

# Pastor Ray's Bible School #5

## “Connecting the Dots”

### (Complementary Revelation from Old and New Testaments)

And He said to them, "*Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure **things new and old.***"  
Matthew 13:52 NAS

#### I. Preachers as Disciples: Bringing Forth Treasure of Truth New and Old

A. Jesus used the term “scribe” to describe the Bible scholars, preachers and teachers of His day.

“Scribes were members of a learned class in ancient Israel through New Testament times who studied the Scriptures and served as copyists, editors, and teachers.”  
(Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

B. Jesus affirms preachers and teachers who become “disciples” of the kingdom of God as those who “bring forth” (teach or preach) “treasures” (biblical truths, principles and revelation) from both the Old and New Testament!

1. The Living Bible is excellent on capturing the essence of this principle:

“Then he (Jesus) added, ‘Those experts in Jewish law who are now my disciples have double treasures...*from the Old Testament as well as from the New!*’”  
Matthew 13:52 TLB

Scribes who were “experts” in Jewish law means that those who had mastered the Old Testament had now become disciples of the kingdom and were able to bring forth “double treasures”...from the New as well as the Old!

2. Those of us who have been “discipled” in the kingdom (or prophetic) view of scripture can “connect the dots” between Old and New Testament and bring forth “treasures” from both!

#### II. The Old and New “Treasures” are in the Same “Currency”

A. The Old and New Testaments are now *complementary* revelation, one to the other:

“Complement” (n.)=something that fills up, completes, or makes perfect

“Complementary” (adj.)=serving to fill out or complete; mutually satisfying each others' lack

The Old now amplifies and clarifies the New just as the New is the fulfillment of the Old.

B. The Bible confirms itself in this powerful way, establishing God's rule for verifying the truthfulness of every statement with *frequent mention*:

"In the mouths of two or three witnesses let every word be established."  
(Cf. Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 13:1; 1 Timothy 5:19)

This principle of verification comes in the context of the *death penalty* in the Old Testament, but Jesus uses it as a principle of establishing the facts in *all* matters of possible disagreement or confusion.

### III. Connecting the Dots of Complementary Truth

#### A. The New Completing the Old: Literal Fulfillments

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.  
For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."  
Matthew 5:17-18 KJV

1. The gospel of Matthew alone illustrates how Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled in New Testament truth.

- a. The virgin birth of Matthew 1:22,23 fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 7:14.
- b. Christ's family flees Herod's edict to kill the children (Matthew 2:13-16) so that Numbers 24: 8 and Hosea 11:1 might be fulfilled: "Out of Egypt I have called my son."
- c. The family resettled in Nazareth (Matthew 2:23) that Amos 2:10-12 and the typology of the Nazarite in Numbers 6:13 and Judges 13:5 might be fulfilled.
- d. Jesus left Nazareth and lived in Capernaum (Matthew 4:13-16) that Isaiah 60:1-3 might be fulfilled.
- e. He healed (Matthew 8:16-17) that Isaiah 53:4 might be fulfilled.
- f. In Matthew 12:16-21, He refused notoriety (v. 16) to fulfill Isaiah's description of the gentleness and meekness of His nature (Isaiah 40:11; Psalm 147:3; Lam. 3:33; Ezek. 34:15,16).
- g. He taught in parables (Matthew 13:13-14) to fulfill Isaiah 6:9-10 (also Matthew 13:35 fulfilling Psalm 78:2).
- h. He rides into Jerusalem mounted on a young colt (Matthew 21) to fulfill Isaiah 62:11.
- i. He suffers betrayal (Matthew 26:56) that the scriptures concerning Judas might be literally fulfilled (Psalm 55:12-15; Psalm 109:2-13).
- j. The price of His betrayal was thirty pieces of silver, literally fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 11:1-13.

- k. They pierced His hands and feet, a literal fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Psalm 22:16.
- l. They stripped Him of His raiment, exposing His nakedness to the gaze of the unbelievers, as in Psalm 22:17.
- m. They cast lots for His robe (Matthew 27:35), a literal fulfillment of Psalm 22:18.

*All of these examples are just from the Book of Matthew!!!*

2. The New Testament has dozens of passages that literally fulfill or “complete” Old Testament prophecy.

3. As the New Testament complements the Old in the dimension of literal fulfillment, the Old complements the New by literally expressing spiritual reality.

#### B. Seeing Old Testament Truths in the Ministry of Jesus

- 1. In healing the man born blind, why did Jesus *spit* on the ground and make *clay* of the spittle, then place it in his eyes? (Compare John 9:6-7 with Genesis 2:6-7)
- 2. Why did “all that were diseased” (Matthew 14:35-36) and the woman with the issue of blood (Matthew 9:20) seek to touch the *hem* of Jesus garment for healing? (See Exodus 28: 31, 33-34; 39:24-26) Why are these terms only used in the gospel of Matthew?
- 3. Why did Jesus ascend onto the Mount to give His most important New Testament sermon? (Compare Matthew 5-7 w/ Exodus 19-20) How does what He said and where He said it affect our prophetic view of understanding New and Old Testament?
- 4. What do you suppose Jesus wrote on the ground when they wanted to stone the woman taken in adultery? (John 8:3-11)
- 5. Was there a reason for the first miracle of Jesus being the turning of water into wine? (John 2:1-11)
- 6. What spiritual lesson was being set forth when Jesus allowed Lazarus to die, and then raised him from the dead four days later? (John 11)
- 7. What do the lessons of Mark 6 (the journey to His hometown and the feeding of the multitude) hold for us today? Are the events in this chapter connected?
- 8. Only “scribes” with a prophetic view of scripture and those who have become “disciples of the kingdom” can bring forth treasures “new” and “old” out of these passages!

### C. The Old Testament Prefiguring the New: Flesh and Spirit

1. The Old Testament focuses on that which is external, or physical. The spiritual realities of the New Testament are illustrated by Old Testament types and shadows.
2. The New Testament teaches a distinction between flesh and spirit.

“That which is born of the *flesh is flesh*; and that which is born of the *Spirit is spirit*.”  
John 3:6 KJV

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...  
that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.  
For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.”  
Romans 8: 1, 4-5 KJV

“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.  
*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.*  
Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.”  
Romans 8: 8-9 KJV

3. The Old Testament consistently expresses the conflicting nature of flesh versus spirit in the stories of two men or two women, set side by side, so we can see what this warfare looks like when lived out in natural persons. As with all “types”, these eventually fail if pressed too far. Nevertheless, the general character, attributes and personality expressed by these biblical characters go a long way toward helping us understand the conflict of flesh and spirit.

#### a. The “Two Men” In the Old Testament

(Flesh Versus Spirit)

Cain	Abel
Nimrod	Abraham
Ishmael	Isaac
Esau	Jacob
Joseph’s Brothers	Joseph
Pharaoh	Moses
Ten of Twelve Spies	Joshua and Caleb
Eli	Samuel
Saul	David

b. The “Two Women” In the Old Testament

(Flesh Versus Spirit)

Hagar	Sarah
Leah	Rachel
The Harlot (Proverbs)	The Virtuous Woman (Proverbs)
Jezebel	Deborah

4. The Bible sometimes pictures the *two natures* in the *same person*, distinguishing them in how they are *named* (defined):

- a. Abram becomes Abraham
- b. Sarai becomes Sarah
- c. Jacob becomes Israel
- d. Simon becomes Peter
- e. Saul becomes Paul

D. The War between Two “Seeds”

1. Immediately after man’s fall into sin, God speaks the gospel for the first time, but in “seed form”:

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”  
Genesis 3:15 KJV

2. This verse is called the *proto-evangel*, the prototype of the good news of the gospel:

- a. God declares eternal warfare between two “seeds”.
- b. God declares the ultimate victory of the woman’s “seed”.
- c. The victory of the seed of the woman will only come at the expense of a “bruised heel”.

3. In the light of New Testament revelation, we understand:

- a. The two seeds speak of two “words”, the Word of God, (“sperma” in Greek, See John 1:1, 14) and the “seed” of the serpent, which is the word that *contradicted* God’s word.

b. Both seeds reproduce after their kind, one unto “corruption”, one unto “incorruption”; all men are “born” after one of these seeds. The natural seed of Adam, corrupted in spiritual death by accepting the seed of the serpent, brings forth a race of dead beings (separated from God). Those “born again” are created by the “seed” of the Word of God, by believing His Word.

“Being born again, *not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible (seed), by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*”

1 Peter 1:23 KJV

4. All of scripture, except for a few pages at the beginning and end, is about warfare, a war between two “seeds”!!!

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven: a woman (speaking of godly Israel and subsequently, the Church), clothed with the sun (covered by the Son of God), and the moon under her feet (destined for dominion), and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (under governmental authority);

2 And she being with child (Christ, the godly seed) cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, (Guess Who), having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven (the 1/3 of the angels under his command), and did cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. (A picture of Pharaoh, Herod, and all of the spirit that opposes generational transfer and blessing from God)

5 And she brought forth a man child (Christ, but also, by extension, a “mature” Body destined to fulfill the Dominion Mandate and the Great Commission) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God and to His throne (Christ at His ascension, but by extension, those who belong to Christ at His coming).

6 And the woman (the Church) fled into the wilderness (the place of maturation and spiritual growth), where she hath a place prepared of God (the “secret place of the Most High” in Psalm 91), that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days (a definite period of time).

7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. And the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven (description of spiritual warfare as in Daniel and Ephesians 6).

9 And the great dragon was cast out (“I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” Jesus, Luke 10), that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth (the first of Satan’s only two weapons) the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ, for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night (the second of Satan’s only two weapons).

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea, for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Revelation 12:1-17 KJV

#### **IV. The Cosmic Struggle: Events in Our World, at This Very Hour, are Prophetically Connected to the Word of the Lord.**

A. When God made the earth, He established the pattern of “seed” that reproduces “after his own kind”. (Genesis 1:11-12, 29)

1. This is so we could understand the genetic pattern of creation in the natural, which would precede the spiritual.

2. God expects us to understand the seed principle of Genesis 1 when we interpret the protoevangel of Genesis 3 and the war between the “seeds” that is still going on in Revelation 12.

B. Now we can understand the pattern established in the calling of our spiritual “Father”, Abraham.

1. When God calls Abraham (Genesis 12:1ff), He immediately speaks to him about his “seed”, or his descendents.

“And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, “Unto thy *seed* will I give this land...”

Genesis 12:7 KJV

2. Later, God confirms the covenant and continues talking about the “seed”:

“For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy *seed* for ever...”

Genesis 13:15 KJV

“And Abram said, 'Behold, to me thou hast given no *seed*, and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.'

And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 'This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.'

And He brought him forth abroad, and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them; and He said unto him, ' *So shall thy seed be.*'”

Genesis 15:3-5 KJV

3. *However, in Genesis 22, after the episode of the sacrifice of Isaac, God adds a much-overlooked detail!!!*

“And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, 'By myself have I sworn,' saith the LORD, 'for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son,

that in blessing, I will bless thee, and in multiplying, *I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore*, and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because thou hast obeyed my voice.”  
Genesis 22:15-18 KJV

There are *two seeds* God promises will multiply out of Abraham:

a. One is *SPIRITUAL*...“as the *stars* of heaven...”; the other is *NATURAL*...“as the *sand* upon the sea shore...”

b. This explains the present conflict between the sons of Ishmael, born after the *flesh*, and the sons of Isaac, the child of promise, born after the *spirit*.

c. As with the antitype, this revelation does not come to us until *after* the sacrifice of the Son! (After the crucifixion, God reveals the “mysteries” regarding the church and the true people of God.)

d. In the book of Romans, Paul redefines the “Jew”:

“*For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh.  
But he is a Jew which is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter, whose praise is not of men, but of God.*”  
Romans 2:28-29 KJV

## **V. Conclusion: The Prophetic View of Scripture Revolutionizes our Understanding of Everything!**

A. It’s always been about the Spirit; the flesh profits nothing. (John 6:63)

B. Spiritual Israel consists of the “elect” of all history, whether Old Testament or New.

C. It should be noted that not all Jews were saved. (Romans 9:6)

D. Gentiles are called the “Israel” of God in Galatians 6:16; the Jews are called “the church in the wilderness” in Acts 7:38!!!

E. If we truly can learn to judge not “after the flesh”, the Bible will become a new book! (John 8:15; Romans 8:5; 2 Corinthians 5:16)

F. If we can “connect the dots” of the Old Testament and New Testament “treasures”, we can see the “big picture” of God’s plan of redemption!