

THE SCARLET THREAD

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- **The Bible is the book of redemption, of salvation, and of deliverance for mankind.**
- **Redemption refers to**
 - 1) deliverance**
 - 2) the price paid for that deliverance (ransom).**

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- **Jesus paid the price on the cross with His shed blood for our sin.**
- **We are redeemed from the penalty of sin, the power of Satan, and evil.**

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- The Bible shows us the redemptive plan of God.
- This is called
“THE SCARLET THREAD.”
- Let’ s go through the Bible and see the Scarlet Thread ----- GOD’ S REDEMPTION FOR MANKIND!!

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- After the Fall, Adam & Eve covered themselves with fig leaves to hide their nakedness and shame

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. (Gen. 3:7).

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- But this was not God’ s way.
- So God killed an innocent animal.

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. (Gen.3:21).

- This first blood sacrifice was offered by God Himself.

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- In Gen.3:15, God tells how the “Seed of the Woman” will crush Satan’s head.
- It speaks of Jesus at Calvary, His suffering, His “bruised heel”, and the bruising of Satan’s head.

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- Cain and Abel were born to Adam and Eve. Abel's offering was accepted because it was a blood offering (God creates life) while Cain's offering was the fruit of his own toil (works)

In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, (Gen. 4:3-4).

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- **Cain killed his brother Abel and we see:**

**The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.
(Genesis 4:10)**

- **Man's murder is jealousy, envy, and guilt and totally unpleasing to God.**
- **Christ's sacrifice was acceptable to God.**

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- The godly seed continued through Seth (Gen.4:25).

Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." (Genesis 4:25)

But Seth's line intermarried with Cain's line.

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- In Gen.6:1-4, we see wicked spirits marrying the daughters of men.
- Evil increased greatly and God called Noah to build an ark (Gen.6:5-8).

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- **Noah preached righteousness for 120 years but only 4 men and 4 women entered the Ark with God.**
- **The righteous seed would now pass through Noah's son, Shem.**
- **Note: The Ark is a picture of God's covering us in Christ.**

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- Not much later, the wickedness of man was shown again at the Tower of Babel.
- God interrupted by “confusing their speech and scattering them over the face of the earth” (Gen. 11:1-9).

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- Later God called Abraham. In Gen.22, we see the wonderful story of Abraham going to sacrifice Isaac.
- God saw Abraham's obedience and this typified Christ's death on the cross.
- In Gen.22:34, “So Abraham called the place **THE LORD WILL PROVIDE**. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”
- That day Abraham killed a ram and shed its blood. This typified the shedding of the Lamb's blood on the Mount of Olives.

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- **Throughout the Old Testament, altars were built.**
- **The OT points ahead by faith to Christ's crucifixion; Calvary, the altar of the Lamb of God.**

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- Isaac gave birth to Jacob. Jacob gave birth to the 12 patriarchs.
- Joseph's 11 brothers tried to kill him because of jealousy. But God rescued him for a higher calling

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Gen.50:20)

- Joseph was given over to slavery by his brothers. Jesus was given over to death by his Jewish brothers.

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- **Moses was born in Goshen, Egypt.**
- **God protected him from death also (Gen.2:1-10) by having him put in a papyrus basket and coating it with “tar & pitch” signifying atonement.**

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- **God rescued the Israelites from the Egyptians in Exodus Chapter 12 (The Passover).**
- **The lamb was to be without defect and prepared as a total burnt offering.**

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- Some of the blood was to be put on the top and sides of the door

Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. (Ex.12:7).

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- When the Lord saw the blood He “passed over” the Israelites

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. (12:12-13)

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- The story of Israel leaving Egypt and finally entering the Promised Land is the story of salvation.
- They were instructed how to live and what “blood offerings” to give the Lord.
- It typified Christ’s blood offering to come.
- In Lev.17:11 we see, “For the life of a creature is in the blood and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”

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- After the Israelites crossed the Jordan they began to conquer kingdoms.
- They sent spies to Jericho and Rahab the prostitute protected the spies from death.
- They promised her that if she hung a “scarlet cord” from her window, they would not kill her or the people in the house (Joshua 2:17-20).
- Here again, God saw the blood and passed over them. The “scarlet thread” of redemption again.

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- The “Scarlet Thread of Redemption” continued with prophecies and types of the coming Lamb.
- John the Baptist cried out “Look, the Lamb of God; who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29).

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- **Jesus prophesied his death and resurrection on 5 different recorded occasions (Matt.12:39-40; 20:17-19; 26:30-32; Luke 18:31-33; John 2:19-22).**
- **The altar (cross of Calvary) was prepared. The Lamb (Jesus) was prepared. God’s redemptive thread was coming to a close.**

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- **The blood was shed, God’s wrath was appeased, and the sacrifice was perfect.**
- **The Scarlet Thread of Redemption was now completed.**

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- **The Veil was torn in two from TOP to BOTTOM (signifying God coming from heaven down to earth as well as access to God now opened). IT IS FINISHED.**

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NOTE on the LAMB:

- Abel’ s lamb was the first lamb — one lamb for one man.
- At the Passover we have one lamb for one family.
- On the Day of Atonement we have one lamb for one nation.
- At Calvary we have one “LAMB” for one world.

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- **Now we have forgiveness through the redemptive price of Christ's death; justification which gives us a restored position of favor with God; and final redemption of our bodies at Christ's Second Coming.**
- **In glory we'll see the saints who've washed their robes and made them white in the precious blood of the Lamb.**

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- Let's finish with a very moving, touching account of a father's love for his son:
- http://www.tangle.com/view_video.php?viewkey=13a4a045cd290bc2ae2d

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- **LET’ S PRAY:**