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.

From Genesis To Revelation – God’s Plan of Redemption

• **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)