

**Jesus in the Pages of the Books (2 of xx)
Narrative of Beginnings**

I was recently inspired to write a book about some of the understanding I have gained from studying the Bible through the years. I wanted the book to be a witness of Old Testament prophecies that can be obviously seen as fulfilled in the New Testament, by even the first time Bible reader.

The title of the book written of me is, “A TESTIMONY OF JESUS; Messiah, Son of the Living God”. I believe the subjects chosen and talked about in my book accomplished, “a single testimony of Jesus”.

But did you know all the pages of the Bible are a testimony of Jesus? He is quite literally “in the Pages of the Books”, from Genesis to Revelation!

If someone were to ask my opinion as to what the introduction to the Bible might be, I would say Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 3:15 because these Scriptures lay out the first explanation we encounter that declares the purpose and need for Jesus; the salvation of the world if man is to be recovered for disobeying God. Else, the destruction of all human kind would be the same as that along side of Satan!

Now, the introduction to the Bible (Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 3:15) having been established, the remaining Bible Texts is record and prophecies of how God bring about the salvation of the human race through the Lord Jesus Christ. Who is the seed of the woman according to flesh (Genesis 3:15), but God according to Spirit; for God is Spirit (John 4:24).

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After Adam sinned, the LORD God put him out of the garden and he was required to work the land in order to sustain himself and his family. Adam and Eve had children; populations grew and societies developed according to worldly behaviors in disobedience to God. And of course because of sin (and certainly, because of Satan and his angels behind the seen) the society did many wrong thing; becoming more and more corrupt, in the sight of God. Therefore, even at this early time of human history the enemies of God (Satan, the flesh, sin, and the world) were revealed. Even before his deeds in the garden, Satan had already become an enemy of God, when beyond the ancient pass he lifted himself up in pride, and led rebellion in heaven. Adam began man’s long journey of the enemy of God according to the flesh of men, when he and Eve allowed Satan to persuade them to disobey the command of God that they should not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

And now, with the forming of societies, the world (societal behavior) are become an enemy of God, along side Satan and his angels.

But there were some that desired to please God:

And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: And Enoch walked with (*believed/ had faith in*) God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took (*rapture?*) him (Genesis 5:21 through 24).

And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died (Genesis 5:25 through 27).

And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed. And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died (Genesis 5:28 through 31).

Because of man's wickedness, the LORD repented that he had made man on earth.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD, and the LORD chose to save Noah and his family alive. This means that Noah, "believed, had Faith in God" (Hebrews 11:6).

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen 6:9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with God.

Gen 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way (*the way of God*) upon the earth.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Gen 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Gen 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

Through Noah, God shall save a remnant of his creation, “man”. This is a prophetic pattern of what takes place with Israel, the chosen people of God, and of salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; because many of those out of world societies will not accept the salvation God provides. And in fact Noah is a “type/ figure” of Jesus.

Therefore, we see how the LORD God used Noah mightily for his purpose.

The message for the world today concerning salvation through Christ Jesus is, John 3:16, “Therefore whosoever will, let him come”!

Gen 6:18 But with thee (*Noah*) 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.

Gen 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

Gen 6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive (*This scripture seem to be saying that God caused the animals to come unto Noah to be saved in the ark. In other words, Noah was not required to chase down any of the animals*).

Narrative of the LORD God Establishing the Fathers of His Chosen People, Israel

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The LORD God called and chose a family that he would raise-up into a nation of His people, "The Chosen People of God".

The LORD God established a covenant with Abraham and Sarah about 2200 to 2100 B.C.:

Gen 11:27 Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram (*Abraham*), Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot (*Abraham's nephew*).

Gen 11:28 And Haran (*Lot's father*) died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

Gen 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife *was* Sarai (*Sarah*); and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran (*his brother that died in Gen 11:28*), the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

Gen 11:30 But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child.

Gen 11:31 And Terah took Abram (*Abraham*) his son, and Lot the son of Haran (*Abraham's brother*) his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran (*perhaps Terah named this land to honor his dead son "Haran"*), and dwelt there.

Gen 11:32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

God Calls Abraham

Gen 12:1 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:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation (*Israel*), and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (*because salvation shall be made available to the world through Jesus, Son of God, son of David according to covenant, who are sons of Abraham. See John 3:16*).

Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Gen 12:5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's (*Haran*) son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

When we study scripture with the purpose of gaining understanding and revelation according to fulfilled prophecy, and then compare this with prophecy not yet fulfilled, I

believe it is clear this chosen family, which became the Nation of Israel was given the privilege (calling) to be used mightily of God: Witnessing to all other nations of who the God of creation is; Israel, the Nation whose testimony was to be of God the Father, and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

However, along the way, through the centuries, they fell short of their calling. Two prime examples are that they became caught-up in irreversible idol worship, and they also rejected Messiah when he came in the flesh, blood, and bone man, Jesus.

Luke 19:37 through 19:44 says they did not recognize the time of their “visitation”:

Luk 19:37 And when he (*Jesus*) was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen (*which Jesus performed*);

Luk 19:38 Saying, Blessed *be* the King (*Jesus is the King*) that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Luk 19:39 And some of the Pharisees (*in disagreement*) from among the multitude said unto him (*Jesus*), Master, rebuke thy disciples (*for saying “Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest”*).

Luk 19:40 And he (*Jesus*) answered and said unto them (*the disagreeable Pharisees*), **I tell you that, if these (the disciples that praised him (Jesus as King) along side of heaven) should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out (and say the truth, if the disciple had refuse to say what they knew to be true).**

Luk 19:41 And when he (*Jesus*) was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

Luk 19:42 Saying, **If thou (Judah of Israel) hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes (because you have rejected me).**

(The prophecy of these next two verses took on a new seriousness when Rome destroyed the City and Temple at Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Since then the Jews have been scattered throughout the nations; singled out and confronted with wars of destruction for centuries. But in 1948 A.D. the LORD God began collecting them (his remnant of Israel) into a nation again as declared according to Bible Prophecy).

Luk 19:43 **For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,**

Luk 19:44 **And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation (the coming and presence of Jesus).**

Matthew’s account of this same incident in verse 23:39 says:

Mat 23:39 **For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord (because you have rejected me. I believe Jesus is referring to the fact it will be the time of his second coming when the Jews will finally see and accept him as their King, Messiah, Savior).**

But we are getting slightly ahead of our intended study of the narrative progression:

Let’s just regroup again and continue at Genesis 12:6:

Gen 12:6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

Gen 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

At this time Abraham is concerned that he has no seed (offspring)

Gen 15:3 And Abram said (*to the LORD*), Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Gen 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

Gen 15:5 And he (*the LORD*) brought him (*Abraham*) forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell (*count*) the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Gen 15:6 And he (*Abraham*) believed in the LORD; and he (*the LORD*) counted it (*Abraham's belief*) to him (*Abraham*) for righteousness.

Gen 15:7 And he (*the LORD*) said unto him (*Abraham*), I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

Abraham inquire of the LORD, how shall I know that I shall inherit this land? Therefore, the LORD God instructed Abraham to prepare sacrifices unto him, the LORD God.

Gen 15:8 And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it (*this land*)?

Gen 15:9 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.

Gen 15:10 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.

Gen 15:11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

The LORD God waited until sundown, then after sundown the LORD God came down and walked between the pieces of the sacrifices Abraham had prepared, and consumed them. This the LORD God did for Abraham's assurance that he would inherit the land.

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

The prophecy of the chosen people of God in Egypt:

Gen 15:13 And he (*the LORD God*) 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 (*the inhabitants of that land, which shall be Egypt*); and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

Gen 15:14 And also that nation (*Egypt*), whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they (*Abraham's seed*) come out with great substance.

Gen 15:15 And thou (*Abraham*) shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

Gen 15:16 But in the fourth generation they (*Abraham's seed, the chosen people of God*) shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites (*who are currently in the land*) *is* not yet full.

As a smoking furnace, and burning lamp the LORD God consumed the sacrifices Abraham prepared, which assured Abraham, such that, he knew the LORD confirmed his covenant with him. And so Abraham believed/ had Faith in God:

Gen 15:17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp (*the presence of the LORD God*) that passed between those pieces.

Gen 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

Gen 15:20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

Gen 15:21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Sarah and Abraham became impatient and attempt to fulfill God's part of their covenant with Him. Most Bible scholars believe this resulted in the radical Muslim enemies of Judah of Israel today. And this indeed, seems to be true; or at least some faction of the peoples that came from this situation described in Genesis 16, below:

Gen 16:1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

Gen 16:2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

Gen 16:3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

Gen 16:4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes (*in a word Hagar became "proud" over Sarai*).

Gen 16:5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

Gen 16:6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

Gen 16:7 And the angel of the LORD found her (*Hagar*) by a fountain (*well*) of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

Gen 16:8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she (*Hagar*) said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

Gen 16:9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

Gen 16:10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her (*Hagar*), I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

Gen 16:11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

Perhaps you have wondered why the Lord would concern himself with what should happen to Hagar and her unburned child. After all, the covenant is with Abraham, Sarah, and the LORD God; is it not?

Yes, while this is very true, remember the LORD God promised to bless the seed of Abraham, and at this time Hagar is very pregnant with the seed of Abraham! Although there is no satisfaction on my part for saying this: God called Hagar and Isaac's son, Ishmael, as a result of the actions of Abraham and Sarah. But we can only speculate about the reasons of God in this, unless he wants us to know, and tells us!

Gen 16:12 And he (*Ishamel*) will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his (*half*) brethren (*Israel, children of Jacob, whose father is Isaac*).

Gen 16:13 And she (*Hagar*) called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him (*the LORD*) that seeth me?

Gen 16:14 Wherefore the well (*of water*) was called Beerlahairoi; behold, *it is (located)* between Kadesh and Bered.

Gen 16:15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

Gen 16:16 And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

Even though Ishmael was Abraham's first born, he was not his son according to the covenant God established with Abraham and Sarah. Isaac shall be the son called according to covenant, by Faith:

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine (*99*), the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect (*obedient, trusting, believing God*).

Gen 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

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Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.
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Gen 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Gen 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Gen 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Gen 17:10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Gen 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

Gen 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Gen 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

Gen 17:15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

Gen 17:16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

Gen 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Abraham expresses his love for Ishmael, even though he is not the covenant son:

Gen 17:18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

Gen 17:19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

God declares final statements to Abraham about Ishmael and we do not have any record of God mentioning the inheritance of Ishmael any more.

Many Bible teachers believe Ishmael to be to the Islamic people(s) as Isaac is to the Hebrew and Christian people(s). Except Isaac is the covenant son, the son according to FAITH!

Gen 17:20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

Gen 17:21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

Gen 17:22 And he (***God***) left off talking with him (***Abraham***), and God went up from Abraham.

Circumcision is established:

Gen 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

Gen 17:24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine (***99***), when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Gen 17:25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Gen 17:26 In the selfsame day *was* Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

Gen 17:27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

Isaac, the Covenant Son (the Son Abraham believed God for) is born:

Gen 21:1 And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

Gen 21:2 For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.

Gen 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac.

Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him.

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Gen 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

Gen 21:6 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, *so that* all that hear will laugh with me.

Gen 21:7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age (***of 100, and Sarah being ninety***).

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