the heirs of His promise how unchanging was His purpose, guaranteed it by oath. Here, then, are two irrevocable acts in which God could not possibly play us false, to give powerful encouragement to us, who have claimed His protection by grasping the hope set before us. That hope we hold. It is like an anchor for our lives, an anchor safe and sure. It enters in through the veil, where Jesus has entered into on our behalf as forerunner, having become a high priest forever in the succession of Melchizedek.

Now that the covenant had been cut, Abraham knew that the promises God made to him were irrevocable. To cut covenant meant that anyone who broke the covenant would have to die. So, before covenant was cut the terms had to be clearly spelled out and understood by all parties. When the covenanting parties finally agreed to the terms of the covenant, they backed it with their lives. Abraham asked God for a son; a term and a sign of the covenant. When God cut the covenant, He promised Abraham a son. So, when Isaac was born, every time Abraham looked at him, not only did he see his son, but He saw God's son and the Seed coming that would fulfill the prophecy in the garden. The prophecy that said the Seed would crush Satan's head. Abraham had faith in God and did not hesitate when God asked him to

sacrifice his son. By this time Abraham was convinced, just like Enoch, that God raises the dead.

Genesis 22:2 (KJV) And he said, Take now thy son, thine only [*son*] Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

When Abraham got to the place God had showed him, he told his servants to stay with the donkey and that he and the lad would return. The two of them climbed the mountain and Isaac saw the fire and the wood and asked his father; "Where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering" Abraham replied; "God will provide Himself a lamb for the burnt offering", foreshadowing the Seed that was to come. Abraham bound his son, prepared the altar and laid Isaac on it. Abraham stretched forth the knife to slay him when suddenly, God interrupted him and directed him to a ram that was caught by its horns in a thicket. Abraham seized the ram, slayed it and offered it up on the altar in place of his son. This incident is reminiscent of what happened in the Garden of Eden. God provided an innocent animal as a substitute for their sin. It is important to understand that Adam and Eve died as a consequence of their sin, God did not kill them, sin did. God warned them that if they ate of the forbidden fruit, the consequence was death. He told them an eternal principle; we confirmation in Ezekiel that sin brings death:

Ezekiel 18:20 (KJV) The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Abraham, God's covenant partner, was willing to sacrifice his son for His covenant partner because of the oath God swore to him. Therefore, God was also willing to sacrifice His Son. Covenant is an exchange of lives, not like a contract that is an exchange of goods or services.

In both the garden and on the mountain, God provided a substitute. Both incidents foreshadow the Seed, the ultimate substitute that was coming to crush Satan's head once and

for all. Abraham trusted God and was convinced that God was able to raise the dead, that He calls those things that are not as though they were and He has the power to perform His word.

Romans 4:17 (KJV) ¶ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [*even*] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Abraham carried the promise of the Seed, passed it on to Isaac and it passed on from generation to generation. The next time we see God emphasizing the Seed was at the time of Moses.

The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

God revealed to Moses the tabernacle in heaven and showed him how to build an Earthly replica. Through the tabernacle and the sacrifices made there, God revealed that sin has to be dealt with and through the animal sacrifices, even though the animals were innocent, they became the substitute for man's sin. The tabernacle and the sacrifices made there foreshadow the innocent Seed coming that would pay the price for sin and send the sin far away.

Two goats were chosen. Each goat served a specific purpose. By lot, one was chosen to be the sin offering and the other, the scapegoat. Aaron, the high priest took the first goat and offered it upon the altar. This goat symbolizes the breaking of the power of sin. In the Hebrew, they called this goat 'the hairy demon' and everything that was demonic in the camp was destroyed when this goat was slain and sacrificed.

Then he laid his hands on the head of the second goat. This goat in the Hebrew is a different word and it means 'goat of departure'. Aaron transferred the sins of the whole nation onto it and drove it into the desert, symbolizing that the sins of the people had been driven far from them. Now these goats were a type and a shadow of things to come in Christ. We could examine every aspect of the tabernacle in the wilderness, the associated sacrifices and rituals and find that everything points to Christ and how He will crush the head of the devil.

In fact, when you study the scriptures, you find that God reminds us over and over that He has given us power to utterly triumph over our enemies and always in reference to the Seed first spoken of in the garden.

Psalm 22

We draw your attention next to Psalm 22. In this Psalm, we see a reference and a preview to the Seed being attacked on the cross. He became "a reproach of men, and despised of the people" vs 6, "they laugh me to scorn" vs 7 and "strong *bulls* of Bashan have beset me" vs 12, "dogs have compassed me", "they pierced my hands and my feet vs 16." And mouths of lions tear at me vs. 17. These references allude to the demonic attack that Jesus dealt with and conquered on the cross. The two goats in the tabernacle sacrifices were a shadow of what Jesus fulfilled on the cross. The 'hairy demon goat' we looked at in the tabernacle sacrifices typified the demonic attack Christ suffered on the cross.

1 John 3:8 (KJV) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

It is amazing to see that David understood these things in such detail long before they actually occurred. You also have to wonder how many time Jesus read these versus and imagined the fight He was destined to fight.

Isaiah prophesies, in chapter 53, the sacrifice Jesus was to make fulfilling what both of the goats typified. The fulfillment of this prophesy was accomplished by Jesus on the cross. He destroyed all demonic power and carried away the sins of all mankind.

The other aspect that David understood was that resurrection from the dead was the ultimate proof that God's word and everything He had prophesied would be fulfilled; it cannot fail.

New Testament Fulfillment

Until now we have seen the evidences leading up to the fulfillment of the prophesy in the garden and we have followed the Seed. God said that He would put a Seed in a woman and

the Seed would crush Satan's head. Now we come to the New Testament. He came to Mary and told her that she would bear the Seed. She answered;

Luke 1:34 (KJV) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

She was the one and we can follow from Matthew 1:1 – 16 the lineage, or the blood line the Seed would come from, flowing from Abraham to Mary and then it stops there. There is no lineage recorded after Jesus was born because, He is the Seed! He is the one that will crush Satan's head, He is Melchizedek, the king and the priest, He is the healer, He is the deliverer, He is the forgiveness of sins, He is the atonement, He is the redeemer, He is the first born from the dead and the first born of a new species, the resurrected from the dead. He is the fulfillment of what God said in the garden; "I will put . . ." God said He would do it; He swore by Himself because He could swear by no greater. He cut covenant with Himself like we read in Hebrews:

Hebrews 6:13 (KJV) For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

God said that He would put the Seed in a woman and Matthew 1:21 says that; "by the Holy Spirit she has conceived this child." God said that He would put His Seed in a woman and then He confirmed that He did what He said He would do.

Outside of any human endeavor, God took it upon Himself to put His Word, the Seed, into a woman. That eliminates any human effort because there is only one Seed and it came directly from God. The Seed spoken of in the Garden of Eden arrived on Earth in Jesus Christ. He is the fulfillment of all things that were spoken of the Seed beginning in Genesis. He is the culmination of everything the Father had planned before the foundation of the world. Jesus came out of the eternal and was born into the world as a man. Regardless of what Buddha says, or what Mohamed says or what Confucius says; there is only one Seed that came out of the eternal realm and that is Jesus Christ. He is the only saviour and the only way to God. That is confirmed in the fourth chapter of the book of Acts.

Acts 4:10 (KJV) Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

That also means that because neither you nor I are the Seed, we cannot save ourselves. Not by doing good deeds; not by helping others, not by afflicting ourselves, not by living a good life, nor by any other remedy we think might earn us the right to eternal life. There is only one way to approach the Father God, be free from our sin and receive eternal life and that is through the eternal Seed He provided for us, Jesus Christ.

John 1:1 (KJV) ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 ¶ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name [was] John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all [men] through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but [was sent] to bear witness of that Light.

9 [That] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus lived on the Earth and represented mankind. He lived a perfect, sinless life and fulfilled all the requirements of the scriptures. He was without spot or blemish as was the perfect, innocent sacrificial lamb, the sin offering, that we saw in Moses' the tabernacle.

The Ultimate Sacrifice

After ministering in the Earth for 3 years we see Him, the Seed, praying in the garden of Gethsemane. As He prayed; "Not my will but thine be done." He took on the responsibility of the covenant. He knew He had come into the world to be the sacrifice for all of mankind and to destroy the works of the devil. He sweat drops of blood as He wrestled the demonic in prayer.

Jesus was then was turned over to the authority of man, Pilate and the Sanhedrin, where He was mocked and scourged fulfilling what Isaiah said.

Isaiah 53:3 (KJV) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were [*our*] faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Then He carried to the cross, not only the sins of the world, but the penalty and consequences for them as well. The Bible says; for three hours darkness covered the Earth. During that time, I think that God, the High Priest, laid His hands on the head of His sacrificial lamb and imparted the sins of all mankind on His lamb just as we saw the high priest do in Moses' tabernacle. He became sin, the substitute for our sin. Every evil thing that resulted from sin and death coming into the world was laid upon Him.

Isaiah 53:10 (AMP) Yet the LORD was willing To crush Him, causing Him to suffer; If He would give Himself as a guilt offering [an atonement for sin], He shall see *His* [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong *His* days, And the will (good pleasure) of the LORD shall succeed *and* prosper in His hand.

Isaiah 52:14 (NLT) But many were amazed when they saw him. His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.

The sin of the world coming upon Him, wreaked havoc in His body, distorted and disfigured Him to the point here He was unrecognizable as a man. Then He carried sin away to its final resting place as He descended into hell. I cannot imagine what torment the devil experienced when he discovered that not only was an innocent man in hell, but that it was the Son of God. Regardless of what the devil wanted to do to Him, he could not because he had no legal hold on Him. An innocent man in hell, how could that happen? The High Priest had imparted man's sin onto His sacrificial lamb. Innocent human blood had been spilled as a substitute for all mankind. Satan now realized that the Seed has fulfilled His mandate and has crushed his head and left him powerless. Jesus demolished Satan in his own turf and grabbed control over death and hell.

1 Corinthians 2:7 (KJV) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, [*even*] the hidden [*wisdom*], which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known [*it*], they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Had Satan known that this was God's plan and that the Seed prophesied of in the garden had now come to fulfill the promise, he never would have fallen into God's trap. Isaiah tells us that Jesus kept quiet and willingly submitted to the cross and death.

Isaiah 53:7 (KJV) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

He did it for the joy that was set before Him like it was written in Hebrews.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [*our*] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

In the Hebrew it says He carried a basket of seeds and refused to talk about it. The basket He carried was the church. He carried and birthed the church and the Sons of God and it brought Him joy to know what we would become because of what He was doing. He was filled with joy prior to the cross as He thought about you and I and what eternal plans, purposes and destinies would be fulfilled in each of us. He could see us individually as well as corporately because we will be just like Him on the Earth.

1 John 4:17 (KJV) ¶ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Peter tells us in 1Peter 3:18 - 19 that the Seed, an innocent man preached to the spirits in hell.

1 Peter 3:18 (KJV) ¶ For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

Well, what did He preach? I think He preached; "I am the Seed whose heel was bruised on the cross, but I proclaim to you today that I am here to crush Satan's head! I have taken the sins and sickness of the world, the torment of the world. I have broken the power of sin and death that haunted every man." He preached it until every accusation, every remnant of Satan's kingdom, the whole of the kingdom of darkness and everything it represents; submitted to the fact that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Hebrews 2:14 (KJV) ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Then it says the God of Peace raised Him from the dead. "From now on", He preached, "Any man that believes in me will never have to pass through these gates again." If we grab hold of the reality of this, no man ever has to go to hell, He has already been there for you!

Jesus rose triumphant out of hell carrying the keys to death and hell. Isaiah prophesied it would happen.

Isaiah 25:8 (KJV) He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken [*it*].

The New Testament writers wrote about it.

2 Timothy 1:10 (KJV) But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

The book of Revelation confirmed it.

Revelation 1:18 (KJV) [*I am*] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and I have the keys of hell and of death.

Resurrection

Everything we have studied to this point would have absolutely no power and no relevance to us if Jesus had not raised from the dead. His resurrection proved everything that we have studied to be true.

1 Corinthians 15:14 (KJV) ¶14 And if Christ be not risen, then [*is*] our preaching vain, and your faith [*is*] also vain.

But He did raise from the dead and He rose in His own body. We have many infallible proofs from eye-witnesses who recorded what they saw and heard.

In Acts 3 we see Peter declaring to the men of Israel that Jesus was raised from the dead and that he and John were witnesses. Like Peter and John, we are to be witnesses

Acts 3:12 (KJV) ¶ And when Peter saw [it], he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let [him] go.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Luke tells us that Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the eleven disciples after His resurrection.

Luke 24:33 (NKJV) So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those *who were* with them gathered together,

34. saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

35 And they told about the things *that had happened* on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

37 But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

40 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

43 And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

44 Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me."

45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things.

49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

What we have just read is the fulfillment of the prophecy in the garden that the Seed would crush Satan's head. How did He do that?

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The Seed, born of a woman, lived as a man, but without sin died a sinner's death, carried all sin, yours and mine sin into hell, left it there and then raised from the dead in His own body. Everything that sin and death brought into the world was defeated and His resurrection is the culmination, the fulfillment, the ultimate proof. Everything the Seed was supposed to do, He did!

God and humanity have now been woven together and Christ, the Seed, has been given all power and authority in heaven and in earth because He rose from the dead in a resurrected human body. There is now a man in the Godhead, Christ Jesus!

We Are His Witnesses

It is well established that Jesus is raised from the dead. Now, we have been sent to testify and bear witness of His resurrection and all that means.

Acts 4:33 (KJV) And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 10:39 (KJV) And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, [even] to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

The first witnesses were the disciples and from there we are all commissioned to be His witnesses.

Mark 16:15 (KJV) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Authority of the Seed

Now that Jesus is raised from the dead, He is saying; "I have beaten death and hell, I have crushed Satan's head, so you go into all the world and preach **my** death, burial and resurrection from the dead. Everyone that believes in me, the Seed is transferred to them and they can have their sins forgiven, they can have the same authority over the demonic as I have and they can live in resurrected life as I do. He transferred the Seed to His sons.

Hebrews 2:14 (KJV) ¶ Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hebrews 7:16 (KJV) Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.

We now have the same authority on the Earth because the Seed has been transferred to us.

1 John 3:9 (NOE) A child of God does not commit sin; because the divine seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

The divine Seed is Christ in us. The resurrected Christ cannot sin because He has conquered sin. Therefore, the Spirit of Christ in us, our resurrected spirit, cannot sin. Our spirit is joined to the Lord. We are one spirit. That's why it is so important to ask Jesus to come into your heart!

1 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV) But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Colossians 1:27 (KJV) To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Romans 8:11 (NOE) But if Christ is dwelling in you, although the body is a dead thing because you sinned, yet the spirit is life itself because you have been justified. Moreover, if the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells within you, then the God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give new life to your mortal bodies through His indwelling Spirit.

As we read in Ephesians, we were not just in darkness, we were darkness.

Ephesians 5:8 (KJV) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now [are ye] light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

However, the Spirit of Christ in us now actually creates light. We are light! What does that actually mean? The same spirit the Seed, that raised Christ from the dead now lives in us and the authority of the resurrection now lives in you and I. The active moving of the spiritual man in us creates light continually, creating life in us as it has already conquered death and there is nothing you can't do because of that spirit. In John it says that greater things than these shall you do because I go to the father. We are to do the same things Jesus did, and even greater things!

John 14:12 (KJV) ¶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

All things are possible to them that believe. Jesus is raised from the dead to give us authority in and through resurrection power. Peter preached the authority of the resurrect Christ. Paul also preached the same. All the disciples preached authority through resurrection. It is the pivotal truth that everything hangs on; Christ raised from the dead and that resurrection power is our inheritance.

We Are In Him

Mark tells us that Jesus, after His resurrection, sat down on the right hand of the father.

Mark 16:19 (KJV) ¶ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

In Ephesians it is made clear that we are in Him.

Ephesians 2:6-7 (KJV) And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in [his] kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

The word used for power in Matthew 28:18 is actually authority. Jesus is saying to us that all authority is given unto Him in heaven and in earth.

Matthew 28:18 (KJV) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

He has transferred that power, His authority, to us and He tells us to go and spread the Seed. In our going we begin to conquer. We begin spreading the Seed where we are planted. We become the crushers and take over that region and spread out from there. Jesus sent out the disciples two by two into a region and gave them authority over all the power of the enemy.

Luke 10:1 (NIV) After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

Luke 10: 16 (NIV) Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

Luke 10:19 (KJV) Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

So, the seventy-two went out and when they returned, they reported that they in fact did have authority over devils in His name.

Luke 10:17 (KJV) ¶ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Wherever we go we conquer in His name, in His authority. It is our job to carry the victory wherever we go. Jesus told them that while they were preaching, He saw Satan falling as lightning from heaven.

Luke 10:18 (NIV) And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

As we read earlier in Genesis, God gave man dominion and authority on the Earth and He has never changed His mind. Satan may have usurped man's authority, but Jesus, as we read in 1 John 3:8 came to destroy the works of the devil and He is using our feet to crush Satan's head. As it was in the beginning, God delegated His authority to man. In the same way Jesus has delegated His authority to the sons of God, the disciples and to the church.

Jesus did not come just to give us back what we lost in the garden. He gave us much more! When God breathed into Adam, he became a living soul. When Jesus raised from the dead, He became an eternal life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (KJV) And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [*was made*] a quickening spirit.

Synopsis

Before the foundation of the world, God planned the Seed and how He would demolish evil forever. As His plan began to unfold, He created Adam in His image and in His likeness and gave him a free will. Inside of Adam was the entire human race. Satan lied to him, slandered God, His character and tempted man to become more than God intended him to be. Adam bought into the lies of Satan and decided to run with them instead of what God had warned him about. Through this transaction, sin and death came into the Earth and came upon all mankind.

God promised in the garden that there was a seed coming that would crush Satan's head. A Seed that would finally put an end to evil. We followed the lineage and prophecies of the Seed from Adam, to Enoch, to Noah, Abraham, to Moses, to David and finally culminating in Jesus Christ. Jesus, God incarnate, came to Earth as a man, lived as a man and experienced humanity and the effects of sin and death from our perspective. However, He lived without being touched by sin, lived a sinless life and offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. The blood of God was shed on our behalf. All of the sins of mankind were placed on Him. Second Corinthians says "He became sin for us who knew now sin." He suffered and died carrying with Him our sin and death into hell. In hell He destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil when He rose from the dead. He rose triumphant from the grave in His

own body, was seen for forty days after His resurrection by; His friends, the disciples, and crowds of people.

After His resurrection He sat down on the right hand of the Father and all power, all authority was given unto Him. He then transferred His power and authority to you and I, the church and said; "Go into all the world and spread the good news, sin, death and hell have been defeated and in my name, heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out devils." He has infused His life in us and He has empowered your feet and mine to crush Satan's head!

We have narrowed the subject of faith in Jesus down to the one most important aspect of the scriptures. 'Christ in you the eternal hope of glory.' He is locked in you and through Christ you and I can conquer evil, death or any thought or action that is contrary to God, His love and His wholeness. This gives you a great start to your walk of faith. Now turn this truth into a lively vision; make it your life's motivation. Walk empowered by the Spirit of Christ in you and fulfill His purpose; "To Destroy the Works of the Devil."