

GENESIS
THE BEGINNING AND THE END
ALPHA & OMEGA
THE FALL OF MAN

1. DOUBT OF GOD'S WORD

A. GENESIS 3:1- NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE CRAFTY THAN ANY OF THE WILD ANIMALS THE LORD GOD HAD MADE. HE SAID TO THE WOMAN, "DID GOD REALLY SAY, 'YOU MUST NOT EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN'?"

I. SATAN IS SPEAKING THROUGH THE SERPENT.

II. THE WAY SATAN WORKS.

(1) HE CASTS DOUBT ON THE WORD OF GOD.

(A) THE SAME TODAY.

(i) PEOPLE WILL SAY THAT GOD DID NOT MEAN WHAT HE SAID.

(ii) EVERY EFFORT TO SET ASIDE THE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.

1) TODAY IN THE NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP, WE SEE A REPEAT OF THE QUESTION, "DID GOD REALLY SAY"

III. AFTER CASTING DOUBT ON THE WORD OF GOD, SATAN WILL SUBSTITUTE HIS OWN.

(1) YOU MUST NOT EAT FROM ANY TREE IN THE GARDEN?"

(A) GOD HAD GIVEN THE WORD OF TRUTH

(B) SATAN COMES WITH LIES!

(i) MATTHEW 13:27-28 "THE OWNER'S SERVANTS CAME TO HIM AND SAID, 'SIR, DIDN'T YOU SOW GOOD SEED IN YOUR FIELD? WHERE THEN DID THE WEEDS COME FROM?' [28] " 'AN ENEMY DID THIS,' HE REPLIED. "THE SERVANTS ASKED HIM, 'DO YOU WANT US TO GO AND PULL THEM UP?'

2. ADDITION TO GOD'S WORD

A. GENESIS 3:[2] THE WOMAN SAID TO THE SERPENT, "WE MAY EAT FRUIT FROM THE TREES IN THE GARDEN, [3] BUT GOD DID SAY, 'YOU MUST NOT EAT FRUIT FROM THE TREE THAT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN, AND YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT, OR YOU WILL DIE.' "

I. HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD.

II. BY ADDING, "AND YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT, OR YOU WILL DIE."

(1) THE WOMAN SAYS TO THE SERPENT THAT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT REALLY THAT IMPORTANT TO THEM.

III. TODAY, TAKING AWAY FROM THE WORD OF GOD TELLS THE DEVIL THAT THE WORD OF GOD IS REALLY NOT THAT IMPORTANT!

(1) LEVITICUS 18:22-24 " 'DO NOT LIE WITH A MAN AS ONE LIES WITH A WOMAN; THAT IS DETESTABLE. [23] " 'DO NOT HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH AN ANIMAL AND DEFILE YOURSELF WITH IT. A WOMAN MUST NOT PRESENT HERSELF TO AN ANIMAL TO HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH IT; THAT IS A PERVERSION. [24] " 'DO NOT DEFILE YOURSELVES IN ANY OF THESE WAYS, BECAUSE THIS IS HOW THE NATIONS THAT I AM GOING TO DRIVE OUT BEFORE YOU BECAME DEFILED.

(2) LEVITICUS 20:13-16 " 'IF A MAN LIES WITH A MAN AS ONE LIES WITH A WOMAN, BOTH OF THEM HAVE DONE WHAT IS DETESTABLE. THEY MUST BE PUT TO DEATH; THEIR BLOOD WILL BE ON THEIR OWN HEADS.

(3) ROMANS 1:24-32 THEREFORE GOD GAVE THEM OVER IN THE SINFUL DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS TO SEXUAL IMPURITY FOR THE DEGRADING OF THEIR BODIES WITH ONE ANOTHER. [25] THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR A LIE, AND

WORSHIPED AND SERVED CREATED THINGS RATHER THAN THE CREATOR--WHO IS FOREVER PRAISED. AMEN. [26] BECAUSE OF THIS, GOD GAVE THEM OVER TO SHAMEFUL LUSTS. EVEN THEIR WOMEN EXCHANGED NATURAL RELATIONS FOR UNNATURAL ONES. [27] IN THE SAME WAY THE MEN ALSO ABANDONED NATURAL RELATIONS WITH WOMEN AND WERE INFLAMED WITH LUST FOR ONE ANOTHER. MEN COMMITTED INDECENT ACTS WITH OTHER MEN, AND RECEIVED IN THEMSELVES THE DUE PENALTY FOR THEIR PERVERSION... , THEY NOT ONLY CONTINUE TO DO THESE VERY THINGS BUT ALSO APPROVE OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE THEM.

- (4) 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE WICKED WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? DO NOT BE DECEIVED: NEITHER THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL NOR IDOLATERS NOR ADULTERERS NOR MALE PROSTITUTES NOR HOMOSEXUAL OFFENDERS [10] NOR THIEVES NOR THE GREEDY NOR DRUNKARDS NOR SLANDERERS NOR SWINDLERS WILL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. [11] AND THAT IS WHAT SOME OF YOU WERE. BUT YOU WERE WASHED, YOU WERE SANCTIFIED, YOU WERE JUSTIFIED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BY THE SPIRIT OF OUR GOD.
- (5) 1 TIMOTHY 1:8-11 WE KNOW THAT THE LAW IS GOOD IF ONE USES IT PROPERLY. [9] WE ALSO KNOW THAT LAW IS MADE NOT FOR THE RIGHTEOUS BUT FOR LAWBREAKERS AND REBELS, THE UNGODLY AND SINFUL, THE UNHOLY AND IRRELIGIOUS; FOR THOSE WHO KILL THEIR FATHERS OR MOTHERS, FOR MURDERERS, [10] FOR ADULTERERS AND PERVERTS, FOR SLAVE TRADERS AND LIARS AND PERJURERS--AND FOR WHATEVER ELSE IS CONTRARY TO THE SOUND DOCTRINE [11] THAT CONFORMS TO THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF THE BLESSED GOD, WHICH HE ENTRUSTED TO ME.

3. CONTRADICTION TO GOD'S WORD

A. GENESIS 3:[4] "YOU WILL NOT SURELY DIE," THE SERPENT SAID TO THE WOMAN. [5] "FOR GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT OF IT YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED, AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL."

I. SATAN SAYS TO MAN, "GOD IS WITH HOLDING SOMETHING FROM YOU THAT WILL PROFIT YOU"

(1) HOW WE SEE THIS TODAY!

(A) GOD IS WITH HOLDING PLEASURE FROM ME.

(i) THE THINGS I LIKE TO DO, HE DOES NOT WANT ME TO DO THEM.

(B) HERE GOD IS WITH HOLDING FROM ME SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE ME LIKE GOD.

(i) I WILL OBTAIN KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM THAT HAS BEEN DENIED ME.

II. IF YOU DO THIS "YOU WILL NOT SURELY DIE"

(1) GOD HAS SET THE RULES FOR A BISHOP!

(A) 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-2 HERE IS A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING: IF ANYONE SETS HIS HEART ON BEING AN OVERSEER, HE DESIRES A NOBLE TASK. [2] NOW THE OVERSEER MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH, THE HUSBAND OF BUT ONE WIFE, TEMPERATE, SELF-CONTROLLED, RESPECTABLE, HOSPITABLE, ABLE TO TEACH,

(B) TITUS 1:7 SINCE AN OVERSEER IS ENTRUSTED WITH GOD'S WORK, HE MUST BE BLAMELESS--NOT OVERBEARING, NOT QUICK-TEMPERED, NOT GIVEN TO DRUNKENNESS, NOT VIOLENT, NOT PURSUING DISHONEST GAIN.

(i) THE CHURCHES TODAY THAT SAY THESE ARE THE RULES ARE CRITICIZED FOR FOLLOWING THEM. HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

4. TRANSGRESSION OF GOD'S WORD

A. GENESIS 3:[6] WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE FRUIT OF THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD AND PLEASING TO THE EYE, AND ALSO DESIRABLE FOR GAINING WISDOM, SHE TOOK SOME AND ATE IT. SHE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS WITH HER, AND HE ATE IT.

I. HERE WE SEE ONE OF THE KEYS TO KNOW IF WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO IS FROM SATAN OR FROM GOD.

(1) SATAN WORKS FROM THE OUTSIDE OF US, GOD WORKS FROM THE INSIDE OF US.

(A) 1 CORINTHIANS 2:11 FOR WHO AMONG MEN KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF A MAN EXCEPT THE MAN'S SPIRIT WITHIN HIM? IN THE SAME WAY NO ONE KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

(2) THE OTHER THING TO LOOK AT.

(A) PEOPLE WHO DO EVIL WANT OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THEM. THEY THINK THIS WILL JUSTIFY WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

(i) EVERY BODY IS DOING IT TODAY.

5. IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF SIN

A. GENESIS 3:[7] THEN THE EYES OF BOTH OF THEM WERE OPENED, AND THEY REALIZED THEY WERE NAKED; SO THEY SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE COVERINGS FOR THEMSELVES.

I. BECOMING AWARE - CONSCIENCE

(1) TITUS 1:15 TO THE PURE, ALL THINGS ARE PURE, BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE CORRUPTED AND DO NOT BELIEVE, NOTHING IS PURE. IN FACT, BOTH THEIR MINDS AND CONSCIENCES ARE CORRUPTED.

II. THE FALLEN CONSCIENCE

(1) JOHN 16:2 THEY WILL PUT YOU OUT OF THE SYNAGOGUE; IN FACT, A TIME IS COMING WHEN ANYONE WHO KILLS YOU WILL THINK HE IS OFFERING A SERVICE TO GOD.

(2) ACTS 26:9 "I TOO WAS CONVINCED THAT I OUGHT TO DO ALL THAT WAS POSSIBLE TO OPPOSE THE NAME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH.

(3) ROMANS 2:15 SINCE THEY SHOW THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW ARE WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS, THEIR CONSCIENCES ALSO BEARING WITNESS, AND THEIR THOUGHTS NOW ACCUSING, NOW EVEN DEFENDING THEM.)

III. IT HAS BECOME DEFILED

(1) 1 TIMOTHY 4:2 SUCH TEACHINGS COME THROUGH HYPOCRITICAL LIARS, WHOSE CONSCIENCES HAVE BEEN SEARED AS WITH A HOT IRON.

IV. WE SHOULD BE RESTORED.

(1) ACTS 24:16 SO I STRIVE ALWAYS TO KEEP MY CONSCIENCE CLEAR BEFORE GOD AND MAN.

(2) ROMANS 9:1 I SPEAK THE TRUTH IN CHRIST--I AM NOT LYING, MY CONSCIENCE CONFIRMS IT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT--

(3) 2 CORINTHIANS 1:12 NOW THIS IS OUR BOAST: OUR CONSCIENCE TESTIFIES THAT WE HAVE CONDUCTED OURSELVES IN THE WORLD, AND ESPECIALLY IN OUR RELATIONS WITH YOU, IN THE HOLINESS AND SINCERITY THAT ARE FROM GOD. WE HAVE DONE SO NOT ACCORDING TO WORLDLY WISDOM BUT ACCORDING TO GOD'S GRACE.

(4) 1 TIMOTHY 1:5 THE GOAL OF THIS COMMAND IS LOVE, WHICH COMES FROM A PURE HEART AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE AND A SINCERE FAITH.

(5) 1 TIMOTHY 1:19 HOLDING ON TO FAITH AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE. SOME HAVE

REJECTED THESE AND SO HAVE SHIPWRECKED THEIR FAITH.

- (6) 1 PETER 3:21 AND THIS WATER SYMBOLIZES BAPTISM THAT NOW SAVES YOU ALSO--NOT THE REMOVAL OF DIRT FROM THE BODY BUT THE PLEDGE OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD. IT SAVES YOU BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST,

- V. THE CONSCIENCE CANNOT BE OF MAN'S MAKING. NO REASON THAT IT WOULD HAVE EVOLVED.
- (1) WOULD NOT HAVE SET UP AN ACCUSER, A JUDGE, A TORMENTOR THAT IS ALWAYS WITH HIM.
 - (2) WE WHO BELIEVE HAVE COME TO KNOW THAT THE CONSCIENCE IS THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD WITHIN THE SOUL.
 - (A) IT TELLS US THAT WE ARE NOT OUR OWN.
 - (B) WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO A MORAL LAW WHICH EITHER APPROVES OR REPROVES WHAT WE DO.

6. NEW RESTORATION WORK BEGUN

- A. GENESIS 3:[8] THEN THE MAN AND HIS WIFE HEARD THE SOUND OF THE LORD GOD AS HE WAS WALKING IN THE GARDEN IN THE COOL OF THE DAY, AND THEY HID FROM THE LORD GOD AMONG THE TREES OF THE GARDEN
- I. THE ACTION OF ADAM AND HIS WIFE ARE SIGNIFICANT.
 - (1) DID NOT SEEK GOD AND CONFESS THEIR GUILT.
 - (A) THE WAY OF MAN UNTIL THIS DAY.
 - (2) CONSCIOUS THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG
 - (A) HE SEEKS SHELTER WAY FROM GOD.
 - (I) BEHIND HIS OWN SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - (II) HIS GOOD WORKS
 - II. THE CONSCIENCE OF MAN DID NOT BRING HIM TO GOD.
 - (1) THIS IS THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - III. IT DROVE HIM AWAY FROM A HOLY GOD.

7. MAN ON TRIAL

- A. GENESIS 3: [9] BUT THE LORD GOD CALLED TO THE MAN, "WHERE ARE YOU?" [10] HE ANSWERED, "I HEARD YOU IN THE GARDEN, AND I WAS AFRAID BECAUSE I WAS NAKED; SO I HID." [11] AND HE SAID, "WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED? HAVE YOU EATEN FROM THE TREE THAT I COMMANDED YOU NOT TO EAT FROM?" [12] THE MAN SAID, "THE WOMAN YOU PUT HERE WITH ME--SHE GAVE ME SOME FRUIT FROM THE TREE, AND I ATE IT." [13] THEN THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE WOMAN, "WHAT IS THIS YOU HAVE DONE?" THE WOMAN SAID, "THE SERPENT DECEIVED ME, AND I ATE."
- I. GOD GAVE ADAM A FAIR AND FULL OPPORTUNITY TO CONFESS HIS SIN.
 - II. INSTEAD OF CONFESSION, HE EXCUSED HIMSELF
 - (1) THE WOMAN YOU PUT HERE WITH ME--SHE GAVE ME SOME FRUIT FROM THE TREE, AND I ATE
 - III. WHEN GOD CONFRONTS THE WOMAN, SHE WILL EXCUSE HERSELF.
 - (1) "THE SERPENT DECEIVED ME, AND I ATE."
- B. WHAT ARE WE TO LEARN FROM THIS?
- I. MAN DISCOVERED THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG WITH HIMSELF.
 - (1) HIS ATTEMPT TO HIDE HIS SHAME BY A SELF PROVIDED COVERING
 - II. FEAR OF GOD AND AN ATTEMPT TO HID FROM HIS PRESENCE
 - III. INSTEAD OF CONFESSION HIS SIN, SEEKING TO EXCUSE IT

IV. WE KNOW THAT NO ONE SEEKS GOD, BUT GOD SEEKS MAN.

- (1) ROMANS 3:11 THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, NO ONE WHO SEEKS GOD.
- (2) JOHN 6:70 THEN JESUS REPLIED, "HAVE I NOT CHOSEN YOU, THE TWELVE? YET ONE OF YOU IS A DEVIL!"
- (3) JOHN 15:16 YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU TO GO AND BEAR FRUIT--FRUIT THAT WILL LAST. THEN THE FATHER WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME.
- (4) JOHN 15:19 IF YOU BELONGED TO THE WORLD, IT WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN. AS IT IS, YOU DO NOT BELONG TO THE WORLD, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU OUT OF THE WORLD. THAT IS WHY THE WORLD HATES YOU.
- (5) 2 THESSALONIANS 2:13 BUT WE OUGHT ALWAYS TO THANK GOD FOR YOU, BROTHERS LOVED BY THE LORD, BECAUSE FROM THE BEGINNING GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE SAVED THROUGH THE SANCTIFYING WORK OF THE SPIRIT AND THROUGH BELIEF IN THE TRUTH.

THE NEW COVENANT - ADAMIC

8. CURSE UPON THE SERPENT

- A. GENESIS 3:[14] SO THE LORD GOD SAID TO THE SERPENT, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE THIS, "CURSED ARE YOU ABOVE ALL THE LIVESTOCK AND ALL THE WILD ANIMALS! YOU WILL CRAWL ON YOUR BELLY AND YOU WILL EAT DUST ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE
- I. NOTE HERE THE SEVERITY OF WHAT IS HAPPENING.
 - (1) THE SERPENT WILL FOREVER BE CURSED BECAUSE HE ALLOWED SATAN TO USE HIM.

9. CURSE UPON SATAN

- A. GENESIS 3:[15] AND I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN YOU AND THE WOMAN, AND BETWEEN YOUR OFFSPRING AND HERS; HE WILL CRUSH YOUR HEAD, AND YOU WILL STRIKE HIS HEEL."
- I. FIRST THIS TO LOOK AT "THE WOMAN" = ISRAEL
 - (1) REVELATIONS 12:1-5 A GREAT AND WONDROUS SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN: A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN, WITH THE MOON UNDER HER FEET AND A CROWN OF TWELVE STARS ON HER HEAD. [2] SHE WAS PREGNANT AND CRIED OUT IN PAIN AS SHE WAS ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH. [3] THEN ANOTHER SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN: AN ENORMOUS RED DRAGON WITH SEVEN HEADS AND TEN HORNS AND SEVEN CROWNS ON HIS HEADS. [4] HIS TAIL SWEEPED A THIRD OF THE STARS OUT OF THE SKY AND FLUNG THEM TO THE EARTH. THE DRAGON STOOD IN FRONT OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH, SO THAT HE MIGHT DEVOUR HER CHILD THE MOMENT IT WAS BORN. [5] SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON, A MALE CHILD, WHO WILL RULE ALL THE NATIONS WITH AN IRON SCEPTER. AND HER CHILD WAS SNATCHED UP TO GOD AND TO HIS THRONE.
 - (A) THINK ON THE ATTEMPTS OF SATAN TO DESTROY THIS WOMAN. WE WILL STUDY THIS IN FUTURE STUDIES.
 - (I) THE FAMINES IN GENESIS
 - (II) THE EDICT OF PHARAOH TO DESTROY ALL THE MALE CHILDREN
 - (III) THE EGYPTIAN ATTACK AT THE RED SEA
 - (IV) THE ASSAULTS OF THE CANAANITES
 - (V) THE PLOT OF HAMAN
 - II. IT IS OUT OF THIS WOMAN THAT THE SEED WILL COME. JESUS THE CHRIST
 - III. AGAIN NOTE: THE BATTLE WILL BE BETWEEN THE SEED OF SATAN AND OF THE "WOMAN"

- (1) ALL THE EVENTS OF THIS AGE WILL END IN THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE ANTICHRIST AND THE CHRIST.
 - (A) THE WOMAN'S SEED, NOT MANS, BUT THE WOMAN'S
 - (I) GALATIANS 4:4 BUT WHEN THE TIME HAD FULLY COME, GOD SENT HIS SON, BORN OF A WOMAN, BORN UNDER LAW,
 - (B) THE ANTI-CHRIST
 - (I) 2 THESSALONIANS 2:3 DON'T LET ANYONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY, FOR THAT DAY WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE REBELLION OCCURS AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS IS REVEALED, THE MAN DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION.
 - (II) 2 THESSALONIANS 2:3 LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU BY ANY MEANS: FOR THAT DAY SHALL NOT COME, EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY FIRST, AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED, THE SON OF PERDITION;
- (2) BRUISE
 - (A) THE BRUISING OF THE HEEL OF THE "WOMAN'S SEED"
 - (I) 1 PETER 2:24 HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE TREE, SO THAT WE MIGHT DIE TO SINS AND LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED.
 - (II) 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 GOD MADE HIM WHO HAD NO SIN TO BE SIN FOR US, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.
 - (III) HEBREWS 13:11-13 THE HIGH PRIEST CARRIES THE BLOOD OF ANIMALS INTO THE MOST HOLY PLACE AS A SIN OFFERING, BUT THE BODIES ARE BURNED OUTSIDE THE CAMP. [12] AND SO JESUS ALSO SUFFERED OUTSIDE THE CITY GATE TO MAKE THE PEOPLE HOLY THROUGH HIS OWN BLOOD. [13] LET US, THEN, GO TO HIM OUTSIDE THE CAMP, BEARING THE DISGRACE HE BORE.
 - (B) THE CRUSHING OF THE HEAD OF SATAN
 - (I) REVELATIONS 20:2-3 HE SEIZED THE DRAGON, THAT ANCIENT SERPENT, WHO IS THE DEVIL, OR SATAN, AND BOUND HIM FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. [3] HE THREW HIM INTO THE ABYSS, AND LOCKED AND SEALED IT OVER HIM, TO KEEP HIM FROM DECEIVING THE NATIONS ANYMORE UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE ENDED. AFTER THAT, HE MUST BE SET FREE FOR A SHORT TIME.

10. CURSE UPON WOMAN

- A. GENESIS 3:[16] TO THE WOMAN HE SAID, "I WILL GREATLY INCREASE YOUR PAINS IN CHILDBEARING; WITH PAIN YOU WILL GIVE BIRTH TO CHILDREN. YOUR DESIRE WILL BE FOR YOUR HUSBAND, AND HE WILL RULE OVER YOU."
 - I. THIS WAS A PROPHECY THAT IS BEING FULFILLED EVERY DAY.

11. CURSE UPON ADAM AND THE EARTH

- A. GENESIS 3: [17] TO ADAM HE SAID, "BECAUSE YOU LISTENED TO YOUR WIFE AND ATE FROM THE TREE ABOUT WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, 'YOU MUST NOT EAT OF IT,' "CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU; THROUGH PAINFUL TOIL YOU WILL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. [18] IT WILL PRODUCE THORNS AND THISTLES FOR YOU, AND YOU WILL EAT THE PLANTS OF THE FIELD. [19] BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR BROW YOU WILL EAT YOUR FOOD UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND, SINCE FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN; FOR DUST YOU ARE AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN."
 - I. THE PLACE OF LOST MAN UPON THE EARTH.
 - II. WHAT WAS TO BE A GARDEN IS NOW WILDERNESS.

- III. NO LONGER ETERNAL LIFE - "UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND"
- IV. THE BODY PART OF YOU - FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN - THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE - AND YOU WILL RETURN TO IT.

12. FAITH OF ADAM

- A. GENESIS 3: [20] ADAM NAMED HIS WIFE EVE, BECAUSE SHE WOULD BECOME THE MOTHER OF ALL THE LIVING.
 - I. AND NOW - WOMAN WILL RECEIVE HER NAME.
 - II. AND NOW YOU SEE FALLEN MAN WHO HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
 - (1) HE SAYS "BECAUSE SHE WOULD BECOME THE MOTHER OF ALL THE LIVING"

13. DIVINE PROVISION

- A. GENESIS 3: [21] THE LORD GOD MADE GARMENTS OF SKIN FOR ADAM AND HIS WIFE AND CLOTHED THEM.
 - I. THE FIRST SACRIFICE
 - (1) HEBREWS 9:22 IN FACT, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT NEARLY EVERYTHING BE CLEANSED WITH BLOOD, AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS
 - II. THIS NOW SHOWS US THE PLAN OF SALVATION!
 - (1) IT IS THE LORD GOD WHO FINISHED THE SKINS, MADE THEM INTO COATS AND CLOTHED FOUR FIRST PARENTS.
 - (A) THEY DID NOTHING
 - (B) GOD DID IT ALL
 - (2) THE PRODIGAL SHOWS US THE TRUTH.
 - (A) WHEN THE WANDERER SEES THAT HE IS LOST, UNDONE AND OWNED HIS SIN
 - (I) THE GRACE OF THE FATHER TAKES OVER.
 - 1) LUKE 15:22 "BUT THE FATHER SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, 'QUICK! BRING THE BEST ROBE AND PUT IT ON HIM. PUT A RING ON HIS FINGER AND SANDALS ON HIS FEET.
 - 2) EPHESIANS 2:8 FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH--AND THIS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD--
 - (II) WE UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS HAPPENED!
 - 1) ISAIAH 61:10 I DELIGHT GREATLY IN THE LORD; MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD. FOR HE HAS CLOTHED ME WITH GARMENTS OF SALVATION AND ARRAYED ME IN A ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AS A BRIDEGROOM ADORNS HIS HEAD LIKE A PRIEST, AND AS A BRIDE ADORNS HERSELF WITH HER JEWELS.
 - (B) AGAIN, IT IS WORTH LOOKING AT AGAIN FOR UNDERSTANDING
 - (I) ISAIAH 59:2 BUT YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED YOU FROM YOUR GOD; YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN HIS FACE FROM YOU, SO THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR.
 - (II) EPHESIANS 4:18 THEY ARE DARKENED IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND SEPARATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD BECAUSE OF THE IGNORANCE THAT IS IN THEM DUE TO THE HARDENING OF THEIR HEARTS. .

END OF THE FIRST DISPENSATION - INNOCENCE
BEGINNING OF THE SECOND DISPENSATION - CONSCIENCE

14. A FAVORABLE BEGINNING

- A. GENESIS 3:[22] AND THE LORD GOD SAID, "THE MAN HAS NOW BECOME LIKE ONE OF US, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL. HE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO REACH OUT HIS HAND AND TAKE ALSO FROM THE TREE OF LIFE AND EAT, AND LIVE FOREVER." [23] SO THE LORD GOD BANISHED HIM FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK THE GROUND FROM WHICH HE HAD BEEN TAKEN. [24] AFTER HE DROVE THE MAN OUT, HE PLACED ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN CHERUBIM AND A FLAMING SWORD FLASHING BACK AND FORTH TO GUARD THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE.
- I. THIS TREE ILLUSTRATED THE DIVINE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF ADAM & EVE.
(1) PROVERBS 3:18 SHE IS A TREE OF LIFE TO THOSE WHO EMBRACE HER; THOSE WHO LAY HOLD OF HER WILL BE BLESSED.
- II. WE NOW HAVE A NEW WAY TO THE FATHER
(1) JOHN 14:6 JESUS ANSWERED, "I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.
- III. THE SWORD WAS NOT WITH DRAWN - IT STRUCK
(1) ZECHARIAH 13:7 "AWAKE, O SWORD, AGAINST MY SHEPHERD, AGAINST THE MAN WHO IS CLOSE TO ME!" DECLARES THE LORD ALMIGHTY. "STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP WILL BE SCATTERED, AND I WILL TURN MY HAND AGAINST THE LITTLE ONES.
- IV. TODAY THE SHEEP ARE SPREAD - BUT ONE DAY WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER.
(1) REVELATIONS 2:7 HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES. TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL GIVE THE RIGHT TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE, WHICH IS IN THE PARADISE OF GOD.

WHAT WE HAVE DISCOVERED:

GOD SEEKS MAN

EVIDENCE OF HIS MERCY

BLESSED PROPHECY AND PROMISE

A DEMONSTRATION OF HIS PROVIDING A COVERING FOR THE SHAME OF MAN

A DISPLAY OF HIS HOLINESS IN PUNISHING THE SIN OF MAN

A SHOW OF A NEED OF A MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.