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Joshua, Jericho & A Scarlet Thread



The Good News Story – Tracing the **Scarlet Thread of Covenant Redemption from Genesis to Revelation**

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Joshua 6...1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. 2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." 6 So Joshua called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." 7 And he ordered the people, "Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD." 8 When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD's covenant followed them. 9 The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. 10

But Joshua had commanded the people, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" 11 So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there. 12 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding. 14 So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. 15 On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times. 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! 17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. 19 All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury." 20 When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. 21 They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys. 22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her." 23 So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel. 24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD's house. 25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day. 26 At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: "Cursed before the LORD is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates." 27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.

Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

**Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho.
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,
and the walls came tumbling down.**

**1 You may talk about the men of Gideon;
you may talk about the men of Saul;
there's none like good old Joshua,
at the battle of Jericho. (Refrain)**

**2 Up to the walls of Jericho
he marched with sword in hand.
"Go blow those ram's horns," Joshua cried,
"for the battle is in God's hands." (Refrain)**

**3 Then the horns began to bellow,
the trumpets began to sound,
and Joshua commanded the children to shout,
and the walls came tumbling down. (Refrain)**

I guess you can imagine who our focus person today is in our ongoing series “**God’s Good News Story**” Tracing the **Scarlet Thread of Covenant Redemption for Genesis to Revelation**”.

That’s right...Rahab.... What, why did you say Joshua?. What makes you think that? LOL ... Well, just kidding, we are talking about Joshua, but the real star of the story is a woman named Rahab....interesting thing about this woman is that ...well, No. 1....she’s a woman! A Canaanite woman, a Canaanite pagan woman, a harlot, a traitor, and a liar.... What, she doesn’t sound like a star to you?

I can unfortunately think of several woman, and correspondingly men who are famous today, that meets similar criteria, right? Well, let me not get too negative here.

Just stay tuned and I think I might just change your perspective about Rahab. Because this pagan infidel is none other than the Great, Great Grandmother of King David himself, yep, that’s right. Now, In my mind, the cameo vignette on this *seemingly immoral nobody*, reminds us that no one is insignificant to God, no one is too far gone that God’s love cannot reach them and change them. Because you see, God knows you, He cares for you, He has a plan for you, and if we are obedient to Him, He can use us to impact not only our present times, but He can use our faithfulness to impact generations to come.

One more important thing about Rahab, she is the muse or the source for the very term that is so commonly known, and that I use every Sunday...***The Scarlet Thread of Redemption***”.

The message today is both a symbolic and a literal story about the ***Scarlet Thread of Redemption***. In actuality, it is where the term originates. More about that later!!! Back to Joshua! The backup singer to Rahab!

God’s Good News Story has led us from Adam, to Noah, To Abraham, To Isaac, To Jacob, to Joseph, to Moses and now to Joshua (with a major cameo from Rahab). So, you may remember that Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt after 430 years there, then into the Wilderness for 40 years.

During this time Moses, under God's guidance, chooses a young man by the name of Joshua, son of Nun, to be his assistant and successor. Joshua is a great example of leadership development. He is a willing servant and worker who learns and grows under Moses leadership and direction. When it comes time for Moses to die, God instructs Moses to anoint and appoint Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land.

Similarities Between Moses and Joshua

- Both of them had a personal experience with the presence of God
 - Moses leads Israelites miraculously across Red Sea. Joshua leads them miraculously across the Jordan River.
 - Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt. Joshua leads them into Canaan.
 - Moses sends out spies into Canaan. Joshua sends out two spies to Jericho.
 - Moses allocates land on the east side of the Jordan. Joshua allocates land on the west side of the Jordan
 - Both of them interpreted God's will to the people
 - God made them were highly esteemed in the eyes of the people
 - Both of them experienced unusual appearances of God's messenger
 - Both of them had to deal with people who had hardened hearts
 - Both of them gave powerful and instructive 'Final speeches' to Israel
 - Both of them were referred to as the 'servant of the LORD'
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Let's pick up with the 1st chapter of the Book of Joshua

Joshua 1:1-9... *Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, ² "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. ³ Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. ⁵ No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law (torah) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

Just as God had personally spoken to and commissioned Moses, He does the same for Joshua. He reiterates the covenant promise of the Promised Land and reminds them of the requirements necessary... **Obedient Faith.**

God tells Joshua to *‘be courageous, be careful to obey the Law, and meditate on the Law.’*

It is consistent with God’s instructions to Moses, and in truth to us today as well.

The people responded to Joshua just the way they had to Moses, ***“all that you have commanded us to do, we will do and wherever you send us we will go”*** (1:16)

That is just response God wanted from them, and it is the same He wants from us. God’s blessings and protection come to us when we are faithful and obedient.

Then Joshua sent out the CIA, or Israeli Mossad, well at least the precursor of those modern day spy agencies, to scout the new land for invasion. This time they sent two faithful spies to check out the first target....Jericho...one of the oldest cities in history. Let me remind you of the parallel between this story and the Moses. About a year after Moses had received from God and given to the people the 10 Commandment and the Book of the Covenant laws, God instructed Moses (Numbers 13) to send out some scouts to spy the Land of Canaan and survey the land for its resources and its military situation. Unfortunately, 10 of the 12 spies were weak in their faith and gave a bad report and soured the people to the point they refused to go and began to grumble against Moses and Aaron and used that same old tired refrain of faithlessness ‘Let’s go back to Egypt’.

Because of their lack of faith they were punished to wander for the remainder of 40 years in the desert and every single adult over the age of about 20 would die in the desert and their children alone, would have the privilege to enter into the Promised Land. That is except for the other 2 faithful scouts, Caleb and our Co -star of the Day, Joshua. They alone of the adults would have the joy of entering the Promised Land. **Just a reminder** here, faith is vital, we must trust in God, even when the odds seem against us.

Back to our story for today, Joshua is now in charge, and he sends 2 ‘faithful, yet anonymous spies’ to check out the 1st city that is in their oncoming path to enter Canaan. These spies first cross the Jordan river and about 7 miles in they come to the well know and one of the oldest cities in the world, Jericho. It was a town of about 6 acres surrounded by massive stone walls approximately 12 feet high and 6 feet wide at the base. This was a heavily fortified city and the people were smugly confident in the impenetrability of their city. There were dwelling places also built into this wall.

These two spies made their way into the city obviously under the guise as travelers and they did some surveying and then they found a house, possibly a combination Inn and Harlot House, owned and operated by non-other than our Starlet of the Day, Rahab. We know very little about this woman, Rahab, and there has been a lot of speculation about her, but we really only know that she was a harlot, who deceived the local governing authorities about their presence, then helped the spies by hiding them and then asked for her families safety.

She later married a Hebrew and became the Great- Great Grandmother of King David.

But if we do some logical speculation, it is not much of a stretch to think that she had the opportunity to “entertain and converse” with a vast horde of people from all over the nearby lands. Sort of like the Barber Shops of today, she had the opportunity to hear the ‘latest gossip’ and be informed of the events that were happening both near and far. This we know because Rahab says this in Joshua 2:9-13... ***“I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. “Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.” - Joshua 2:9-13 NIV***

What does the New testament say about Rahab/Rachab?

Just to show her importance she is listed in the very first 5 verses of the New Testament in Matthew

Matthew 1:1-6...¹ *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

² *Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.*

Hebrews 11:31... *By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.* (ESV)

James 2:25... *“And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?”*

What a great testimony is given of this woman from such a tainted past...a Canaanite pagan harlot who was a traitor to her city and a liar. We must be cautious in applying our modern day Christian judgment to harshly.

This was a woman who was working at a profession that probably was not considered 'sinful' because they people had no concept of that sin since they did not have the Law of God to inform them'. She was simply following a lifestyle that was perfectly accepted and normal for a 'pagan people'. The fact that she turned traitor and lied is also not surprising for a people who had no moral basis of godly law. The Bible does not condone nor condemn this specific act by Rahab, yet it is obvious that the Law of God teaches against lying. What we have here is simply an account of an imperfect woman who after having some contact and encounter with the True Knowledge of God, acts on her limited understanding and makes a bold move of FAITH, though incomplete and misguided, to put her TRUST in the God of ISRAEL. This simply move of FAITH was accepted by God and she and her family were saved, she made a new life by joining with the People of God and married into a faith filled marriage with a Hebrew man named Salmon, who was a direct descendent from Adam, Abraham and Jacob, and an ancestor of King David, and most importantly of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, back to the details of the story for a moment. When the 2 spies stayed at her home she somehow was able to discover that they were Hebrews and she (I believe with special guidance from God) prophesied that God would bring victory for the Hebrews over the city of Jericho. When the city officials discovered that some men who were suspected of being enemy Hebrews were at her house, the King of Jericho sent soldiers to arrest them.

But, Rahab, either by her network of 'gossip spies' heard about this or through God's special direction (possibly a combination of both) she took the bold and traitorous move to hide the spies on her roof under a stack of flax stalks. Just guessing here, but I can imagine she has used this ruse a number of times when jealous wives would come to 'check up on their man' LOL.

Then she continued her 'wily ways' and lied, or in a more positive spin, 'strategically deceived' the soldiers and said they had been there but they left and that they should go look for them and maybe can catch up with them.

Then she went to them and requested that they spare her and her family when they attack and destroy the city. The spies agreed but with one caveat... YOU MUST PUT A **SCARLET CORD OR THREAD** in your window on the wall so we can see it and not bring destruction.

Now it is obvious that has ties with the "blood, the scarlet colored blood, that the slaves in Egypt were instructed to place over their doorways so that they would escape destruction and be safe. This Scarlet Cord or Thread in this story is where the common usage of the phrase originates. It is representative of the Blood that brings redemption and salvation.

The spies escaped and brought a positive and faith filled report that God has given us the city. That's where we come to the basis for the song at the beginning. Joshua leads the Hebrews to the Jordan River and God instructs Joshua to have the Priests consecrate themselves.

Then God tells them to take the Ark of the Covenant and step into the waters of the river. Not until they faithfully commit to that will God then begin another miraculous parting of the water (remember the Red Sea Parting)

The Jordan dries up and the whole Hebrew people, possible 1-3 million people cross over on DRY RIVER BOTTOM. They then set up monument to remember God's great miracle. They took 12 stones (representing the 12 Tribes from the river bottom of the Jordan and set them up on the land to remind the people in the future of God's great miracle.

That was their first Act of Worship in the Promised Land, then immediately at the place called Gilgal, they followed through on God's command for the men to be circumcised. If you remember the older generation of Hebrews were circumcised, but as they died off in the wilderness the young generation never followed through. So, as an act of renewal and obedience they were all circumcised as a symbol of the blood sacrifice (the Scarlet Thread motif) and their submission to God and His authority.

Joshua 5:8,9 states this... ⁸ *Now when they had finished circumcising all the nation, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed.* ⁹ *Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.*

The name Gilgal literally means "rolled of taken away"... with the obedient submission to God through the act of Circumcision (the blood sacrifice) their guilt was taken away.

The Spirit of Worship and Obedience continued with the Observance of Passover. This appears to be only the 3rd time in 40 years that they did this. The 1st was in Egypt on the night of the 10th plague, the 2nd was one year later in the wilderness, and then it seems that they did not observe it again until nearly 38 years later here in the Promised Land.

Also, the provision of daily manna ceased and they began to eat of the produce of the Canaan.

Then we read of a parallel divine encounter by Joshua similar to Moses. A Divine figure called "The Captain of the Lord's Host" came to Joshua and told him like Moses, to take off his sandals for he was on Holy Ground. In Joshua 5 we see that this appearance as a reminder that God would be with Joshua and the Israelites as they go forth, but they must remember that God is Holy and they must depend on Him and be faithful to Him if they expect His protection and victory. Some say that this messenger was a pre-incarnate visitation Christ Himself.

Now we return to our story of Jericho and the Rahab and the Scarlet Thread Part 2. God instructs Joshua to implement a rather strange and unusual battle strategy against the City of Jericho. Since it was a seemingly impenetrable city with its massive walls, they are

instructed to march around the city every day one time for 6 days with the priests and the Ark of the Covenant in front and blowing the 7 Rams Horns Shofar. Then on the 7th day, they marched 7 times then instructed the trumpets to blow and the people to give a great shout, and then as the old song says “*and the walls came a tumbling down*”. The people charged in and destroyed the whole city, except for Rahab and her family.

There is so much more to tell, but let’s stop here and remind ourselves of these key points from this story.

➤ **Key Take Aways:**

1. God has a plan for us to be successful and victorious, but we must trust in Him and obey Him completely.
2. It is imperative that we follow God’s plan and not make adjustments that we want to make.
3. God has promised to be with us and never leave us, but we must stay close to Him.
4. God can use anyone, anywhere at anytime to be His instrument if we will just trust and obey. Rahab is a great example.

➤ **Invitation:**

“Many people are intimidated by Jesus Christ. They align him with a lot of religious paraphernalia—big sanctuaries, stained glass, beautiful choir, pipe organs, formal prayers, and all the rest. When they look at the trappings, it’s all very intimidating to them. To many in the world today, Jesus seems too good to be true.

This genealogy is in the Bible because it lets us know that he had a background a lot like yours and mine. He called himself “the friend of sinners,” and he said he didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. He said, “The **Son of man** has come to seek and to save that which is lost.” (**Luke 19:10**)

The same **grace** that Rahab experienced is now available to you and me. I invite you in Jesus’ name to come and be forgiven. He’s already made the first move.

The next step is up to you”. (Ray Pritchard. Keep Believing Ministries)

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/people/who-was-rahab-in-the-bible.html>

Additional Thoughts

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Application Questions:

1. How do we have confidence of the Lord's presence with us in a similar way as the Israelites had the Ark of the Covenant? (Joshua 6:6 Jesus came and lived among us. He sent the Holy Spirit to live within us. He gave us His Word be a part of our lives and we can talk with Him in prayer.)
2. God delivered the Israelites from their enemies. In what ways has God delivered us? (Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God has delivered those who believe in Him from the enemies of sin, Satan, eternal death and even ourselves.)
3. How does God bring about victory in our lives through unique ways that point to His work rather than to our own? (Joshua 6:20-21 He brings about our victory by defeating the power of sin over our lives. It was through Jesus death that we received life. It is through dying to ourselves that we have life in the Spirit. It is in praise that we find the victory.)
4. God commanded that everything in Jericho be killed. How does that parallel our lives? (Joshua 6:17, 21 We also are called to put to death everything that belongs to our sinful nature. Colossians 3:5)
5. In what ways might we take things that belong to God, or that are devoted to Him? (Joshua 6:21 We, as Christians, often take things that are devoted to the Lord by withholding our tithes, possessions or our lives. Sometimes we have the attitude that the things we have are our own, instead they belong to God and should be used for His kingdom.)
6. How do our lives parallel Rahab's? (Joshua 2:8-14 They do because Rahab would have died, but she believed in God and His word through the spies. It is God's mercy in Jesus that saves us from the coming judgment.)
7. What does the story of Rahab teach us about God's love for people? (Joshua 6:22-23 The story of Rahab shows us that God is ready to receive anyone who fears Him and believes Him, even the worst of sinners. John 6:37 says if anyone comes to Jesus, He will not cast them away. Rahab became part of Israel and became the mother of Boaz and she appears in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Matthew 1:5-6)

Tracing The Scarlet Thread

Revelation 13:8... *"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**"*

1 Peter 1:19-21... *"^[19] But with the **precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** ^[20] For He was chosen or foreknown **before the foundation of the world**, but has appeared in these last times for your sake, ^[21] and through Him you believe [confidently] in God [the heavenly Father], who raised Him [Christ] from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are [centered and rest] in God.*

{Genesis 2:15 & 3:6,7 set the stage for the need of a
'Scarlet Thread of Redemption]}

Genesis 2:15...¹⁵ *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.* ¹⁶ *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you **shall surely die.**"*

Genesis 3:6,7...⁶ *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.* ⁷ *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that **they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings...*¹³ *And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

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Genesis 3:15... *"And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and **her Seed**; He shall [**fatally**] **bruise your head**, And you shall [only] **bruise His heel.**" (AMP)*

Genesis 3:21... *The LORD God made **clothing from skins** for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.*

From the very beginning of human history, it is revealed. When Adam and Eve sinned, God shed innocent blood in order to make them clothes from animal skins (Genesis 3:21). This is a picture of the covering of righteousness that we receive when the Lord Jesus Christ died for us.

Genesis 4:8... *Then Cain spoke to Abel his brother; and it happened when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

Genesis 4:10-15...¹⁰ *And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your **brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.**”*¹¹ *So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.*¹² *When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”*¹³ *And Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear!”*¹⁴ *Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.”*¹⁵ *And the LORD said to him, “Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.”* ***And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.***

Genesis 4:25-26...²⁵ *And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has **appointed another seed** for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.”*²⁶ *And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD. [It is through the lineage of Enosh that our Lord Jesus Christ is descended. He is the 6th Great Grandfather of Noah]*

Genesis 6:5-8, 14-18, 22...⁵ *When the Lord saw that man’s wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every scheme his mind thought of was nothing but evil all the time,*⁶ *the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.*⁷ *Then the Lord said, “I will wipe off*

*from the face of the earth mankind, whom I created, together with the animals, creatures that crawl, and birds of the sky—for I regret that I made them.”*⁸ ***Noah, however, found favor in the sight of the Lord...***¹⁴ *“Make yourself an **ark** of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and **cover it with pitch** inside and outside.*¹⁵ *This is how you are to make it: The ark will be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.*¹⁶ *You are to make a roof finishing the sides of the ark to within 18 inches of the roof. You are to put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.*¹⁷ *“Understand that I am bringing a flood—floodwaters on the earth to destroy every creature under heaven with the breath of life in it. **Everything on earth will die.**”*¹⁸ ***But I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark with your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives...***²² *And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.*

Genesis 8:15-22...¹⁵ *Then God spoke to Noah,*¹⁶ *“Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you.”*¹⁷ *Bring out all the living creatures that are with you—birds, livestock, those that crawl on the ground—and they will spread over the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.”*¹⁸ *So Noah, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, came out.*¹⁹ *All wildlife, all livestock, every bird, and every creature that crawls on the earth came out of the ark by their groups.*²⁰ *Then Noah **built an altar to the LORD.** He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and **offered burnt offerings** on the altar.*²¹ *When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, He said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, even though man’s inclination is evil from his youth. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.”*²² *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.”*

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 9:1-9, 12-17...¹ *God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”*² *The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority*³ *Every living creature will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given*

you everything. ⁴ However, you must not eat meat with its lifeblood in it. ⁵ I will require the life of every animal and every man for your life and your blood. I will require the life of each man's brother for a man's life. ⁶ **Whoever sheds man's blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in His image.** ⁷ But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it." ⁸ Then God said to Noah and his sons with him, ⁹ "Understand that I am **confirming My covenant with you and your descendants after you...** ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations: ¹³ I have placed **My rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.** ¹⁴ Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember My covenant between Me and you and all the living creatures: water will **never again become a flood to destroy every creature.** ¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the **everlasting covenant** between God and all the living creatures on earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have confirmed between Me and every creature on earth."

Genealogy of the Scarlet Thread Continues

Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Eber (Hebrew), Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham...

The Call of Abraham –

Reaffirmation of God's Covenant Redemption

Genesis 12:1-3,7... ¹The LORD said to Abram: Go out from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a **great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.** ³ I will bless those who bless you, I will **curse those who treat you with contempt**, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you...⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your offspring." So **he built an altar** there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

Genesis 14:17-20...¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek, king of Salem brought out **bread and wine**; He was a **priest to God Most High.** ¹⁹ He blessed Abram and said: **Abram is blessed by God Most High**, Creator of heaven and earth, ²⁰ and I give praise to God Most High who has handed over your enemies to you. And Abram gave Him a **tenth of everything.**

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 15:1-6, 9-12, 17,18...After these events, the **Word of the LORD** came to Abram in a vision: Do not be afraid, Abram. **I Am your Shield**; your Reward will be very great. ² But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what can You give me, since I am childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Abram continued, "Look, You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house will be my heir." ⁴ Now the Word of the LORD came to him: "This one will not be your heir; instead, **one who comes from your own body will be your heir.**" ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then He said to him, "Your offspring will be that numerous." ⁶ **Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness....** ⁹ He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ So he brought all these to Him, **split them down the middle**, and laid the pieces opposite each other, but he did not cut up the birds. ¹¹ Birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was setting, a deep sleep fell on Abram, and suddenly great terror and darkness descended on him..... ¹⁷ When the sun had set and it was dark, a **smoking fire pot and a flaming torch appeared and passed between the divided animals.** ¹⁸ On that day the **LORD made a covenant with Abram,**

Genesis 17:1-14...When Abram was 99 years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in My presence and be blameless. ² **I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and I will multiply you greatly.**" ³ Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: ⁴ "As for Me, My covenant is with you: you will become the father of many nations ⁵ Your name

will no longer be Abram, but **your name will be Abraham**, for I will make you the father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you. ⁷ **I will keep My covenant between Me and you, and your future offspring throughout their generations, as an everlasting covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you.** ⁸ And to you and your future offspring I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as an eternal possession, and I will be their God.” ⁹ God also said to Abraham, “As for you, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations are to keep My covenant. ¹⁰ This is My covenant, which you are to keep, between Me and you and your offspring after you: **Every one of your males must be circumcised.** ¹¹ You must circumcise the flesh of your foreskin to serve **as a sign of the covenant between Me and you.** ¹² Throughout your generations, every male among you at eight days old is to be circumcised. This includes a slave born in your house and one purchased with money from any foreigner. The one who is not your offspring, ¹³ a slave born in your house, as well as one purchased with money, must be circumcised. **My covenant will be marked in your flesh as an everlasting covenant.** ¹⁴ If any male is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that man will be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

The Covenant thread of Genealogy Continues with Birth of Isaac

Genesis 17:19-22... ¹⁹ But God said, “No. Your wife Sarah will **bear you a son**, and you will name him Isaac. **I will confirm My covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his future offspring.** ²⁰ As for Ishmael, I have heard you. I will certainly bless him; I will make him fruitful and will multiply him greatly. He will father 12 tribal leaders, and I will make him into a great nation. ²¹ But I will confirm My covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this time next year.” ²² When He finished talking with him, God withdrew from Abraham.

Genesis 21:1-5... The LORD came to Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what He had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time God had told him. ³ Abraham named his son who was born to him—the one Sarah bore to him—Isaac. ⁴ **When his son Isaac was**

eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

Deferred Sacrifice Of Isaac – A Pre-type and Foreshadowing of the Substitutionary Sacrifice of Christ, The Lamb of God

Genesis 22:

The Life of Jacob

The Life of Joseph

Job

Moses