

Full Scope of Scripture – Pt. 2c

- This far, we have seen that for us to come to a correct understanding of the Word of God, we have to remember;
 - ✓ All of scripture is about Him and we have to begin where God begun.
 - ✓ To compare, scripture with scripture; precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little.
 - ✓ To apply types and antitypes which are filled with great spiritual significance and meaning.
- ✓ This next key gives us a foundational type and if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? (***Psalms 3:11***). We will see that the primary foundation for all of Scripture is found in Gen. 1:1-2:3.

Key # 4: The Septenary Arrangement of Scripture

(After Six Days, on the Seventh Day)

***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,'*

- ✓ What does God tell His people to do in vs. 9, and why does He tell them to do this?
 - ✓ According to vs. 10, what does God do at the beginning of His Word?
 - ✓ And what does He say at the end of vs. 10?
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- What we can see in this portion of scripture is that, God told the end from the beginning.
 - He will accomplish all of it and He will not change His mind about any of it. And He is the only One who can do this (He is God and there is no one else like Him).
 - So, what is it that He laid out at the beginning which will be brought to pass at the end?
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- ✓ This now brings us to this next key: Septenary structure of Scripture (A pattern of seven)
Note: Teachings drawn from the opening two chapters of Genesis form the key to the entire matter, and a correct understanding and interpretation of these opening chapters is NOT something which should be taken lightly.
 - ✓ Scripture is built on a structure which is laid down in these two chapters, and an individual's understanding and interpretation of numerous things throughout the remainder of Scripture will be governed by his understanding and interpretation of this opening section of Scripture.
 - ✓ **The Foundation of Scripture**
***Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
***2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*
***3** Then God said...*
***5**So the evening and the morning were the first day...*
***6** Then God said...*
***8**So the evening and the morning were the second day.*
***9** Then God said...*
***13** So the evening and the morning were the third day*

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14 Then God said...

19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 Then God said...

23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 Then God said.....**26** Then God said...

31 So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen 2: 1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

✓ In the preceding, we see 6 days of work followed by the 7th day of REST. This foundational type gives us seven 24 hour days.

✓ The antitype will not be 24 hour days but a day is 1000 years. Please see the attached timeline:

[TIMELINE POWERPOINT REVIEW](#)

- Please study through the below passage on what Peter said about this 7-day period, paying particular attention to how he connects the beginning to the end.

2 Pet 3:1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), **2** that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, **3** knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, **4** and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” **5** For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, **6** by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. **7** But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. **11** Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, **12** looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? **13** Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

✓ So, let’s consider some questions that must be answered from the text. Please take time to reread the passage as this will help us in understanding the 7 days in Genesis (first 34 verses).

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1. According to vv. 1-2, why does Peter write a second letter to his recipients?
 2. What does he want us to know *firstly* (v. 3)?
 3. In v. 3, how does Peter describe the scoffers?
 4. What will these scoffers say? (Notice the quotation marks.)
 5. In saying these things, what do the scoffers *willfully* forget?
 6. Would vv. 5-6 be referring to the world-wide flood as described in Gen. 1:2 ... “darkness which was over the surface of the deep (lit., raging waters)”, or would it be referring to Noah’s flood in Genesis 7-8, and what makes you think so? (Be sure to keep context in view!)
 7. According to vv. 8-10, what does Peter want us *not to forget*?
- ✓ The KEY to understanding the Word of God begins with the proper understanding of this foundation established in the beginning of Genesis. If one can understand that the Word is about "redemption" and is formed around the same pattern, then he can build on the rest of the Scriptures correctly.
 - i. This arrangement is how God began His revelation to man.
 - ii. All the rest of the Scriptures give additional commentary and point to this very Day, the Seventh Day.
 - iii. And once an individual can perceive this truth, he will also be able to understand the spiritual lessons throughout Scripture, and he will see that the central Person in Scripture is the Lord Jesus Christ, from beginning to end.
 - iv. IF one understands these opening verses correctly, he will understand how God has structured His revelation to man, allowing him to grasp numerous things which he could NOT otherwise understand. More on this when we shall begin from Genesis 1:1.
 - May the Lord bless your diligence and remember that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him!!