

Jesus in the Pages of the Books (1 of xx)

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 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).

Introduction to the Bible

What disobedient deed(s) transpired such that Jesus should come to die, be sent, called, and used of God, to redeem the human race?

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

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Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

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Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Gen 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

A River flowed out of Eden, and then separated into four branches

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Gen 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

The four rivers of water that formed out of the river that flowed from Eden

Gen 2:11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;

Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

Gen 2:13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

Gen 2:14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

God commanded obedience of His creation, the man

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Far beyond the ancient past the angel Lucifer, whom God had created, became filled with self pride corrupting himself unto rebellion against the eternal living God, his creator. As a result Lucifer became the devil and Satan. He also persuaded a third of the other angels of heaven with him in his rebellion.

Here in Genesis 3:1, God identified him as “the serpent”.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil (*deceptive*) than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. (*And “the serpent, Satan, the devil” deceived Eve into disobeying/rebelling against the LORD God, and Eve encouraged Adam with her in her disobedience. And they both disobeyed the LORD God; thereby causing the fall of mankind.*

Gen 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Gen 3:3 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.

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Gen 3:5 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.

Gen 3:6 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.

Gen 3:7 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.

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Gen 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Gen 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

But the LORD God chose to redeem fallen man by sending his own Son in the flesh, blood, and bone man Jesus Christ, who has paid the penalty on a cross for Adam’s disobedience (sin) that put Adam and all men after him under sin. But now everyone of

the human race may choose to be redeemed through Christ Jesus; who is “Son of the living God”.

Gen 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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This timeline that follows shall highlights the Bible record which shows how, and whom the Lord God called and/or used to bring forth unto completion, his plan of redemption for mankind through the sacrifice of His Son, Christ Jesus.
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God Uses Whomsoever He Will

Jesus, Son of the Living God; Second Person of the Trinity and God Head: came of his own free will, and was sent of God the Father, according to His purpose, to deliver the human race from sin and iniquity unto eternal life. God the Son, Jesus is agreed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit to be sent, called, and used for the purpose of God. But let’s begin our study by considering those lesser “called and used” of God first, then we will examine the timeline of events in Scripture that brings whomsoever will come to victory, liberty (SALVATION) by the Cross of Christ Jesus.

All we need do is study Old Testament Scripture a little bit to realize that God uses whom ever He will for His purpose, He is gracious to whom ever He would be gracious, and He show mercy upon whom He would show mercy. But then there are also those God called, and once He called them, that calling was not rescinded even when they despised, embarrassed, or disgraced their calling. And in the Old Testament it usually seems an important indication of whether God has called an individual is the fact that He identifies whom he called from their youth, or even before they were born.

This study shall undertake the effort to look at the called of God and those God used in Scripture during the time of their life and living; but whether called and/or used, God impacted them MIGHTILY according to His great power and purpose.

No calculated attempt shall be made to explain why God chose to call in one case, while he only used whomsoever in another case; such understanding is in the mind of God unless He wants us to know, and tells us. But we must concede the obvious, which is God always knew whom he would use just as he knew whom he would call long before their time of living the earthly life!

Some would argue this is “Predestination”. But as I said before, the choices God makes are in the mind of God unless He wants us to know, and tells us. Mortal understanding always fall short when compared with that of God, and we should be very, very, very careful about applying mortal judgments to such things concerning, “how the eternal God makes His choices.”

For example, our first thoughts are that God chooses whomsoever he will from those that are currently born and living. But he is eternal God, therefore, is he limited or bound by mortal expectations and explanations??

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Exo 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee (**Moses**), and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

But I'm persuaded that God called Abraham and Sarah, even though the scriptures tell us very little about their youth. However, I believe we can say that He chose to only use Lot, the Nephew of Abraham, in Lot's time of living.

In no way should this statement be taken to mean that Lot died without God. We mortals are not qualified to make such a judgment; only God. But in my mind, even to be used of God is not to be despised in any way, because countless numbers of those that were neither called nor used in Scripture were not singled out of God.

Again, in no way should this statement be taken to mean that all those not mentioned in Biblical Scripture died without God. We mortals are not qualified to make such a judgment, because we can not know the final breaths of another's life; only God knows and that person; according to his presence of mind. And again I must repeat: such things are in the mind of God, alone. Who is qualified to council Him??? Romans Chapter 14 verse 4 makes the case with great clarity for the relationship between mortal servant and master. How much more true this relationship is concerning the eternal God, and True Master of all??

Rom 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Covenant Men of Israel are Called and Used of God

The Lord God called Moses and kept him safe in the Palace of Pharaoh. He instructed him by name and went with him as he led the chosen people, Israel. Thus, Moses was called and chosen, and the family that became the Nation of Israel was chosen and called. That calling has not been rescinded even unto this present day, although they dishonored their calling on more than one occasion throughout the centuries:

Exo 33:13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

Exo 33:14 And he (**the LORD God**) said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

Exo 33:15 And he (**Moses**) said unto him (**the LORD God**), If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence (**out of Egypt and wilderness?**).

The LORD God distinguishes Israel from all other peoples:

Exo 33:16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people (*Israel*) have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

Exo 33:17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

Exo 33:18 And he (*Moses*) said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

Exo 33:19 And he (*the LORD*) said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

Old Testament Judges:

Of all the Judges in Old Testament Israel, I believe Samson (Judges Chapter 13) and Samuel (Samuel Chapter 1 and 3) were called of God. Scripture speaks of them from their youth; even before their conception. The others Judges were used, although mightily of God, at the time they were needed according to the purpose of God.

Now, it seems God did not call Saul of the tribe of Benjamin to be the first King of Israel. It seems God only used Saul in that position until David would become of age to fulfill this calling. We see that the Lord GOD discontinued using Saul as king over Israel in 1Samuel 15:22 and 15:23.

Remember we made the statement that we do not believe that God rescind a "calling". David despised his calling but he sincerely repented, and asked the Lord GOD forgiveness. God heard him, and brought him through his failure; but family tragedy did not depart from among the household of David:

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said (*to Saul*), Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou (*Saul*) hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

God said David despised his calling. But God chose to restore David, and did not rescind his calling:

2Sa 12:7 And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

2Sa 12:8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

2Sa 12:9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

2Sa 12:10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

2Sa 12:11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he (*your enemy*) shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

2Sa 12:12 For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

2Sa 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.

2Sa 12:14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee (*out of this sin*) shall surely die.

I consider David's son Solomon only called in that David appointed (declared) him his successor. God was displeased with Solomon for the latter years of his reign, but He chose not to take the kingdom from Solomon because of his Father David.

God instructed Solomon not to bring gentile concubines and wives into Israel, but Solomon disobeyed God. As a result the influx of gentiles brought their idol worship with them and caused the people to sin against God, as the whole nation became idol worshippers. God said this was committing fornication against Him. Thus, Solomon caused the Nation of Israel to sin. God judged the whole nation for this in that He divided the nation unto destruction. After the reign of Solomon ten tribes were divided unto the Northern Kingdom, or Samaria. And the tribe of Judah with Benjamin was formed into the Southern Kingdom at Jerusalem.

In 722 B.C. God used the Nation of Assyria to execute judgment upon the Northern Kingdom, Samaria, and scatter the people. The Northern Kingdom of Israel never recovered!

Then in 586 B.C. God used Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon to execute judgment/ destruction upon the Temple and City at Jerusalem (Judah of Israel, the Southern Kingdom). After 70 years of exile, God recovered Judah a "remnant" of Israel at Jerusalem (the Southern Kingdom).

Of course I am certain Assyria, nor Babylon, thought that they were being used of God. And their attitude was that of "Whomsoever" which insists that, "Only My Might Got Me Advantage". "It is only by my power that I am victorious"!! And in that they were idol worshipers, I suspect they may have given their false gods some credit?

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