

*** NEW SERIES ***

"SEEING JESUS...IN THE OLD TESTAMENT"

PART I: "Seeing Christ In The BEGINNING"

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OPENING TEXT: Psalm 113:6

- I. Although it is often only thought as such, the Old Testament is much more than a collection of stories with a "MORAL LESSON" to be learned. It is, rather, a continuously woven thread of illumination and revelation regarding Jesus Christ. Truly, in the "VOLUME of the book" it IS "WRITTEN" about HIM! Ps. 40:7; Hebrews 10:7
- II. This series will be very helpful to you in your Christian growth as it will:
 1. Put additional Light and Life to those familiar + favorite stories;
 2. Affirm the VALUE in our making the entire Bible a part of our life;
 3. Affirm for you that indeed "All scripture is given by INSPIRATION of God..." and is "profitable" for our learning. (II Timothy 3:16)
- III. Jesus is THE CENTRAL FIGURE of both the Old and New Testaments.
- IV. Old Testament Types and "shadows" are like the PARABLES of the New Testament. Jesus' disciples asked Him why it was that He chose to speak in this way. He explained to these disciples that to them it was given to know the "mysteries" of the kingdom of heaven - BUT that to the disinterested, it was NOT given. If we ever feel that these shadows are "dim" we must immediately remember that the "SUBSTANCE" is NOT dim. It is CLEAR - and the search is Rewarding.
- V. The Greatness of God is really FAR BEYOND the capability of the human mind to comprehend. (Psalm 113:6) A
- VI. PRIMER LESSON #1: In order for man to be capable of comprehending and BELIEVING in the "TRINITY" concept, God created the universe with many TRINE dynamics.
- VII. EXAMPLES:
 1. The Universe:
 - 1) Time 2) SPACE 3) MATTER
 - * TRINITIES within TRINITIES !

- TIME - 1) PAST 2) PRESENT 3) FUTURE
- SPACE - 1) LENGTH 2) BREADTH 3) HEIGHT (depth)
- MATTER - 1) ENERGY 2) MOTION
- 3) PHENOMENA

2. The SUN:

- 1) LIGHT
- 2) HEAT
- 3) ENERGY

- Psalm 19:6

3. MAN:

- 1) SPIRIT
- 2) SOUL
- 3) BODY

4. The SIX DAY Creation: Set up as 3 related pairs -

- 1) 1st + 4th
- 2) 2nd + 5th
- 3) 3rd + 6th

VIII. Holiness is the BASIC MORAL ATTRIBUTE of GOD!

Note: Beyond that, one of God's most enduring attributes is LOVE.

(I John 4: 8, 16) - LOVE REQUIRES RELATIONSHIP.

BUT without PLURALITY there is no RELATIONSHIP >

Therefore it is self-evident that insofar as "God is LOVE", He is of

necessity a PLURALITY:

*The LOVER - (Father)

* The BELoved - (Son)

* The Mutual SPIRIT of LOVE between them - (Holy Spirit)

IX. All we will ever know about God is what He has chosen to

REVEAL to us about Himself. Because God is "Spirit" the "NATURAL man" CANNOT receive the things of God because they are only discernable to a "SPIRITUAL man". (I Corinthians 2:14)

X. God DOES reveal much about Himself through CREATION BUT EVEN HERE is required SPIRITUAL "discernment" for understanding.

XI. This "understanding" BEGINS with "THE BEGINNING"- Jesus Christ. (see Hebrews 1:3; John 14: 9)

XII. We will learn more than HUMAN reasoning could EVER teach us through 2 PRIMARY MEANS:

1. Through simple, trusting FAITH;

2. Through humble OBEDIENCE.

believe God's Word than it is for us to FULLY UNDERSTAND it!

XIII. Jesus makes a formal introduction of Himself to us through the Prophet ISAIAH (In ISAIAH 41:4; 44:6)
He is here introduced to us as "The Beginning"!

XIV. Jesus leaves NO DOUBT as to exactly Who that OT passage was referring to when in Revelation 1:8, 11a, 17b-18; 2:8; **22:8
He revealed the interpretation of the Isaiah passage.

XV. Micah 5:2 confers ETERNALITY to the coming Messiah.
• "...from Everlasting" = (lit.) "the VANISHING point"; "time out of mind" (cf Hebrews 7:3)

XVI. Jesus is NOT a "created Being" for not only was he "IN" the beginning...He Himself WAS THE BEGINNING!(JN. 1:1-3)

XVII. Approximately 4,000 years after creation, 1/3rd of the TRINITY
(willingly) & voluntarily condescended FROM INFINITY TO INFANCY !!! (See below)

XVIII. In Revelation 19: 11-16, Jesus is revealed to be The MASTER Who is in control of "End - TIMES" events!
NOTICE HIS 5 NAMES GIVEN IN THIS ONE PASSAGE:

- FAITHFUL
- TRUE
- The WORD of God
- KING of KINGS
- Lord of Lords

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

① His condescension: From Infinity,

- TO a tiny embryo
- TO the womb of a woman
- TO a lowly stable
- TO a refugee in Egypt
- TO a despised member of society.

② NOTE: The Pharisees were flat out mistaken when they - in their arrogance and ignorance - commented about "No prophet arising out of Nazareth" - for God had indeed already done that... TWICE: JONAH ^{with Balaam} and NATHAN!!