





*"In the Beginning..."* These are the opening words of the Holy Bible and rightly so, for the Bible is the perfect progressive revelation of **ALMIGHTY GOD**:

WHO **HE** IS

WHAT **HE** HAS DONE

WHAT **HE** IS DOING

WHAT **HE** IS GOING TO DO!

The closing words of the Holy Bible are: *"The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you all. Amen!"* And rightly so because the Bible is all about **HIM**. It is not about you. It is not about me. It is all about **HIM**. It is only about us as we relate to **HIM**! The Bible is not a self-help book. It is the supernatural revelation of hope! As this revelation unfolds we are introduced to the crowning glory of this awesome creation of **ALMIGHTY GOD** (**ELOHIM** in Hebrew). Throughout the Bible the names of **GOD** are significant. This first name (**ELOHIM**) is a singular noun with plural emphasis. It states the majesty of **HIS** Person. **HE** is almighty. **HE** is the creator of all things. Mankind being uniquely created in the image and likeness of **US**. (Gen. 1:26-27) **ELOHIM, THE ALMIGHTY!**

Unfortunately, soon after man's introduction into this magnificent creation, he brings by open rebellion a curse of death upon himself and a curse of chaos on all of creation. This is how the Bible begins. Thus the Book of Genesis (Beginnings) opens up, reveals who **GOD** is and what **HE** has done. As previously mentioned, the names of **GOD** in the Bible are significant. In (Gen. 2:4) we are introduced to **The LORD GOD (JEHOVAH or YAHWEH)** and it is in this name of **GOD (THE LORD) (JEHOVAH-YAHWEH) (I AM THE SELF-EXISTING ONE)** that we begin to understand **HIS** relationship to **HIS** creation. It is through **THE LORD (JEHOVAH/I AM)** that the means of restoring all that was lost to man (life) is made possible and freely provided by the **LORD HIMSELF** (through the sacrifice of blood) life. This life-line (relationship with the **LORD**) is the prevailing theme of the Bible from beginning (Genesis) to the end (Revelation).

## **It is the book of life!**

All of the Old Testament can be characterized by the one word: **PREPARATION**. From Genesis through Malachi (39 books in total) we have the calling out of a people from among the peoples of the earth. A people uniquely restored to a relationship with **THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY GOD** by faith! The Old Testament is the history of mankind leading up to the most significant event in this plan of life!

## PREPARATION

### THE (39) BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

#### THE LAW

Genesis–Deuteronomy and the Books of Joshua–Esther (Often referred to as The Historical Books)

Reveal **ELOHIM (ALMIGHTY GOD) JEHOVAH (THE LORD)** and the calling out of a people peculiar to **HIMSELF**. A people of **promise**, purified by the trials of faith. They are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

#### HEBREW POETRY

The Books of Job–Song of Solomon

They beautifully display the pageantry of a personal relationship with a loving **GOD** through all of life's sufferings. A relationship of thanksgiving and complete satisfaction!

#### THE PROPHETS

The Books of Isaiah–Malachi

They dramatically set forth preaching pertaining to **GOD's** chosen people, Israel, and **HIS** kingdom. They emphasize the rule of righteousness and justice.

Thus we have in the O.T. the unfolding progressive revelation of **ELOHIM (ALMIGHTY GOD) JEHOVAH (THE LORD)**. this **GOD** has revealed **HIMSELF** within **HIS** creation as the **All Powerful, Provider, Protector, Promise Keeper and Personal Redeemer**. It is a revelation that is not only progressive but piecemeal, partial and preparatory. Like the Old Testament, when we arrive at the New Testament, it too can be characterized by one word — **PRESENT**.

From Matthew through Revelation (27 books in total) we bring to a climax this perfect, progressive, personal revelation of **ALMIGHTY GOD - JEHOVAH**. Thus (66) books, Genesis through Revelation, are one complete perfect revelation of the one true and living **GOD**.

## PRESENT

### THE (27) BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:

#### GOSPELS

Matthew thru John (Also called The Good News)

The predicted promised one of the Old Testament the **MESSIAH-CHRIST** (anointed) of the Old Testament is **present**. Each gospel writer, from his unique perspective, sets forth the earthly life and ministry of **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**. Who **HE** is and what **HE** did.



Matthew – **JESUS** is the Sovereign of the Jews

Mark – **JESUS** is the Servant of God

Luke – **JESUS** is the Son of Man

John – **JESUS** is the Son of God

### ACTS

From the day of Pentecost, we are introduced to the presence and power of the glorified **LORD JESUS CHRIST** by **HIS** indwelling Holy Spirit in **HIS** spiritual body, the church. These early days of the church (the Apostolic Age) are characterized by miraculous signs unique to this time period in the progressive revelation of redemption.

### EPISTLES

Romans thru Jude (or Letters)

The particular details of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST. HIS** Person and Performance and all that is Provided (in **HIM**) forgiveness of sins, right standing before **GOD**, sonship and eternal life. We also have revealed a mystery concealed in the Old Testament that is that the Jew and the Gentile are now one, **HIS** spiritual body, the church, a new creation.

### REVELATION

Is the unveiling - the climax of the master plan of redemption! All that has been previously revealed is brought forth to perfection in the Person and Performance of our **LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS, THE CHRIST.**

Thus we have **THE LOGOS, THE WORD**, the perfect defining expression of **ALMIGHTY GOD** who came in flesh. After **HIS** death on the cross, three days later **HE** came forth from the grave alive. On that day of **HIS** resurrection **HE** came along side the disheartened, discouraged disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were privileged to hear the greatest sermon ever shared. Although the details are not recorded in the Scriptures, we do have the divine declaration of what - or better **WHO** - the Scriptures, the Bible, is all about (Luke 24:25-27). **HE** said to them, "How foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not **THE CHRIST** have to suffer these things and then enter into **HIS** glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets **HE** explained to them what was said in **ALL** the Scriptures (the Word - the Bible) concerning **HIMSELF** !

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