

Full Scope of Scripture – Pt 3

- Before we go to Genesis 1:1, let us remind ourselves of a few things. We saw what happened in **Luke 24** on the day of Christ's resurrection on the road to Emmaus and later in Jerusalem. The risen Christ began to show His disciples from the scriptures, all that is revealed there about Him. And we see that He began with Moses and then to the Prophets and the Psalms, the complete OT scriptures, showing them that all things written about Him in these OT scriptures must be fulfilled.
- If we desire to know all the things that have been written about Him, the One in whom God has accomplished His eternal purpose and through whom and for whom He made the ages, then we will by faith, at some point, have to choose to begin in Moses, just as the Lord did.

Isaiah 46:9 *Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, **10** Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'*

- And to Moses we must add the Prophets and the Psalms and it is the prophet Isaiah who has recorded God's instructions on how this is to be done.

Isaiah 28:9 *Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? **10** For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."*

- To begin with we can see in **v9** that being taught knowledge and being given understanding of the message, that concerning God's eternal purpose accomplished in Jesus Christ our Lord, is for those who will move beyond their initial eternal salvation to the purpose for that salvation: Those who will desire to know the Christ who died for them and the purpose for Him doing so – those who will choose to ask, seek and knock; those who will choose to diligently seek Him, to know God's eternal purpose and how they are to fit into it, therefore moving from the milk of the word to the strong meat of the word (**Heb.5:12-14NKJ**)
- And the reason this knowledge and understanding will only be accessed by those with this desire to know is because it takes time, effort and patience. There are no quick fixes, no short-cuts, but a daily abiding in the Word under the direction of the Holy Spirit for our entire lifetime.
- We can see from **v10** that precept must be upon precept, that line must be upon line, that there must be here a little and there a little – that which is revealed about the Christ in Genesis must be laid upon that revealed about Him in the other Books of Moses and laid upon that revealed in the Prophets and that revealed in the Psalms and proclaimed in the NT letters with all the pieces fitting together like a jigsaw to provide a complete picture.
- Apostle Paul has said this same thing this way –

1Cor, 2:12 *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. **13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

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- In other words, scripture must be compared with scripture to allow the scriptures to interpret themselves. In other words, there is never just one place we can go to in the scriptures that will give us God's complete revelation on any particular doctrine. For example, if we want to understand the Lord's sacrifice on the cross of Calvary we will never do so by just turning to the Gospel accounts.
 - Rather we must begin in Genesis –
Gen 3:21 *Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*
 - And we must add to it from –
Gen 4:8 *Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*
 - And again from –
Gen 22:4 *Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off..... 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering."*
 - And from –
Exod 12:5 *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.*
- And if we go back to the examples from Genesis and Exodus for a moment we will find a key to help us put precept upon precept and line upon line, but first let's see it spelled out for us –
Rom 5:14.....*Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*
1Pe 3:21 *There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism*
 - It is the scriptural word picture of the type and the antitype – the shadow and the substance.
 - In Genesis Chapter 4 Abel is seen, as Adam, as a type of Christ and Cain as a type of Israel – in the type Cain kills Abel when they are in the field together and in the antitype, Israel kills the Christ when they are in the land together.
- These are by no means a complete list, but I am sure we get the idea. As we continue to study, let us not rely on our own understanding, but allow the one who inspired holy men to pen down this word, guide us into all truth.

John 16:13 *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you*

2Pet.1:20 *knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

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- One important facet that had escaped my mind is “**The First-Mention Principle.**”

This principle has to do with unchangeableness, and it centers around an unchangeable structure of the Word given by the unchangeable God.

Because of the inherent nature of the Word, the FIRST time a subject is mentioned in Scripture, a pattern, is established at that point which remains UNCHANGED throughout the remainder of Scripture.

Remaining within this principle, the first time one finds the breath of God mentioned in Scripture is in **Gen. 2:7**, in connection with life imparted to man; and, consequently, at this beginning point, this verse connects life with the breath of God after an unchangeable fashion.

God formed and fashioned man from the dust of the ground, but man was not created alive. Life was subsequently imparted through God breathing into man’s “nostrils the breath of life,” resulting in man becoming “a living soul.”

Thus, at this point in Scripture the unchangeable connection between God’s breath and life is established and set. Only God can produce life, and any time life in relation to man is produced beyond this point it MUST ALWAYS be through the one means set forth at the beginning, revealed in **Gen. 2:7**.

- We will continue with Genesis 1:1 next time God willing

Questions:

1. Who according to Isaiah, are the ones who will be taught knowledge and who will understand the message and why is this?

a). What will this look like in practice for us?
2. Which other scriptures did we look at that give us instructions on how to study God’s Word?
3. Rom. 5:14...Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
1Pet. 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism
What facet of understanding the scriptures is presented to us in these verses? How significant is this key?
4. Read John 16:13-15 and 2Pet. 1:20-21– What do we learn from these verses with regards to understanding the scriptures?
5. What is ‘The First-Mention Principle’? Do you have any examples?