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Matthew 1:1, *“The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”*

Revelation 22:21, *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.”*

The above two verses are the first and last verses of the New Testament. The one thing common to both is that they both mention Jesus. Without a doubt we can see from studying the New Testament that Jesus is the central theme. From His birth to His death, and then His resurrection Jesus is the very core of the New Testament.

Even though Jesus is not named, we can see that the Old Testament itself has the theme of Jesus and His coming. The very first hint of Jesus in the Bible is Genesis 3:15. *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*

In the garden of Eden, Satan had tempted and caused the fall of mankind into sin bringing death into the world. Though Jesus is not called by name in Genesis 3 it's referring to the defeat of Satan to

come. That is done by Jesus and His resurrection from death.

Throughout the Old Testament there are numerous references to Jesus. The writings of Moses, the prophets, and the Psalms have many references to Jesus. Jesus Himself referred to these. Luke 24:44, *“And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me.”*

There are so many references to Jesus, but one that stands out is Isaiah 53. That chapter talks about Jesus and His crucifixion to come. That chapter is the one the Ethiopian eunuch was reading as he was riding in the chariot. Acts 8:32, *“The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth.”* We know this is from Isaiah 53.

The eunuch asked Philip who the writer was talking about. Was it of himself or someone else? In Acts 8:35 we are told, *“Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.”* Philip was able to use these writings from Isaiah about Jesus and then easily transition into New Testament times.

It's obvious that Philip told the eunuch about Jesus and also told him about baptism. The eunuch asked in Acts 8:36, *“And as they went on [their] way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?”*

There is no doubt that Jesus is the core of the entire Bible. Though it's more hidden in the Old Testament, He is manifest plainly in the writings of the New Testament. When we preach, we do indeed

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry,** and **Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin).

—The on-line ladies Bible class has finished for the summer and will resume in late September.

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preach Jesus as Paul wrote in I Corinthians 1:23, “*But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness.*” Jesus is found throughout the Bible. You cannot preach without preaching Christ and Him crucified. To do so would leave out the very core of the Bible and the very reason we can be saved.

It’s interesting that in Revelation Jesus said, “*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*” Jesus is prophesied hundreds of times in the Old Testament and is literally mentioned in the first and last verses of the New Testament.

More than this Jesus is the first and the last. There is no one before nor after Him. He has existed eternally. John 8:58, “*Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.*” This is a very interesting way the wording is constructed. The Jews commented that Jesus was not even 50 years old, and had He seen Abraham. The common wording would be “Before Abraham was, I was.” The word “was” is past tense. Jesus didn’t use that. He said, “Before Abraham was, I am.” That is present tense. It goes back forever. When was “before Abraham?” It’s eternal, and Jesus said regarding this eternal reference, “I am.”

Jesus has not only existed forever, but He will forever exist. Jesus said in Revelation 1:18, “*I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen.*”

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Sunday, April 28, 2019		
Classes	12	Hebrews 13:8-25
Preaching	13	Acts 8:1-25
Contribution	\$546.00	
Evening	14	Matthew 13:31-58
Wednesday, May 1, 2019		
Classes	15	II Chronicles 12:1-15

Bible Quiz

What did Shishak carry away that Solomon had made?

Last Week’s Answer— throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city (II Chronicles 11:23)

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Jesus is called the Word in John 1, and He along with the Word of God exists forever. Revelation 14:6, “*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*” Follow Jesus and obey His word that you too might have eternal life —Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)