

From Genesis To Revelation – God's Plan of Redemption

Rev. 5:5-10

Introduction

- Genesis and Revelation, the first and last books of the Bible. Far apart in the text – far apart in time of writing.
 - Genesis (like the first five books of the Old Testament was written by Moses, app. 1500 B.C.)
 - Revelation was written by John app. 95 A.D.
- The Book of Genesis lays the foundation for all that follows:
 - It is the reference point for history.
 - A historical account of the beginning of time, the physical universe, man, God's dealings with man.
 - From it all subsequent history proceeds.
 - All that follows in the Bible goes back to what we learn here.
- The last part of the Book of Revelation shows the consummation of God's great plan. The 64 books in between describe the progress and process of that plan.
- Lesson: a look at the relationship between the first and last books of the Bible.
 - We see the unity of the God's word – how it fits together as a unified whole.
 - We see the importance of studying the whole Bible.
 - We see the singular theme that pervades the Word of God.
 - We see how we have a part in God's glorious plan.

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•Genesis marks the beginning of time.

–the history of mankind, and of the Eternal God's dealings with man. (Gen. 1:1)

- Revelation reveals the end of time,
 - the history of mankind (Rev. 20:12-15)
 - shows man's eternal destiny. (Rev. 21:6; 22:13)

•Genesis records the creation of the physical universe...

–the heaven and the earth by God in 6 days. (Gen. 1:1ff)
–Light (1:3)
–Darkness (1:4,5)
–The seas (1:10)
–The sun (1:16)
–The moon (1:16)
–The stars (1:16)

- Revelation reveals the end of this created physical universe...
 - the first earth and heaven were passes away (Rev. 21:1)
 - Light (Rev. 22:5);
 - Darkness (Rev. 22:5)
 - the sea (Rev. 21:1)
 - the sun (Rev. 21:23);
 - the moon (Rev. 21:23);
 - the stars (Rev. 22:16)

•Genesis places Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. (Gen. 2:8)

–To have dominion (Gen. 1:28)
–To work (Gen. 2:15)
–River out of Eden (Gen. 2:10)
–Precious stones (Gen. 2:11-12)
–Marriage instituted (Gen. 2:18-24)

- Revelation describes heaven the reward of the faithful.

- Marriage of the Lamb (Rev. 21:2,9)
- Precious stones – (Rev. 21:20-21)
- River from throne of God (22:1)
- To serve God (Rev. 22:3)
- Eternal reign with God – (Rev. 21:5)

• **Genesis shows the importance of keeping the commandments of God.**

- 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
- 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Gen. 2:16-17)

• Revelation reveals the importance of keeping the commandments of God.

–14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. (Rev. 22:14)

• **Genesis reveals the beginning of Satan's evil work and apparent victory. (Gen. 3:1-9)**

- Adam and Eve sin and are driven out of the garden (Gen. 3:23-24)
- Note the words addressed to the devil in Gen. 3:15.

• In Revelation we see the victory of the Lamb (Rev. 17:14) over the Satan. (Rev. 20:10)

- Satan tries to slay the seed of woman – (Rev. 12:1-10)
- The devil is cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10)
- With him there will be those who are lost eternally – (Rev. 21:8,27 22:15)

• **In Genesis, we see the beginning of the tragic consequences of sin:**

- Separation from God (Gen. 3:8)
- A curse pronounced (Gen. 3:17)
- Death. (Gen. 2:17)

• In Revelation, we see a stark contrast to these consequences:

- The presence of God. (Rev. 21:3)
- No more curse. (Rev. 22:3)
- No more death, physical or spiritual. (Rev. 21:4; 22:5)

• **In Genesis, we see Adam and Eve separated from the tree of life. (Gen. 3:22-24)**

• In Revelation, we see the tree of life in heaven. (Rev. 22:2,14)