
Jesus in Genesis

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To show how the redemption story of “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” unfolds right from the beginning of scripture all the way to its fulfilment through Christ’s death and resurrection.
2. To establish believers in a Christ-centred understanding of Scripture through the theme of Salvation History.
3. To introduce the “revelation” of Christ through some of the prophetic signposts contained in the Old Testament.
4. To empower the student to share the Gospel of Christ with greater effectiveness through their knowledge of God’s comprehensive salvation plan as revealed through the whole of Scripture.

COURSE CONTENT

1. Jesus from the beginning
2. Life before sin
3. Sin & salvation: Adam, where are you?
4. Adam as a type of Christ
5. Cain vs. Abel
6. Noah
7. Abraham & Isaac
8. The Passover
9. The Tabernacle

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Jesus from the beginning...

John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.*

In Him was LIFE

John 1:4 *In Him was Life, and that Life was the light of men.*

Through Him came GRACE & TRUTH

John 1:17 *For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*



Rom 8:3 *For what the law could not do ... God did by sending His own Son...*

He has ALWAYS BEEN the Redeemer

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Rev 13:8 *All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world*

Jesus declares that before Abraham was, I AM

John 8:56 *Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷" You are not yet fifty years old," the Jews said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" ⁵⁸"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"*

v 56 *in The Message: Abraham—your 'father'—with jubilant faith looked down the corridors of history and saw my day coming. He saw it and cheered."*

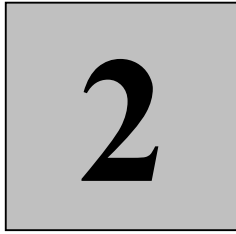
Jesus points back to Himself on the road to Damascus

Luke 24:25-27, 32 ²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoke! ²⁶Did not the Christ had to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself...

³² They asked each other "were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Philip preaches Jesus from Isaiah

Acts 8:30-35 ³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. ³¹"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come and sit with him. ³²The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture (Isa 53:7-8) ...³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.



Life before Sin...

God creates the universe
Man & woman created in Gods image
Woman's body was formed out of the man
Man in perfect relationship with God, one another, and creation

God creates the universe and all in it.

Gen 1:1 *In the beginning God (prepared, formed, fashioned, and) created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters.*

- “Without form” = Hebrew: Tohu (nothing is shaped yet – water has no form 2 Pet 3:5)
- “Empty” = Hebrew: Bohu (there is nothing and no life on it yet , and it is not fit to live)
- The Holy Spirit “brooded” – imparted His energy/power to bring order to that which was empty and unfit for life.
- Repentance orders our lives for God to fill them with His life.

God creates Man, male & female

Gen 1:26, 27 *Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.*

Gen 2:7 *the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

God positions and commissions man

Gen 1:28 *Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it..”.*

Gen 2:15 *And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it.*

God says “don’t”...

Gen 2:16, 17 *And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.*

Rom 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death...*

Death here means spiritual death, which is the consequence of sin, resulting in separation of mans spirit from God.

The Marriage covenant

Gen 2:18 *Now the Lord God said, It is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper meet (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.*

Gen 2:21, 22 *So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man...*

Gen 2:24, 25 *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

²⁵ *The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

The “mystery” of marriage

Eph 5:25-27 ²⁵*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

Eph 5:32 *This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

Jesus as the husband sacrificing for His bride, the Church

For God to take out a rib, Adam must have bled. In Adam we see a husband who bled to produce his bride. Similarly, Jesus would become a husband who bled for His Bride:

1. Jesus, like Adam, must be put to sleep to produce His bride.
2. His side was opened and both gave their literal blood (spear in Jesus' side).
3. The Church, like Eve, was a new creation - not natural but supernatural.
4. God “made / built” (Hebrew “Asah”) the rib into woman - then presents her to him. Even so, out of Christ would come His Bride, the Church, and He would “build” His church, presenting her to Himself, restoring the picture we see in Gen 2:25.

Looking ahead at Christ’s Bride

Rev 19:7 *Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.*

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Sin & salvation Adam, where are you?

The serpent deceived Eve and she sinned by disobeying Gods direct command.

Gen 3:12 *And the woman said, "the serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

Notice how satan deceived Eve:

1. Doubt: "Has God said ..."
2. Lies: "You shall not die..."
3. Temptation: "You shall be like God ..."

Notice the steps: Temptation > Lust > Sin > Death

James 1:13-16 ¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire (lust), he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

Also compare 1 John 2:15,16, and Jesus' temptation in Luke 4:1-13

- Lust of flesh
- Lust of the eyes
- Pride of life

Consider Joseph's strategy for resisting temptation, Genesis 39:7-12:

- Refuse (2 Cor 10:5)
- Resist (James 4:7)
- Run (Rev 12:11)

The Almighty Creator God (Elohim), becomes the Redeemer

Gen 3:9 *"Then the LORD called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*

Notice:

- LORD is Hebrew YAVEH = God personal name
- It was God who came seeking man, and not man who sought God.
- Consider: What do you think Gods tone of voice was here?

Is 43:1-3 *"But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine... ³ For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Saviour."*

What did God find when He came as Redeemer?

He finds Adam and Eve cowering in fear, trying to cover themselves (their sin) with fig-leaves, having lost the covering of His glory. This is the attitude of religion, which is mans attempt to cover his sin by his own efforts and works

Is 64:6 *All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.*

Rom 5:12 (Amplified Bible) *Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned.*

Our Big Question:

Rom 7:24-25 *What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?*²⁵ *Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

The Curse - Gen 3:13-19

With the fall of man came the fall of creation - all creation was cursed with the wages of sin. The earth, the woman, and the man were cursed because of sin, but God promised a Seed (v 15), a Redeemer who would break the curse.

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your Offspring / Seed and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.*

Rev 22:3 *And there shall no longer be any curse...*

Gal 3:13 *Jesus "became a curse for us..."*

Adam calls his wife "Eve"

In between the lines of the curse, Adam hears the promise of a "Seed" who would "crush the serpents head". Adam responds in faith to the promise of a Redeemer, by calling his wife "Eve," meaning "the mother of all living," even though the curse brought forth death.

Gen 3:20 *Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.*

The original sacrifice for sin

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

God responds by killing an innocent animal and making “robes” of skin for them, clothing them with the skin of an animal which He had killed and shed the blood of, to cover their sin, This is the first mention of blood being shed, making them realise the consequences of sin is death.

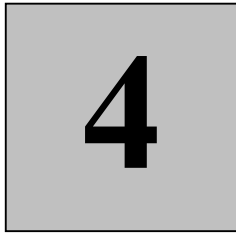
Through this God reveals His pattern for an acceptable sacrifice for sin:

1. It must be God’s gift, His work alone, not as a result of man’s effort.
2. It must be the death of an innocent substitute.
3. The atonement must be made by the shedding of blood

The scarlet thread of redemption

Here is the beginning of the scarlet thread of redemption which we see developing throughout the Old Testament, until its fulfilment in Christ on the cross, a sacrifice once and for all for all sin:

1 Pet 1:18-19 *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*



Adam as a type of Christ

In **Romans 5:14**, Adam is called “a type (Greek: Tupos) of Christ: *“Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a (positive/clear) command, as did Adam, who was a type of Him who was to come.”*

The Question: How was Adam (who sinned) a type of Christ?

Adam is a type of Christ because he joins himself to His bride’s sin

1 Tim 2:14 *And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.*

Adam was not deceived, Eve was. Adam’s sin was one of omission as he stood by passively as Eve was deceived. Notice Rom 5:14 says that Adam “broke a positive/clear command,” meaning that he wasn’t deceived, but knew what he was doing when he sinned.

The “picture” here is that Adam, because of his intense love for Eve, willingly joined himself to Eve’s sin to become one with her. Consider that somehow Adam knew that the only way Eve could ever see redemption was through a Redeemer. The only way a Redeemer could come was through the seed of a woman.

1 Tim 2:15 *But women will be saved through the Childbearing or by the birth of the divine Child...*

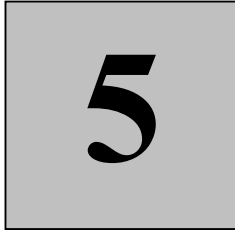
He joined in her sin to become one with her, knowing that out of their joining redemption would come.

2 Cor 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

There would forever be a war between satan and Christ for the salvation of Adam & Eve’s offspring:

Gen 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.*

Rom 16:30 *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly...*



Cain vs. Abel

Gen 4:2-5 ...Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ But Abel brought fat portions from

some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favour on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Question: Why did God accept Abel's sacrifice, but reject Cain's?

This is a crucial question, showing us the pattern for redemption from sin. Notice that the issue was sin: What sacrifice would be acceptable to cover their sin?

Gen 4:7 *If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."*

This is so important that Abel would be the first person mentioned in the Hebrews "Hall of faith":

Heb 11:4 *"By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead."*

Abel's sacrifice was accepted because it was in accordance with God's revealed pattern for an acceptable sin sacrifice. Cain's sacrifice was in accordance with his own pattern and works.

The two seeds

From where Cain murders Abel we see two lineages forming, with Cain "going out from the presence of the Lord (Gen 4:16), while Adam & Eve's next son Seth, "began to call upon the name of the Lord" (Gen 4:26).

The lineage of Cain – Gen 4:16-17

So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. ¹⁷ Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. (Meaning: To begin again)

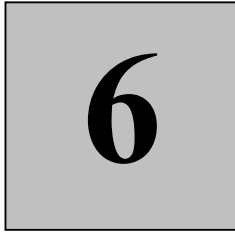
The lineage of Seth - Gen 4:25-26

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."²⁶ Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time men began to call on the name of the Lord.

Note that Seth was born "in Adam's likeness, after his image" (Gen 5:3), compared to Adam & Eve created "in the image of God." (Gen 1:26, 5:1)

1 Cor 15:49 *And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.*

All mankind needed a saviour who would break the power and penalty of sin and restore them to God's image. Enter Jesus! The writer of Hebrews would later declare: **Heb 12:24** *[You have come] to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*



Noah finds Grace

Sin's destructive consequences on all the earth is epitomised in Gen 6v1-7

Gen 6:6-7 *The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them."*

Man and the earth were doomed, but for the GRACE of God

Gen 6:8 *But Noah found favour in the eyes of the LORD.*

This is the first mention of "grace" in the Bible. Note that it was focussed on one man, and so Christ would have died to give grace to even just one man/woman on the earth.

1. The grace of God provided the Ark and invites us in
2. The mercy of God keeps the Ark door open
3. The judgement of God shuts the door at the appointed time and send the Flood.

2 Pet 3:9-10 *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.*

The Flood is a type of Gods judgement

Gen 6:13 *So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.*

Gen 7:4 *Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made. ¹⁹ They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered.*

The Ark is a type of Christ as Saviour

Gen 6:14-17, 22 *So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵ This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ¹⁶ Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you...*

2 Cor 5:19 *God was IN CHRIST reconciling the world to Himself.*

Noah is saved by responding in obedience to Gods command

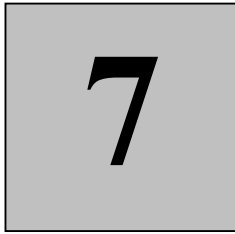
Gen 6:22 *Noah did everything just as God commanded him.*

Heb 11:7 *By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

Noah builds an altar and God makes a covenant

Gen 8:20,21 & 9:2 *Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. ²² "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

^{9v1} *Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.*



Abraham & Isaac

God calls Abraham to separation

Gen 12:1 6 *The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.*

God calls Abraham with a promise

- A promise of a land
- A promise blessing
- A promise of a great name
- A promise of a generational legacy

Gen 12:2,3 *I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

Promise, we have a problem: Abram needs a son as heir!

Gen 15:1-3 *After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." ² But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."*

Note: His wife Sarai, was barren (Gen 12:30)

Abram Believes Gods promise of a son

Gen 15:4-6 *Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and He credited / accounted it to him as righteousness.*

**To Abram,
Because of your faith,
I.O.U Righteousness
Signed: GOD**

See also Romans 4:13-25, and Hebrews 11:8-12

The struggle between Ishmael & Isaac, the flesh and the promise

- Gen 16 – Ishmael is born of Hagar
- Gen 17 – The sign of the covenant
- Gen 18:1-15 – The promise renewed
- Gen 21 – Isaac is born, Ishmael is cast out

Isaac as a type of Christ

1. Both were promised long before their birth
 - a. Gen 21:1-2
 - b. Gal 4:4
2. Both were born at a set time.
 - a. Gen 17:19
 - b. Mat 1:20-21
3. Both had their names announced before their birth
 - a. Gen 17:19
 - b. Matt 1:20-21
4. Both were miraculous in conception
 - a. Gen 18:14 (Sarah was 90 years old); Rom 4:19-20
 - b. Matt 1:20 (Mary was a virgin)
5. Both were only sons
 - a. Gen 22:2
 - b. John 3:16
6. Both were offered up
7. Both reappear when their bride is ready and waiting.
 - a. Isaac goes to meet his bride, Rebekah. (Gen 24)
 - b. Christ, after Calvary, goes to prepare a place for us in heaven to reappear only when His bride the church is ready and waiting.

Genesis 22 as a prophetic signpost to Calvary

Gen 22:1-21 *Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."*

Note that Mount Moriah and Calvary are geographically the same hills. (See also 2 Chron 3:1). Abraham takes his only son Isaac on a 3 day journey to be sacrificed.

Abraham's resurrection faith

Gen 22: 5, 8 *He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."*

⁸ *Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.*

Heb 11:17-19 *By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.*

Jehovah Jireh – God our Provider

Gen 22:13, 14 *Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.*

¹⁴ *So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."*

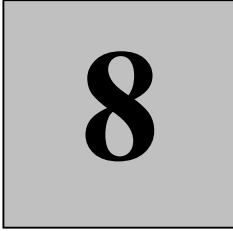
Isaac was only a type of Christ. He himself needed a Saviour for his own sin, so could not go all the way to be sacrificed. Jesus would through go "even to the point of death"

Rom 8:32 *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

The promise to Abraham and through Abraham to his heirs through faith

Gen 22: 15-18 *The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."*

Gal 3:29 *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*



Filling in the blanks: What do you know about the Passover?

Why?
What?

The Passover as a type of Christ's salvation

Exodus 12

³ *Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb [a] for his family, one for each household.*

⁵ *The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.*

¹¹ *This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.*

¹⁴ *"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD -a lasting ordinance.*

²¹ *Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. ²⁴ "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.*

1 Cor 5: 7-8 *Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*

⁸ *Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.*

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The Tabernacle

A dwelling place for God

When Israel had received the Ten Commandments, which was the essence of the Law which revealed their sin, and therefore condemned them, God also gave them a pattern of a meeting place, where the priests would bring the sacrifices on behalf of the sins of the whole nation.

The Tabernacle was set up wherever the Spirit led the nation to camp. Later the Tabernacle would be replaced by the Temple, which was a permanent “dwelling place of God” in Jerusalem.

The Tabernacle Pattern / Plan

The Tabernacle pattern was incredibly detailed, with every part having prophetic symbolism pointing to Jesus the Messiah. Ultimately Jesus would fulfil every aspect of the Tabernacle and Temple.

Exodus 25:8-9 *Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.*

The Tabernacle included:

An outer court

- With entrance on the east side
- An Altar
- A Bronze basis

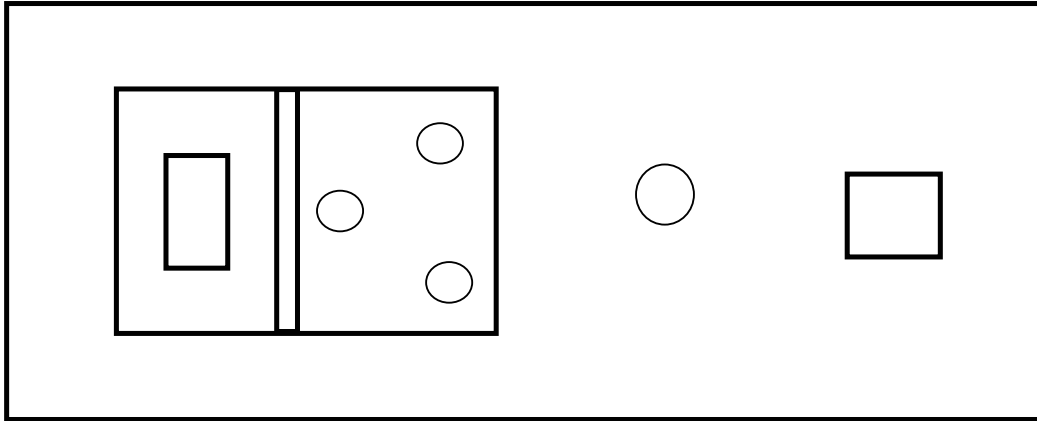
The Holy Place

- The outer covering made from grey unattractive badger skin
- The inner lining made of beautiful ram's skin dyed red
- It was furnished with :
 - The Table of showbread
 - The Gold Lampstand
 - The altar of incense

The Holy of Holies

- Separated from the Holy place by a veil
- The Ark of the Covenant
- with a “mercy seat” and the “Shekinah”
- Inside were:
 - Aaron's rod (Israel's rejection of Gods leadership)
 - Pot of Manna (Israel's rejection of Gods provision)
 - The Ten Commandment (Israel's rejection of Gods law)

Label the parts of the Tabernacle as shown:



Christ fulfils the Tabernacle Pattern:

Heb 9:23-24 *It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.*

Jesus is:

1. The one door: I am the way... John 10:9
2. The substitute sacrifice for sin – Rom 6:23
3. The Word which washes – John 1:1,14
4. He had no beauty that we should desire Him Isaiah 53:2
5. He is the light of the world – John 8:12
6. He is the bread of life – John 6:35
7. He is our great Intercessor – Heb 7:25
8. He is the veil torn – Heb 10:19,20; Mat 27:51
9. He is our High Priest entering into the Holiest of Holies on our behalf, with His own blood as our sin sacrifice once and for all - Heb 7:26,27

CONCLUSION

It is therefore clear that from Genesis through to Revelation the message of Christ and the Cross are the central theme of scripture. Having this amazing revelation then:

Heb 10:19-23 *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

Amen!