

Quarter Two: Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy

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Lesson 2—The Genesis Foundation

Tuesday: Isaac's Question: Where Is the Lamb?

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- **Last Week:** "Some Principles of Prophecy"
 - Biblical principles of prophetic interpretation
- **This Week:** "The Genesis Foundation"
 - Foundation to understanding the prophecies of Revelation is found in Genesis
 - "Nearly every key concept mentioned in Revelation appears—in some form—in the opening chapters of the Bible."
 - Studying Genesis to understand Revelation

Memory Text: "The next day John sees Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" (John 1:29, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** The Principle of "First Mention" (SQ)
 - Genesis introduces teachings that provide the framework for understanding the rest of the Bible
- 2. **Monday:** Understanding God's Love (Daniel)
 - Gen 22:1 – 13 – 1st mention of the word "love" in the Bible – Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac (type of God's sacrifice / type of Christ)
- 3. **Tuesday:** Isaac's Question: Where Is the Lamb? (Jill)
 - Gen 22 – 1st mention of the "lamb" in the Bible – pointing forward to Christ; connection of lamb with Rev & Jesus' substitutionary atonement
- 4. **Wednesday:** Dealing with Death (James)
 - Entrance of death because of sin; the righteous son killed by the unrighteous (parallels to Christ)
- 5. **Thursday:** The Serpent (John D)
 - Entrance of Satan / the serpent in the Garden of Eden compared with the dragon in Revelation

Tuesday: Isaac's Question: Where Is the Lamb?

Gen 22:7, 8, 11 – 14; Ex 12:3 – 13; Rev 5:5 – 10; John 1:29 – 34; Matt 3:17

- Start with Daniel's story: Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac
 - First mention of "love" in the Bible
 - First mention of "lamb" in the Bible

- Gen 22:7, 8 – “But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, ‘My father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ Then he said, ‘Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the **lamb** for the burnt offering?’ (8) And Abraham said, ‘My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering’...”
 - Lamb = Heb, *seh* = lamb or goat – first reference in Scripture (47 times)
 - (corresponding to Gk, *amnos* – John 1:29, Jesus as the Lamb & *arnion*, diminutive form of lamb, used in Revelation to describe Christ)
 - Heb – “God will provide Himself as the lamb”
 - First use of “lamb” in the Bible, and it’s connected to Jesus
- Where is the Lamb?
 - First time word is used, connected with Q: “where is the Lamb?”
 - Search the Bible, “where is the Lamb?”
 - Point of reading, of searching Scripture, “where is the Lamb?”
- Where is the Lamb?
 - Ex 12:3 - 13 – “Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a **lamb**, according to the house of his father, a **lamb** for a household.... (5) Your **lamb** shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You make take it from the sheep or from the goats....(6)...then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. (7) And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it...(12) For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt...(13)...and when I see the blood, I will pass over you...”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is without blemish
 - The Lamb was killed
 - The Lamb’s blood was smeared on the doorposts
 - The Lamb’s blood offered protection and salvation & deliverance
 - Because of the Lamb, the destroying angel “passed over”
 - The Lamb took the children of Israel’s place – took their punishment – so they could live
 - Lev 5:7 – “If he is not able to bring a **lamb** (for the trespass offering), then he shall bring to the Lord, for his trespass which he has committed, two turtledoves or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering.”
 - Substitution for the lamb, in the event of poverty
 - Same function: purification offering for sin
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is being sacrificed for my sin
 - Isa 43:22, 23 – (context: vs 19 – “I will do a new thing...I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert...”) Vs 22 – “But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; and you have been weary of Me, O Israel. (23) You have not brought Me the **sheep** for your burnt offerings, nor have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with grain offerings, nor wearied you with incense.”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb’s own people have forgotten Him
 - The Lamb’s children refuse to accept Him

- God's people will not appropriate the sacrifice of the Lamb to themselves (they refuse the Lamb's substitutionary atonement)
- Isa 53:7 – “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a **lamb** to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - He's going to be killed
 - He does not resist
 - He does not fight back
 - He willingly goes to die
- John 1:29 – “The next day John sees Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The **Lamb** of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”
 - Lamb = Gk, *am-nos* = a lamb, sacrificial lamb (4 times)
 - Corresponds to *seh*
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - John the Baptist seems to be answering Isaac's question
 - Context: sinners repenting & being baptized, symbolizing death to sin & rising to new life
 - Matt 3:17 – voice from heaven at Jesus' baptism: “‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”
 - Gen 22 - With Isaac, a voice from heaven stopped Abraham & announces the solution to the problem
 - Solution was the lamb in the thicket that God provided as the Sacrifice
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is here, as our Sin-bearer, our Sacrifice
 - The Lamb came as our Substitutionary Sacrifice
 - The blood of bulls & goats can't cleanse from sin
 - Only the blood of Jesus, the spotless Son of God, the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world
- 1 Pet 1:18, 19 – “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a **lamb** without blemish and without spot.”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is perfect
 - The Lamb is on the Cross, for my sins
 - The Lamb took my place
- Rev 5:6 – “And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which as the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”
 - Lamb = Gk, *ar-nee'-on* = diminutive form of lamb; “little, pet lamb”
 - Corresponds to Heb, *seh*
 - 30 times – 29 of the 30 times in Revelation

- Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is in the throne room of Heaven
 - The Lamb has authority to open the scroll & to read
- Rev 5:8 – “Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the **Lamb**, ... (9) And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals; For You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood...’”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is victorious
 - The Lamb is being worshipped
 - The Lamb has redeemed us
- Rev 6:16 – “and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the **Lamb**!’”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is coming again for His people
 - The Lamb is both love & justice
- Rev 7:9, 10 – “After these things I looked and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the **Lamb**, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (10) and crying out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the **Lamb**!’”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is with His redeemed
 - The Lamb is with His people in Heaven
- Rev 12:11 – “And they overcame Him by the blood of the **Lamb** and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb’s blood gives His people overcoming victory
 - The Lamb gives His people courage to follow Him, no matter what
- Rev 17:14 – “These (the kings of the earth who give their authority to the beast) will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb is fighting for His people
 - The Lamb wins the battle against Satan and his cohorts
 - The Lamb is victorious
- Rev 21:23 – “The city (the New Jerusalem) had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The **Lamb** is its light.”
 - Where is the Lamb?
 - The Lamb doesn’t sit in light – He is the Light (Jesus, I am the Light...)
 - The Lamb is with His redeemed forever