

Understanding Prophecy, Part I

Lesson Five Lecture

The Chronology Laid Out

For the past five weeks we have been learning *how to study prophecy*. We have come to understand the differences and distinctions between the ages and time. We have seen how God began the ages with respect to the earth and the heavens that surround the earth. There was a beginning point to these things, which is where Moses began.

We have also seen clearly that the originally created rulers over this province in God's creation was Lucifer and his host of angels, and that at some point in the age, or ages past, he and a third of his angels rebelled against God. This rebellion brought about a desecration of his sanctuaries, with a future eventual cessation of his rule.

We also have seen that when time began, as we know it, God restored the earth and the heavens that surround the earth and created man to rule in Satan's stead. But man needed to be tested to prove his worthiness to rule.

Yes, we have not talked about that in this study much, have we. Today we will see that man was tested, in order to prove his worthiness to rule, and that test required obedience to God's spoken commands.

Today we will also learn why man is not yet ruling. It is due to his disobedience. But God had a plan forged from eternity past, and will yet place man in rulership over the earth in Satan's stead. And again, that is what prophecy is all about.

If an individual does not see that this is what prophecy is all about, then he will not be in a position to understand much about prophecy. The pieces fit together as a whole, and each piece must be studied together with the whole in order for that piece to be understood correctly, being understood in proper context.

It has been stated before, and bears repeating. Nothing in Scripture exists in a vacuum. Will you think about what that means for a moment?

OK. After laying down the foundation in the first thirty-four verses in His Word, God then begins to fill in *innumerable details* throughout subsequent Scriptures by the use of types and antitypes. Let's talk about what types are, and how they are presented in Scripture.

Types are **historical events, institutions, individuals, and chronologies, which points to antitypes, all of which *literally* provide prophecy!**

Here is one way that Satan has had success in the Church today, in that *the idea of types and antitypes* gets a bad rap. And frankly, the structured use of types and antitypes is God's method of checks and balances, which He has omnisciently given to His people in order that their understanding of Scripture is correct.

The Greek word is tupos (# 5179): a stamp or a blow.

This is a noun, and it comes from the same root that the verb —

tupto (5180), which means to thump specifically by repeated blows,

Tupos can then be seen as a model (for imitation) or instance (for warning) an example, with the idea behind it of repeatedly being shown.

It really is like a type-writer. (Explain)

Here is how types work in Scripture:

God inspired very specific details to be written down of historical personages, and events to teach specific things. *Specific* details for specific things. And not just details from one person or event, but often times, from many persons and events to fill in numerous details.

Let's think of this definition when we look at how Paul used the Greek word tupos twice as he wrote to the Church at Corinth. In speaking to them about the Children of Israel and their failure at Kadesh Barnea, he says:

I Corinthians 10

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. 6 Now these things happened as examples (Grk, tupos) for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.

Then he gives several examples (repeated blows) of what they did that serve as types for us.

7 And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "THE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO PLAY."

8 Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

10 Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Each of these types serves *as warnings* to us, so that in their antitype we would not do the same things they do.

Now, I have learned that the word “antitype” often throws people. They seem to think of the word as something negative, in the same way that we might think of Christ and Antichrist.

Antitype is not used in that way. It simply means that which is opposite of; that which it reflects, somewhat like the typewriter or a reflection in a mirror. And the activities of the Children of Israel are not the only types given in Scripture.

Types are used to teach us many things about Jesus (that is how the whole OT is about Jesus. Innumerable types have been laid down to teach us about the person and work of Jesus, both His past, His present, and His future work. As far as personages go, we could see

- Abel is type of Christ in his life being short on the earth and his death brought about at the hands of his brother; as is
- Seth, who was named as the replacement of Abel, and who lived long upon the earth, a type of Christ in His second coming; and
- Isaac, the son who was offered by his father on Mt. Moriah, and
- Jacob’s dealings with his brother, Esau, coming to the Father as a 1st born, and
- Joseph, in so very many ways, and
- Moses in the redemption out of slavery, and
- Joshua leading Israel into the Promised Land and in the dividing of the inheritance among the 12 tribes, and
- Boaz as our Kinsman Redeemer, in redeeming the land and taking a bride in the process, and
- King David, and
- King Solomon...the list goes on and on!

We can also see that institutions serve as types of Christ! The Passover; the paschal lambs, the atonement animal, and scape goat, the priesthood, etc., etc..

Also items in the OT serve as types for Jesus — the tabernacle, the blood on the mercy seat, Manna from heaven, the well of water, the rock in the wilderness, both, the one

stricken, and the one that was to be spoken to, but was stricken again.. We could go on and on.

Then there are some types that would teach us about Satan and his disqualification to rule. We could view Saul and his disqualification.

We could learn about the man of flesh vs, the man of the spirit:

- Ishamael vs. Isaac;
- Esau vs. Jacob;
- Amalek, vs. Israel.

We could learn about the nation of Israel, through studying the actions of Cain in the field, and the 10 sons of Jacob against their brother Joseph, the story of the Exodus, the story of Esther

We could study the Church, and the choices made by studying the details of the woman's sin in the Garden of Eden, by viewing Rebekah, and both Orpah and Ruth. In studying these things, we can learn what it is going to take to be the wife of Christ.

I could go on and on and on. This is the way God gave His Word. This is the way we must study it, *if we are going to know God and His ways!* Then we will come to understand what Paul meant when he told Timothy that:

II Timothy 3

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Scriptures reveal how to live in light of prophecy, so that we will profited at the JSOC!

And we will come to understand that God really does give knowledge and understanding to the one who is weaned from the milk and begins to partake in the meat of the Word! As Isaiah asked and answered his own question:

Isaiah 28

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

Then he tells how it will be given and understood:

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little;

See the focus here! Don't miss it! Rest and refreshing...the same thing that Peter told the men of Israel in his messages to them the day of Pentecost and days subsequent to that, that the times of rest and refreshing would come if they would but repent from crucifying their Messiah. But they would not!

And that's the way God intended us to put it together. Regardless of the way man may say it should be studied, this is the way GOD says it should be studied. Then it becomes self-correcting!

Salvation is straightened out. Prophecy is laid out correctly. The works of Jesus (past present and future) are seen in its correct light. And as mistakes in understanding are made by individuals who are studying, (and everyone makes mistakes which is why as we study our faith should not rest on the wisdom of man, but on the word of God), these mistakes are eventually corrected because things are being studied the way God has given them.

And this is a life long process...and one that should not be taken lightly!

Remember — Jesus was the Word (O.T. Scriptures) made flesh (John 1:14); and the testimony of Jesus (the complete Word) is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10b). The fulfillments of the types are seen in the antitypes, with both providing parallel details, reflecting one upon the other.

Hence, the types are very instructive to us in filling in the details of the revelation of prophecy that God had designed for us to grasp. When details in the form of these types are laid upon the foundational timeline, much can be discerned in the way of prophecy.

We have seen how the first 34 verses are laid out. This in itself is THE foundational type God gives us. And that it is given first, is indicative of the fact that this should be understood first and things built upon it.

So we have the foundation upon which to build — six days and a 7th day of Rest.

As a person works his way through the Scriptures from beginning to end, he would be able to see God continually dropping back into the foundation adding subsequent information, filling it in with an infinite and inexhaustible amount of details, which God uses to build upon the foundation, until at the end, *the complete revelation* would not only have been given, but all will have been fulfilled, having been built upon a 6-day, 7th day foundational timeline! Amazing!

And all things that are to happen *would have been told by God* because of what the Prophet Amos writes:

Amos 3

7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.

According to this verse, will there be anything that will yet happen that we do not have a record of God speaking about it to or through His prophets?

And of course, it all begins with the writings of Moses, the prophet of God who wrote the first 5 books of the Bible. Genesis is the book of beginnings. Everything we can learn from Scripture has its beginning in Genesis.

Now, your choice is whether to believe what it says here, or not! It's your choice.

And the remainder of Scripture — everything beyond Gen. 2:3 — fills in details, until the complete picture is made! All the way through to the end of Revelation 22, wherein we read:

Revelation 22

16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star." 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. 18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

So now we have the remainder of Scripture to learn what we can learn, from Genesis 2:4 forward.

And now we can begin in the remainder to Genesis chapter two (having laid out this foundation) to see how and with what God continues, as He gives us more details for understanding.

We will see that immediately God drops back into the 6th day and gives us details on the way He did things in that day with respect to the man and the woman. We do not get the details of how the woman was brought forth until the foundation is laid down. NOW God drops back.

And this is the way He does it!

We will begin by reviewing the importance given to the seventh day. Gen. 2:1-3 where we see the focus placed on the importance of the rest:

Genesis 2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2 And by the seventh day God completed 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.

Then God drops back into the timeline and fills in details, and in doing so, He also gives us prophecy. Watch how this comes together:

Genesis 2

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven. 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to cultivate the ground. 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground. 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Added detail to what He had previously mentioned by way of introduction. “Let Us create man...”

Now we see how God created man, he formed him from the dust of the ground and breathed His breath (Spirit) into the man. And now...more detail...

8 And the LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

And then dropping back He gives more details:

9 And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now in verse 8 He has already told us that he had placed the man in the garden. Now He is going to give us more information, starting at that point again.

...15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the

garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

So now the man has a command with a promised ramification if he disobeys the command: You may eat freely from any tree, just do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from this tree, *you will surely die!*

God has already revealed to us that He made them male and female, hasn't He? We can see that in Gen. 1:27:

Genesis 1

27 And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Now He drops back into the timeline, and fills in the details:

Genesis 2

18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” 19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. 20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

We already know that the Lord formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air...now He builds upon this...

The man had to name each of the formed creatures, all the while looking for a helper suitable to him. And then this bit of information — There was not a helper suitable for him.

And so...

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place. 22 And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 And the man said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” 24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

(Explain naked. The Hebrew word here is used elsewhere in Scripture to depict partial nakedness. Made in the image of God, covered with Glory, but apart from garments of splendor and majesty! Garments that awaited the outcome of the test of obedience!)

Here is the picture of God:

Psalm 104

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with splendor and majesty, 2 Covering Thyself with light [glory] as with a cloak...

There is so much here for us in the few details that are given here at the end of Genesis chapter two, much of what we will not be able to touch on today.

Deep sleep, *as he slept* God opened up his side, took part of his body, closed up the flesh, built a woman, presented her to the man.

The man names the woman: “*This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man.*”

And we can see that they both were naked (again the partial nakedness) and not ashamed! They were covered with glory as they awaited their being found faithful to receive the outer garments of Splendor and Majesty. Created in God’s Image...

Wow! What to teach here???

But I don’t want to miss this point, which can be made right here. Isn’t it glory that one receives after suffering with Christ, i.e., putting to death the flesh (I Peter)? And isn’t it the wedding garments that one can clothe him/herself, as a result of faithful works one has done (Rev. 19:8)?

Can we do *type/antitype* here? Yes we can! Because look what we see in the NT:

Romans 5

14 ... Adam, who is a type [Grk. tupos] of Him [Jesus Christ] who was to come.

Remember the word tupos comes from the same root as the verb tupto, which means to strike repeatedly! So it is not in just one way that Adam is type of Christ, but in repeated ways.

So if you want to find out more about Christ and His bride the place you begin in your understanding about it is at the foundational type! You study the foundational type, then you build your understanding from there; you learn what God wants you to know, beginning where He began, and then you allow the remainder of Scripture to fill in the details.

So we can know *the reason for Adam to have a wife*— it is not good for the man to be alone, (he could not fulfill his created role;

and *we can learn how the wife of Adam was formed*: (Review the facts)

Just as Eve was originally created in Adam, so we have been created in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 1

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

Ephesians 2

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

But something happens in the next chapter that does not take God by surprise. The originally created ruler of this world is allowed to test the man and woman. He (Satan) is very wily and his plan is to trip the woman up, through deception, in order to bring about the demise of the man.

Don't think for a moment that Satan did not hear:

“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

If Satan could get the one who was taken from the man, the one who is the man's very flesh and bones to eat from the tree that would bring forth death (the one formed to help the man fulfill his created position because apart from her, he would not be able to do so), then perhaps Satan would win, and be able to continue to rule,

And so he planted himself at the tree of death, so to speak, and waited for the woman to come by. And through deception (you shall surely not die!), she ate. Now separated from her husband, he, too, made the choice to eat the fruit and die. And they both became naked and sought to hide themselves.

This word naked is a different Hebrew word than the naked previously used. This word indicated total nakedness. The covering of Glory left them. Now they could not receive the garments of splendor and majesty, which would be like God!

And what Adam lost in the Garden, Jesus regains in another Garden!

But in the antitype of all of this, we can see Jesus, the One who was to come in the antitype of Adam.

And just as Adam was put to sleep and his side opened up, so was Christ “put to sleep” on the cross. Death is often depicted in Scripture as sleep. *He died* and His death as the Passover Lamb, allows one to be redeemed out of the bondage of sin. His death did that!

He did more than just redeem us from the bondage of sin. *In His death* (after He was put into a deep sleep, His side was opened up. And the blood and water which flowed from His side are the cleansing agents that are used to cleanse God’s redeemed people from their sins. And in this cleansing process (His blood on the Mercy seat in heaven, and the cleansing water of the Word), He cleanses those who will avail themselves to these two things through confession and the Word, He cleanses His wife!

Watch this. I want to read to you the last verse in this passage first, because I want you to see where this is going, and I want you to keep in mind while we read this passage, what it is saying.

The last verse is:

Ephesians 5

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Now let’s see what the mystery is that Paul is speaking about:

Ephesians 5

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; 26 that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Of course Jesus did not sin! But look at what it says.

II Corinthians 5

21 He [God the Father] made Him [Jesus Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him [Jesus Christ].

He gave Himself up for her. He entered into death, by becoming sin for her, so that He might redeem her for Himself. And not only did He give Himself up for her, he also

sanctifies her (sets her apart) and washes her with the water of the word so that God can present to Jesus a Bride in all her glory! (That covering of glory that was the man and woman's before the fall, which was taken from them in that original sin, now is reestablished because of the work that Jesus does, and because she has availed herself to that cleansing work.) We'll get to that in a minute.

We, who would form His BODY, the Church, are found in a fallen, separated state. And the only way that redemption can take place is for Christ to eat also from the tree of death, to die upon that tree at Calvary. And all of this is part of the mystery that has been held in mystery from before the ages began...that Jesus the Son of God, who became the Son of Man, must die, becoming sin on our behalf, and dying. But until He died, it remained a mystery.

And thus we read in

1 Corinthians 2

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory...

And now we can see the eternal plan that God had from before the ages began. God would send Jesus, the second Man, the Last Adam, and gain for us what Adam and the woman lost in the Garden. Jesus, as the antitype of Adam would enter into the sin of His wife-to-be, and die. And in his death, His side would be opened up and that would be the part of His Body from which his wife will be taken.

It is through Christ's death (brought about by His being made sin for us) that His spiritual Body — the Church — is formed; and it is through His side being opened up *in His death* with the blood and water pouring forth, that His Bride will be fashioned. Once an individual becomes part of Christ's Body through faith in His death, that individual can then avail him/herself of both the cleansing blood on the Mercy Seat through confession of sin, and the washing of the water through abiding in the Word. The very part of Christ Body which was taken out will be used to fashion His Bride (Wife). This is important to understand, because it is our choice, as a part of the Body of Christ, whether to avail ourselves to the cleansing of His blood through confession, and the washing of the water by the Word. It is our own individual choice!

And so now we can go back to the Gen. 3:15 and gain more understanding by what is involved in the heel being bruised.

Genesis 3

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

So now we can ask: How will this be fulfilled? How will it play out?

Ongoing history gives us explanation through the use of types!

There is so much more that can be learned about these things as they are laid out in Genesis chapters two and three, but that is all we will deal with this morning. We must move on to Genesis chapter four and see what we can learn in the way of types and antitypes, as the means of the death of the redeemer. Besides His heel being bruised, which happens in death by crucifixion, we can get more details by what happens in the next chapter. Let's read part of it.

Genesis 4

1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD." 2 And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. 4 And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. 8 And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. 11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; you shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."

Genesis four deals with two brothers being in the field together. The older brother slays the younger brother. And spills his blood on the ground. His blood cries up to the Father. And the Father causes the older brother to become a vagrant wanderer upon the earth, albeit with the Father's protection place upon him with vengeance taken out on anyone who would kill Cain.

And so what does this show us about the death of the Redeemer.

Once He comes to the field (the field is a picture of the world [Matt. 13]), Jesus' older brother, Israel, rises up and slays Him. His blood speaks to the Father Compare these things:

Hebrews 11

4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Hebrews 12

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

And so as a result of this death, Israel is made to be a vagrant wanderer upon the earth. Even with the protection of the Father, that their death will be avenged seven times. Isn't it true? Israel is scattered throughout the Gentile nations right now. From 70 AD until our generation, Israel has not been in her land. But on May 14, 1948, Israel became a nation again. (There is so much to say about all of this, but time constrains us!) And some Jews have come back to the Land...even before the prescribed time. (Things need to be in place for prophecy to be fulfilled. That is what we are seeing now.) But look at something in Numbers 19, and while looking at this, remember that it has been nearly two days since Jesus' blood was spilt at the hands of Israel:

Numbers 19

11 'The one who touches the corpse of any person shall be unclean for seven days.

Didn't Israel touch the corpse of Jesus' body?

12 'That one shall purify himself from uncleanness with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, [and then] he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he shall not be clean.

Didn't we look at the signs in John about these days? The third and the seventh day? Do you see what God is showing us here? Better still, what He is showing Israel. They could know when prophecy will be fulfilled, if they would only look at the OT Scriptures with eyes of faith!

The text repeats itself:

Numbers 19

13 'Anyone who touches a corpse, the body of a man who has died, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water for impurity was not sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

And so Israel became a vagrant wanderer upon the earth in the antitype of Cain killing Abel. We can see what Jesus prophesies over them just prior to His blood being spilt at their hands:

Matthew 23 (Jesus is speaking)

34 "Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35 that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! 39 For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

Their house became desolate, and they became a vagrant wanderer upon the earth, and who will be avenged in any of their deaths... (Germany has yet to see this vengeance!) And the Middle East has no idea what awaits them for what they are about to do to Israel!)

And now we have one of those boring Genealogies? But is it really boring? Let's look and see what we can learn from God's inspired word:

Genesis chapter five:

Genesis 5

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

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5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

14 So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah,

and he had [other] sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.

28 And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son.

29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one shall give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands [arising] from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had [other] sons and daughters. 31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

This is the way God begins His word. These are the first FIVE chapters of Moses. If we do not begin here, laying the foundation the way God lays it out, we will miss foundational points upon which to continue to build our understanding.

Next week we look at Genesis chapter 6 through 8. Study well. See you then.