

Seeking My King & His Kingdom

Lesson #36 The Handprint of God In His Word

The writers of God's Word were from different backgrounds, part of different cultures and crossed all walks of the socioeconomic spectrum. God's Word was penned by Hebraic and Greek scholars, fisherman, Princes of Egypt, shepherds, Hebrew Kings and pagan kings. Despite forty authors writing from three continents over nearly two thousand years, The Word of God maintains a perfect consistency of message. Its words point unerringly to Christ, whose work on the cross was ordained by God—the true author of the Bible—before the world began. God's Word repeatedly authenticates this uniqueness by describing history BEFORE it happens. Prov. 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to Search Out A Matter. Are there hidden messages in the Bible?

John 5:39 Search the Scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and these are they which testify of Me.

A. Gospel Message Hidden in A Genealogy

Gen. 3:22-6:8 describes the genealogy of 10 people from Adam to Noah

1. Adam = *Man*

2. Adam's son was Seth = *Appointed* - When he was born, Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."

3. Seth's son = Enosh = *Mortal, frail, miserable*

It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.

4. Kenan = *sorrow, dirge or elegy*

5. Mahalalel = *the Blessed God*

6. Jared = *shall come down*

7. Enoch = *teaching or commencement* - He was the first of 4 generations of preachers

8. Methuselah = *His Death Shall Bring*

9. Lamech = *lament, despairing*

10. Noah = *to bring relief or comfort*

Man is appointed mortal sorrow; but the Blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing rest. Summary of God's plan of redemption is hidden within the genealogy. The earliest chapters of Genesis reveal God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the predicament of man. This is the beginning of a love story, ultimately written on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea about 2,000 years ago.

B. Jude 1:14-15 tells us of the oldest prophecy regarding the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

"Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying,

"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all,

to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed

in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

From Enoch's Prophecy: We know the Lord's coming is sure; who will accompany Him; the purpose of His coming and the result of His coming!

Note: This prophecy and the last one in Rev. 22:20 are given through a man focusing on the 2nd Coming of Christ in Judgment.

C. Mystery of Methuselah

Gen. 5:22-24 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: ²³ And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

1. When Enoch was 65 it is said he “walked with God” and named his son, Methuselah [His Death Shall Bring]. Apparently, he was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood. He apparently was told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the Flood would be withheld.

When his son died, the Flood would be sent forth.

2. Flood of Noah did not come as a surprise. It had been preached for 4 generations.

3. Enoch named his son Methuselah [his death shall bring] to reflect this prophecy.

4. In the year Methuselah died, the flood came.

a. Methuselah was 187 when he had Lamech. Then he lived 782 more years. [969 years]

b. Lamech had Noah when he was 182.

c. The Flood came in Noah's 600th year. [Gen. 7:11]

d. $187 + 182 + 600 = 969 =$ age of Methuselah when he died.

5. Methuselah's life was a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the judgment of the Flood.

a. Symbolizes the extreme extensiveness of God's mercy.

II Pet. 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that ALL should come to repentance.

Three Groups Of People Faced The Judgment Of The Flood

a. One group PERISHED in the flood >

Unbelieving World

b. Eight were PRESERVED BY THE ARK THROUGH THE FLOOD >

Jewish Remnant & Noah

c. One person was TRANSLATED - TAKEN OUT OF THE JUDGMENT > Church & Enoch

D. The Skipping Of Letters

The ancient Hebrew Rabbis believed through and through the Torah was God's inspired word to them, so they scoured it night and day looking for the mysteries that God had hidden there.

Rabbi Moses Cordevaro- “The secrets of the Torah are revealed...in the skipping of letters.”

1. Torah in Hebrew is 4 letters = tau [T] vav [O], resh [R], heh [H]

2. Take the opening verses of Genesis in Hebrew.

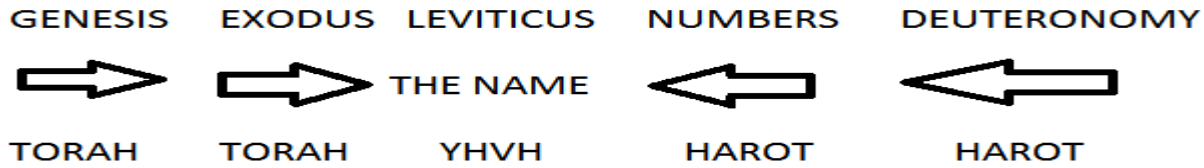
3. If you find the 1st tau and count an interval of 49 letters, the next letter in the text is vav.

4. Count another 49 letters, and you find resh.

5. Count another 49 letters and you find heh.

6. This pattern is repeated in Exodus, but not Leviticus.

7. The pattern is repeated in Numbers and Deuteronomy, but the pattern is reversed.
8. Leviticus: The square root of 49 = 7. [foundation of the Word; all points to God]
- a. If you go to the first yod and continue counting every 7 letters, it forms the name of God, YHWH. [YAHWEH]
- b. It appears that the Torah always points to the Ineffable Name of God.



- c. There are no vowels in YHWH, which in the Hebrew language means it goes on forever! God literally has woven his fingerprints into his sacred text.

II Pet. 1:16, 19 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. We have also a More Sure Word Of Prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

E. Prophetic Scriptures:

8,362 Predictive Verses

1,817 Predictions

737 Separate Matters

Old Testament [Tenach] was translated into Greek by 270 BC - ~3 centuries before the Gospels

1. Contains over 300 prophecies detailing the coming Messiah

Consider: The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ was not a tragedy. It was an **ACHIEVEMENT**.

It deliberately fulfilled ~300 specifications.

Incredible Odds Of Jesus Fulfilling Biblical Prophecy- 8 prophecies regarding His 1st Coming.

1. Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Born in Bethlehem: What is the probability of any person, taken at random, fulfilling this?

2. King on Donkey Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.

How many have presented themselves as a king to Jerusalem riding a donkey?

3. 30 Pieces of Silver Zech. 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

How many people have been betrayed for 30 pieces of silver?

4. Temple, Potter, etc. Zech. 11:13 And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

Matt. 27:5-8 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, "It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood." And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

The Precision of Zech 11:13. Price: 30 pieces of silver; location of the transaction: the House of the Lord (Temple); who ends up with the money? The potter!

5. Wounds in Hands Zech. 13:6 And one shall say unto him, "What are these wounds in thine hands?" Then he shall answer, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Thomas' Unbelief John 20:25-29 But he [Thomas] said unto them, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

How many people, taken at random, have been "wounded in their hands" in "the house of their friends?"

6. No Defense Though Innocent Isa. 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

How many prisoners, accused of a capital crime, make no defense even though innocent?

7. Died with Wicked; Buried with Rich Isa. 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. How many died among the wicked, yet were buried with the rich?

8. Crucified For dogs have compassed me: Ps. 22:16 the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet (700 years before crucifixion invented.)

How many, taken at random, have died by having hands and feet pierced?

Probabilities If a population has 60% male and 40% female, what is the probability that one taken at random is female? 40%, or $p = 0.4$ If a population is 60% right handed and 40% left handed, what is the probability that someone taken at random is left handed? 40%, or $p = 0.4$ What is the probability of selecting a left-handed female? $p = 0.4 \times 0.4 = .16$

Mathematical Analysis: Principles Of Probability by Peter Stoner In Science Speaks

1. Purpose was to demonstrate that coincidence is ruled out by the science of probability
2. Applied the science of probability for 8 prophecies related to Jesus' 1st coming.
3. Stoner said: If only 8 of the OT prophecies concerning Christ were fulfilled, the probability of them actually coming to pass would be 1 in 10 to the 17th degree. 100 quadrillion

a. Jesus fulfilled ~300 prophecies regarding His 1st coming.

Question: How many is 10^{17} ? - Silver Dollars is our example.

1. Take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them flat on the state of Texas.
2. They will cover the entire state 2' deep.
3. Mark one of the coins and stir up the whole mass.
4. Blindfold a person, tell him he can travel the state of Texas and pick up ONE silver dollar.

5. It MUST be the marked coin.
6. What chance would the man have of picking up the marked coin?
7. This is the same chance the prophets would have had of writing these 8 prophecies and have them all come true in ONE MAN, from their day to the present time, providing they wrote them in their own wisdom.
8. Add 8 more prophecies = 16 Prophecies Combined • Over 300 to choose from
The next 8 would be more specific [each less likely than the previous]
Combine 48 Prophecies of 300! Stoner: The probability of 48 prophecies being fulfilled by chance in one man is 10^{157} = 10 with 157 zeroes!!!
Stoner: Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God rejects FACT!

F. New Testament was written in the period of one lifetime. Most New Testament quotes of the Old Testament are taken from the Septuagint. [Greek translation]
Conspicuous Historical Events Not Mentioned in the New Testament

1. Nero's persecution after 64 AD
 - a. Up until this time, much of the persecution came from the Jewish community by zealous Jews
2. Execution of James, leader of the church, in 62 AD
3. Jewish revolt against the Romans in 66 AD
4. Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD

Conclusion: New Testament documents were completed BEFORE these things happened.
Places an Early Dating and circulation of the NT documents.

G. The 4 Faces Surrounding The Throne Of God

Rev. 4:6-7 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast was like a LION, and the second beast like a CALF, and the third beast had a FACE AS A MAN, and the fourth beast was like a FLYING EAGLE.
Each time we encounter a view of the throne of God, we notice these strange living creatures, who seem to be associated with the protection of His throne, His holiness, etc.

John describes them with 4 different "faces."

1. Like a LION = "King of the beasts" and symbolizes supreme strength, kingship and majesty.
2. The 2nd living creature = "like a calf" or a "bullock" or "heifer" which was frequently used for sacrifice. CHRIST is portrayed as "Sacrifice" for our sins.
3. The 3rd living creature "had a face as a man" and would represent CHRIST as a MAN.
4. The 4th living creature was "like a flying EAGLE" which symbolizes Sovereignty and Supremacy. This living creature represents CHRIST in all his DEITY.

H. Design Of The Gospels

It is interesting that each of these "faces" is suggestive of one of the four Gospels:

Matthew:	Lion of Judah	The Promised One is here	See His Credentials
	King Of Kings	Ends with Resurrection	

Mark:	Ox, servanthood Christ, obedient servant	This is how He worked Ends with Ascension	See His Power
Luke:	Son Of Man Perfect Man	This is what He was like Ends with promise of giving Holy Spirit	See His Nature
John:	Flying Eagle SON OF GOD	This is who He really was Ends with Promise of Jesus' Return	See His Godship

It needs all four aspects to give the full truth. As Sovereign He comes to reign and rule. As servant He comes to serve and suffer. As Son of Man He comes to share and sympathize. As Son of God He comes to reveal and redeem.

Matthew 5:17- 18: 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.

H. What insights are hidden in the numbering of the Tribes of Israel?

When Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai, he also received detailed specifications and instructions for the building of a portable sanctuary, the Tabernacle, or tent of meeting. (1) The purpose of this unusual facility was to provide a place for God to dwell among His people. (2) The tabernacle was always set up at the center of the Camp of Israel. (3) The tribe of Levi was assigned to care for it, and encamped around it. Moses, Aaron, and the priests camped on the east side next to the entrance. (4) The three families of the tribe of Levi (Merari, Kohath, and Gershon), camped on the north, south and west side, respectively. (5) The remaining twelve tribes were grouped into four camps around the Levites. Each group, of three tribes each, was to rally around the tribal standard of the lead tribe. Judah's tribal standard was the lion. Reuben's ensign was a man.

Ephraim's the ox. Dan's the eagle. [These are based on Jewish rabbi writings.]

These 4 primary tribal standards are the same as the 4 faces of the living creatures in Rev. 4. The ensigns of the four living creatures on each side of the Tabernacle show us the attributes of our Savior and Messiah. There is the face of a suffering servant, the man Messiah, the face of a lion His leadership and power, the ox, His strength and determination, and finally the eagle as the swift execution of judgment. It seems that the camp of Israel--with the tabernacle in the middle--seems to be a model of the throne of God: His presence in the center, represented by the tabernacle, encircled by the four faces, all surrounded by His people.

The Numbering Of The Tribes is detailed in Numbers 1. The actual population represented is obviously somewhat larger than these enumerations, since only men over twenty, able to go to war, were counted. Most analysts assume that women, children, and the elderly, would multiply the count by some factor: 3 or whatever. The total camp would thus appear to approximate two million. While the numbers of each tribe may not seem to be very revealing, the totals for each of the four camps are. Camp Of Israel Shows The Preeminence Of Jesus Christ.

Interesting Note: 12 Tribes of Israel: Birth Order Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin

Rev. 7: 144,000 - Judah, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin

Meaning of their names in order: Praise the Lord, He has looked on my affliction and granted good fortune. Happy am I, my wrestling has made me forget my sorrow. God hears me; has joined me, purchased me and exalted me, by adding to me the Son of His right hand.

I. Does Noah's Ark Prophecy The Resurrection of Christ & Salvation Through Him?

Did you know the Date the Ark landed in the mountains of Ararat is prophetic?

a. In I Pet. 3:18-22, the Ark is referenced as a type of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and salvation Him.

b. In Genesis, God specified the exact day the ark came to rest: the 17th day of the 7th month which represented a New Beginning on the earth [Gen. 8:4]

Why are we given this date in the story of the Ark?

c. The Jewish New Year is celebrated in the fall, on the 1st day of the month of Tishri.

d. When God established the Passover in Exodus, He told Israel the month of Nisan in the spring would be the first month of the year to them. [Ex. 12:1]

e. Therefore, the Jews have 2 calendars: 1 civil calendar starting in the month of Tishri
1 Religious Calendar starting in the month of Nisan

f. In Genesis the civil calendar is being referenced with the month of Tishri being the 1st month and Nisan being the 7th month.

g. The 7th month of Genesis, Nisan, is therefore the month in which the Passover would later be instituted.

h. It can be shown Christ was crucified on Passover, the 14th of Nisan.

i. When did Jesus rise? 3 days later on the 17th of Nisan!

j. The day of Jesus' resurrection was therefore the 17th day of the 7th month on the civil calendar.

k. The new beginning on the earth in the time of Noah occurred on the future anniversary in anticipation of our new beginning, the resurrection of Christ! Coincidence or design?

TORAH in Hebrew = Tav was originally a cross

a. Vav = a nail b. Resh = head of a man c. Heh = breath or Spirit of God

Man, with the spirit of God, nailed on the Cross.

This term was in existence well before the Messiah walked on the earth.

Isa. 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning,

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning...the Son of God will be consumed with His hands on a cross.

Jesus' words: It is finished!

Ps. 18:35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;

Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

The name of God shouts through time and space across the ages to you.

It says, "Hand, Behold! Nail, Behold! That's my Son! By Him all things were made! In Him all

things consist! He lived the perfect life and I turned my back on Him so that you MIGHT live!"

Every phrase, every word, and every letter in the Bible is there by deliberate design.