

LESSON TWO - (Part TWO)

The Path of Scripture Leading us to Jesus Christ - His Gospel - His Church - And Beyond

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16).

"Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up" (Jeremiah 18:15).

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Title: "Early Types of Jesus:

Standing Texts: (Jeremiah 6:16; 18:15)

Lesson Texts: (Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; 49:8-10; Rev. 5:5-6)

1. INTRODUCTION:

A. More About the Series:

- (1) As the texts suggest, there is a Path, Trail, or a Line that starts very early in Scripture which leads us to Jesus Christ as well as His Gospel and His Church.
- (2) It is the purpose of this study to follow the directions given as well as the "**Landmarks**" (Prov. 22:28) which will appear as we take this Journey.
- (3) The way will be clear for it is "**Lighted**" by scripture itself (Psalm 119:105).
- (4) Please take note of the Time Periods and the years separating each period shown in the chart on page two.

B. The Early Prophecies:

Scripture: *"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" (Genesis 3:15).*

Scripture: *"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" (Genesis 49:8-10).*

Scripture: "And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth" (Rev. 5:5-6).

C. Historical Periods of the Bible: (Save this chart for future references)

Period	Events	Years	Time Covered	
1	Anti-Diluvian Period	From Adam to the Flood	B.C. 4004-2348	1,656 Yrs
2	Post-Diluvian Period	From the Flood to the call of Abraham	B.C. 2348-1921	427 Yrs
3	Abrahamic Period	From the call of Abraham to the Egyptian bondage	B.C. 1921-1706	215 Yrs
4	Bondage in Egypt	From the enslaving of Israel to the Exodus	B.C. 1706-1491	215 Yrs
5	Wilderness Wanderings	From the Exodus out of Egypt to entry into Canaan	B.C. 1491-1451	40 Yrs
6	Conquest of Canaan	From entry into Canaan to the period of the Judges	B.C. 1451-1400	51 Yrs
7	The Judges	From the period of the Judges to the United Kingdom	B.C. 1400-1095	305 Yrs
8	The United Kingdom	From the reign of Saul through the reign of Solomon	B.C. 1095-971	120 Yrs
9	The Divided Kingdom	From the division of the kingdom to the fall of Israel	B.C. 971-722	253 Yrs
10	The Kingdom of Judah	From the fall of Israel to the fall of Judah	B.C. 722-587	135 Yrs
11	Babylonian Captivity	From the fall of Judah to the return to Jerusalem	B.C. 587 - 537	50 Yrs
12	Restoration of the Jews	From the return to Jerusalem to the end of the O. T.	B.C. 537-400	92 Yrs
13	Intertestamental Period	From the close of the O.T. to the beginning of the N.T.	B.C. 400 -- 4	400 Yrs
14	The Life of Christ	From the birth of Christ to His ascension	B.C. 4 -- A.D. 3	34 Yrs
15	The Christian Age	From the establishment of the Church to the 2nd Coming	A.D. 30 - Present	Still Existing

D. The First Prophecy and Comments:

- (1) **George DeHoff:** "Immediately after the fall of man, God gave a prophecy that a Redeemer would come who is known as "*the seed of the woman*" had never been heard of. For only about 200 years have scientists talked of the seed of the woman. Yet here in B. C. 1500, we have Moses writing about it. The seed of the woman is Christ.....Christ bruised the head of the serpent when he brought life and immortality to light by his own resurrection from the dead."
- (2) **Matthew Henry:** "A gracious promise is made hereof Christ, as the deliverer of fallen man from the power of Satan. Though what was said was addressed to the serpent, yet it was said in the hearing of our first parents who, doubtless, took the hints of grace here given them, and saw a door of hope opened to them, else the following sentence upon themselves would have overwhelmed them. Here was the dawning of the gospel day."
- (3) **Adam-Clarke:** "Jesus Christ died to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and to destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. Thus he *bruises his head*-destroys his *power* and *lordship* over mankind, turning them from the *power* of Satan unto God; And Satan *bruises his heel*-God so ordered it, that the salvation of man could only be brought about by the *death* of Christ; and even the spiritual seed of our blessed Lord have the heel often bruised, as they suffer persecution, temptation, all that is intended by this part of the prophecy. "

Note: While Genesis 3:15 is generally accepted as being the "Trail-Head" of prophecy concerning the coming of Jesus, there is a statement made in 1:26 that generates much thought and leaves a question that can only be answered in the Gospel of John, Chapter 1:1- 3. **Who was/is the "us" when God Said "Let us make man in our own image?"**

E. Other Early Prophecies and Comments:

Scripture: *"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: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 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" (Gen 12:1-3).*

Scripture: *"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be" (Gen. 49:8-10).*

Scripture: *"I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth" (Numbers 24:17) .*

- (1) **George DeHoff:** (On Gen. 12:3) - "All families of the earth are blessed through the coming of Christ, a descendant of Abraham." (Ed. Note: This is also a prophetic statement concerning the acceptance of the Gentiles as being equal to Jews in their receipt of the Gospel.) (On 49:10) - "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah. Judah was to continue as a distinct tribe until the Messiah should come."
- (2) **Matthew Henry:** (On Numbers 24:17) - " (1.) That while: *"I shall see him, but not now; I do see him in vision, but at a very great distance, through the interposing space of 1500 years at least."* Or understand it thus:—Balaam, a wicked man, shall see Christ, but shall not see him nigh, nor see him as Job, who saw him *as his Redeemer*, and saw him for himself. When he comes in the clouds *every eye shall see him*, but many will see him (as the rich man in hell saw Abraham) *afar off*. (2.) That he shall come out of Jacob, and Israel, as a star and a sceptre, the former denoting his glory and lustre, and the *bright and morning star*, the latter his power and authority; it is *he that shall have dominion*."
- (3) **Adam-Clarke:** (On Numbers 24:17) - "The person of whom I am now prophesying does not at present exist among these Israelites, nor shall he appear in this generation. *There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel—a person eminent for wisdom, and formidable for strength and power, shall arise as king among this people.*" (On Gen. 12:3)- "In thy posterity, in the *Messiah*, who shall spring from thee, shall all families of the earth be blessed; for as he shall take on him human nature from the posterity of Abraham, he shall taste death for every man, his Gospel shall be preached throughout the world, and innumerable blessings be derived on all mankind through his *death and intercession*."

2. CONCLUSIONS:

- (1) By checking the chart of **Historic Bible Periods** as well as comments by the bible scholars mentioned, you can see that "**The Path of Scripture Leading us to Jesus Christ, His Gospel, His Church And Beyond**" started very early in God's Book to mankind.
- (2) Accepting God as having existed "*...from everlasting to everlasting*" (Psa. 90:2) and that His Word "*is true from the beginning*" (Psa. 119:160), then we have to accept the Holy Scriptures from the beginning, pointing us down the Path that leads us to Jesus the Christ, the Savior of the world (John 1:29).

Final Scripture: *"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him" (Deut 18:22).*

- (3) The other side of that coin is this: When he speaks and it does come true, we must accept it and respond to the message given by that prophet.

Lesson Three: "Early Types of Jesus." (Follow Lesson One's Outline - plus others)

Footnotes:

- (1) The message to Abraham concerning the families of the earth being blessed, according to our Historical Chart of Bible Periods, occurred some 2348 yrs before Christ, while mention of this (Acts 7:3; Heb. 11:8) was written after A.D. 30 by the Apostle Paul.
- (2) The promise of the Sceptre not leaving Judah (Gen. 49:8-10 and Numbers 24:17) was written in that same time period (2348 B. C.) while the Hebrews text (Heb. 1:8) shows this to be fulfilled in Christ after the church had been established in A.D. 33.
- (3) Not only does this show that the words of the Old Testament had been preserved for well over 2,000 years when the Hebrews' writer quoted from it, but it gives credence today of the undisputed authority of the Holy Scriptures.