

JESUS IN GENESIS

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Introduction: While the religion of men often leans towards legalism, the Word of God is still a wealth of loving treasures from God for whosoever puts his complete trust on Him. The Bible, as originally revealed by God, depicts the perfection of the structures and symmetry also present in the rest of God's Creation. For us as Christians, it is easy to see that the book of Genesis points specifically to Jesus as our Savior.

Let's begin by reading a structured set of representative Scriptures taken from the book of Genesis dealing with the prophetic revelation of the coming Messiah.

A general structure of Jesus in Genesis, as I have seen it, appears in the example below:

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On the left side we see the respective positions of the verses that we are going to read today in the Book of Genesis. On the right side, as found by me, Bullinger's alphabetical notation. Here God developed a beautiful revelation in an *Introverted Alternation* for us.

Filling the letters with the correspondent topics and scriptures, we have:

- A - "The **Stars** also" announced the coming Messiah [Gen 1:14-19]
- B - The promised **Seed** of the woman [Gen. 3:15]
- C - Abel's offering of a sacrificial **Lamb** [Gen. 4:4]
- D - The **Savior** within the names of the patriarchs [Gen 5:1-32]
- E - **Priest** Melchisedec & his **communion** [Gen 14:18-20]
- B - The **Seed** of Abraham will bless all nations [Gen. 21:12]
- C - Abraham's offering of a sacrificial **Lamb** [Gen. 22:1-19]
- D - The behavior of Judah, a reflection of the **Savior** [Gen. 44:33]
- A - The **Stars** announcing the coming Messiah in Leo's Constellation [Gen. 49:8-12]

Ethelbert W. Bullinger deeply studied the structures of the Bible. Such structures have a melody and a rhythm that goes beyond the Biblical history and its generations of believers, even encompassing the whole Word of God. Here, I apply his research tool.

Let's enjoy God's aesthetic Word while reading and learning from these prophecies.

A - "The Stars also" announced the coming Messiah [Gen 1:14-19]

Gen 1:14: And God said, Let there be **lights** in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for **signs**, and for **seasons**, and for days, and years:

Lights = Lightholders or luminaries. **Signs** = Things to come. **Seasons** = Appointed times, cycles of time, set times, or exact times.

Dr. V. P. Wierwille wrote: "The word "**signs**"... is of great significance. It comes from the Hebrew root "*avah*", meaning, "to mark," and is used of marking **someone significant** to come. Thus, at the very opening of the written Word, God declares that lights in the firmament of the heaven are signs of important **things to come.**" [*Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, American Christian Press, 1982, pp. xii, 5-11.*]

Gen 1:15: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven **to give light upon the earth:** and it was so.

"**To give light upon the earth**", not only in the physical sense of a lamp but also in the sense of the prophetic revelation from God. Our Bible, the written scriptures of God's revelation began with Moses (~ 1490 BC). Which means that for more than 2,500 years the revelation of the hope, which God gave in Gen. 3:15 was preserved only in the naming of the stars and their grouping in constellations. [*Companion Bible, Appendix 12*]

Gen 1:16: And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* **the stars also.**

"**The stars also**". More specifically, the word 'stars' in the Old Testament means 'constellations'; for example:

Gen 37:9: And he [Joseph] dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and **the eleven stars** made obeisance to me.

Representing Joseph as the 12th star, more precisely constellation, and his brothers representing the other 11 constellations bowing down at Joseph's sight, as well as his parents, who were represented by the sun and moon.

Num 2:2: Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, **with the ensign of their father's house:** far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

"With the **ensign** of their father's house" means with a drawing and/or name of the constellation that was assigned by God to each one of the 12 sons of Israel, represented over their own standards or 'banners'.

The fulfillment of the prophetic dream of Joseph can be seen in Gen 42:6; 43:26; 44:14; 50:18. At least in four recorded times, Joseph's brothers bowed down in front of him.

Gen 1:18: And **to rule** over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good.

12 are the constellations that the sun touches in a year. "**To rule**", 12 represents governmental perfection (12 tribes, 12 Apostles, 12 months). All the 12 constellations and their additional three sub-constellations, each one of them are telling us an event related to Jesus Christ.

The wonderful complement and structure between the Word of God written in the stars and the Word of God written on paper can be seen in Psalms 19. [To see the structure of the constellations in heaven, go to: <http://www.therain.org/appendixes/app12.html> (Appendix 12 of *The Companion Bible*) and to <http://philologos.org/eb-tws> (Bullinger's *The Witness of the Stars*). A consideration of Jacob's sons as the 12 zodiacal signs, in: Ferguson, *The Stars and the Bible*, pp. 13-15].

Dr. V. P. Wierwille also wrote: " The record of Gen. 1:14 anticipates the coming of the one who is explicitly prophesied of in Gen. 3:15, the "**seed of the woman**", our promised seed." [*Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed*, American Christian Press, 1982, pp. xii, 5-11.]

B - The promised Seed of the woman [Gen. 3:15]

Gen 3:15: And I will put enmity between thee [serpent] and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it [**he**] **shall bruise thy head** [serpent], and thou shalt bruise **his** heel.

C - Abel's offering of a sacrificial Lamb [Gen. 4:4]

Gen 4:4: And **Abel**, he also brought of **the firstlings of his flock** and of the fat thereof. **And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering**

Abel believed the Word of God written in the stars, which depicted the need of a Lamb shedding his blood for the salvation of men, while Cain followed his own imaginations.

D - The Savior within the names of the patriarchs [Gen 5:1-32]

Jesus is foreshadowed in Gen. 5 by the meaning of the names of Jesus' direct ancestors: Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah. It was once said that, "...the Bible is an integrated message system, the product of supernatural engineering", "evidences of design"; "every number, every place name, every detail, every jot and tittle is there for our learning, our discovery, and our amazement. Truly, our God is an awesome God." [Chuck Missler in '*The Gospel in Genesis*'.] "**God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**" (2 Cor. 5:19).

Next, the meaning of their names is a Jesus prophecy. The context is, after the fall:

Adam, "**Man**", "Of the Ground", "Red Clay"
Seth, Sheth, "**Appointed**", "Sprout"
Enos, Enosh, "**Mortal**", "Frail", "Incurable"
Cainan, Kenan, "**Sorrow**", "Acquisition", "Possession", "Begotten"
Mahalaleel, "**The Blessed of God**", "Praise of God", "The Splendor of God"
Jared, "**Shall come down**", "Descending"
Enoch, Henoch, "**Teaching**", "Tuition", "Teacher"
Methuselah, "**His death shall bring**"
Lamech, "**Strength**", "Powerful"
Noah, "**Rest**", "Comfort", "Consolation"

If we align these names, we read: Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the blessed of God shall come down teaching, his death shall bring strength (and) rest.

E - Priest Melchizedec & his communion [Gen 14:18-20]

Gen 14:18: And **Melchizedek** king of Salem brought forth **bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.**

Scriptures revealing that Melchizedek foreshadowed Jesus Christ's office as Holy Priest:

Heb 5:6: As he [God] saith also in another *place*, Thou [Jesus] *art* a priest for ever after the order of **Melchisedec**. [Other scriptures confirming that Jesus is a priest forever after the order of **Melchisedec**, Heb 7:1-4, 17; Ps 110:4.]

B - The Seed of Abraham will bless all nations [Gen. 21:12]

Gen 21:12: And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad [Ishmael], and because of thy bondwoman [Hagar]; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for **in Isaac shall thy seed be called.**

Gal 3:16: Now **to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.** He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, **And to thy seed, which is Christ.** [See also Rom 9:7 and Heb 11:18.]

C - Abraham's offering of a sacrificial Lamb [Gen. 22:1-19]

Gen 22:5: And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; **and I and the lad will** go yonder and worship, and **come again to you.**

Gen 22:8: And Abraham said, My son [Isaac], **God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:** so they went both of them together. [See Rom. 8:32]

Gen 22:13: And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a **ram** caught in a thicket by his horns: **and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.**

Gen 22:18: And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; **because thou hast obeyed my voice.** [Heb 11:17-19. Abraham believed God could resurrect Isaac!]

D - The behavior of Judah, a reflection of the **Savior** [Gen. 44:33]

Gen 44:33: Now therefore, I pray thee [Joseph], **let thy servant** [Judah, ancestor of Jesus] **abide instead of the lad** a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. [Judah started representing Judas, he decided to sell his brother Joseph (Gen. 37:26-27). However, we see that Judah, as a direct ancestor of our Lord Jesus Christ, ended up offering his life for his younger brother, Benjamin.]

A - The **Stars** announcing the coming **Messiah** in Leo's Constellation [Gen. 49:8-12]

Gen 49:9: **Judah is a lion's whelp:** from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, **he couched as a lion, and as an old lion;** who shall rouse him up?

The name of **Judah** is "praise". His mother gave him that name when he was born, she said, "Now I will **praise** the Lord" (Gen. 29:35).

Gen 49:10: The **sceptre** shall not depart from **Judah**, nor **a lawgiver from between his feet** [Hebrew: *regel*], until **Shiloh** come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

The Lawgiver is related to Judah. To Judah corresponds the kingdom of Israel. David and his royal descendants were from the tribe of Judah.

Pss 60:7: Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; **Judah is my lawgiver;** [also in Pss 108:8]

"**From between his feet**" = From his posterity, "from his descendants"; "from his thighs" we read in the versions Septuagint and Onkelos. This is the figure *Euphemism*.

"Until **Shiloh** come" corresponds to "until **he**, Shiloh, comes". The word "Shiloh" represents Jesus, the one "sent" by God, "**whose right it is**", "to whom it belongs".

Jn 9:7: And [Jesus] said unto him [a blind man], Go, wash in the pool of **Siloam**, (which is by interpretation, **Sent**.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Eze 21:27: I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it [the kingdom]: and it shall be no *more*, until he come **whose right it is**; and I will give it *him*.

I want to conclude with six paragraphs, which Dr V. P. Wierwille wrote in his book *Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed* (American Christian Press, 1982, pp. xii, 5-11):

"Jacob by inspiration declares that the lion symbolizes Judah. In the twelve constellations of the zodiac, there is one sign for the lion and that is *Leo*. Here in Genesis 49, *Leo*, the lion, and Judah, are being identified with each other. Furthermore, Jacob declares that "the scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet." In astronomical terms this statement is also significant because of the star named *Regulus*, which is the dominant, brightest star in the constellation of *Leo*. The Arabic word *regel* means "foot" and is identical in meaning to the Aramaic word "*regla*" and the Hebrew word "*regel*". Thus the brightest star in the constellation of *Leo* has the Biblical connotation of the foot, tying in with the "from between his feet," of Genesis 49:10. In this one verse alone, the lion of Judah, *Leo*, is intertwined with a lawgiver coming from between his feet, represented by the king star, "*Regulus*" [all ancient civilizations recognized *Regulus* as the king star, the one and only king star in the zodiac. "*Regulus*" means "kingly" in Latin. [See Richard Hinckley Allen, *Star Names: Their Lore and Meaning*, 1899; new ed., NY: *Dover Publications*, 1963)]"

"Some of the things foretold in the Book of Genesis gain their full interpretation and meaning in the Book of Revelation. So it is with the full identification of the lion with the Messiah who would descend from Judah."

Revelation 5:5 reveals: "... **The Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the Root of David." "Clearly here is the conclusive link between Judah, the lion, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, *Leo* was the specific sign placed in the heavens to communicate part of God's redemptive plan from the great-grandson of Abraham, Judah, through his genealogical line to the Christ."

"... celestial bodies are God-arranged and have definite God-ordained meanings and significance."

"... by studying ancient records, languages, and astronomical terms, and by evaluating them in light of the written Word, enough truth can be seen to demonstrate some of the greatness of God's wonderful revelation."

"... God put the stars in their courses and set them for signs and seasons (Genesis 1:14). Surely it is not inconceivable that the Lord God Almighty, the Creator of the heavens and earth, would in His infinite knowledge, wisdom, and ability coordinate the movements of the stars and planets so that they with celestial grandeur could announce the birth of His only begotten Son, the Messiah."

Conclusion: All of God's creation, His stars, His constellations, and His Word, can better be understood in the light of Jesus Christ, "**the red thread**", the central topic of the Bible and the constellations. We are in Christ; we are the members of the body of Christ! God envisioned us since the very first moment that He envisioned Christ! With the same love that God provided us with His Word, now we need to offer it to anybody wanting to hear!