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Genesis to Deuteronomy: God's Mission Begins

Hugh Gannon

As a young freshman in university, I went through a period of agnosticism that turned my whole world into despair. But through the providence of God, I was introduced to the prophecies regarding the Messiah. In a short time I decided to fulfill my deceased grandfather's dream of my becoming a preacher. I have not looked back since that time, and the truthfulness of the gospel is clearer to me today than it ever was.

The salvation of mankind was in the mind of God from the beginning. Even in the first few books of the Old Testament, God was laying the groundwork for the coming of the Christ. The Law of Moses from Genesis to Deuteronomy vividly presents the problem that humankind faces: sin. In Genesis the beginning of sin is revealed in the fall of man. The serpent lies to Adam and Eve, and they begin to trust in the created serpent's word rather than trusting in the Creator's word. The theme continues in Exodus when the Hebrew children find themselves in Egyptian slavery and faced with whether Pharaoh was god or Yahweh was God. And in Leviticus the various offerings for sin are presented in detail for the priests to make on behalf of those who have failed to trust in God: the essence of sin. Numbers continues this theme as the murmurings of God's people continue. These murmurings are especially evident in chapters 11-17. Moses makes it plain: such murmuring is against God and not against man. It is a failure to trust God: sin.

Moses outlined the book of Deuteronomy in the form of a Suzerainty Treaty. (See the NIV Study Bible on page 19 and pages 243-244 for further information on such ancient treaties.) The ancients were familiar with such a treaty where an inferior king swore his exclusive allegiance to and accepted the protection of a superior power or king. Such a treaty culminated in a ritual of blessings and curses for obeying or disobeying the

suzerain (See Deuteronomy chapters 27-30). The point of Deuteronomy is evident: obey God as your exclusive Suzerain/King. Obedience will result in blessing; disobedience will result in cursing. As with Genesis through Numbers, Deuteronomy continues to stress that sin is *the failure to trust Yahweh exclusively*.

But if sin is the problem that humankind faces, what is the solution? Is the solution to stop sinning and start trusting God? Yes and no. Yes it is right to stop trusting in the human wisdom and trust in God's word alone. But this is hardly possible. Sin started with Adam and Eve, and humanity has not improved since. We need help. We need a Saviour. As we scan Genesis through Deuteronomy again, *three pictures of this Saviour are presented by Moses: the Seed, the Sacrifice, and the Suzerain. All three pictures are the solution of man's problem with sin.*

Genesis pictures the Saviour as a promised Seed that is to come. In Genesis 3, the first sin occurs, and man is expelled from the garden. In Genesis 3:15, however, the solution to sin is given when God promises that the Seed of woman shall bruise/crush Satan's head while Satan shall merely bruise His heel. This seed-promise talk continues in the promise to Abraham of a Seed/Son that will be born through whom all the nations will be blessed (Genesis 12:1f; 15:1f). But when Isaac is born, the seed-promise seems to be in danger. In Genesis 22, the phrase "only son" is repeated three times. God wants Abraham's "only son" (Isaac) to be sacrificed. God points us

forward in time to His "only begotten Son" (John 3:16) Who will be the offspring of Isaac. The seed-promise then passes to Isaac (Genesis 26:7) then continues through Isaac's son: Jacob/Israel (Genesis 46:3). Then it continues through Israel's seed: the tribe of Judah. Through Judah, Shiloh (Man of Peace) will come (Genesis 49:8-10). If this promised Seed is not fulfilled in Jesus, then one has an impossible time imagining who could fulfill it.

In Exodus through Numbers, a second picture of the sin-solution is given: the Saviour is portrayed as *a Sacrifice*. Exodus 12 institutes the primary yearly feast of the Jews: Passover. Passover commemorates the deliverance of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. A perfect lamb was to be slaughtered, and the blood placed on the doorposts and lintel of each of the Hebrew's doors. The Death Angel would pass over those houses when He saw the blood of the lamb; their first-born sons would be spared. For 1400 years the Hebrews kept this ritual. It was hardly coincidental that during the Passover Feast the Lamb of God was crucified. Because of this picture, many of the Jews accepted Jesus.

This sacrificial picture of the Messiah continues in Leviticus 16: The Day of Atonement. Every year two goats were chosen. One would be sacrificed, and the other would be sent away alive as a scapegoat. The dying goat represents the price paid for our sins while the living goat represents the removal of our sins and guilt. As the NIV Study Notes state (16:5), "No single offering could fully typify the atonement of Christ." Thus yearly the Jews gathered to perform this ritual to atone for their sins. Surely it began to dawn on them that this sacrifice, as well as all the sacrifices in Leviticus, pointed to a Greater Sacrifice that was to come.

Admittedly, in Exodus and Leviticus the sacrificial picture of the Saviour is generic. But in Numbers 21:6-9, this

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Genesis: The Beginning of the Story

Jim Holston

Genesis is the beginning of the Biblical story that starts with the creation of the heavens and the earth and ends with the vision of a new heaven and earth. Genesis introduces the main characters and main themes of the Biblical drama.

We need Genesis. It sets the stage and provides the fundamental principles for understanding the spiritual history of the universe and our place in it as the people of God. Genesis tells us how the world began, what went wrong, and how God set about making things right again. Genesis gives us the basic themes that define our world and ourselves: God, creation, human beings made in the image of God, male and female, marriage, sin, hope and covenant.

How the World Began (Genesis 1-2)

Genesis 1 provides the broad sweep of creation and Genesis 2 the narrow focus on humans and their place in the created order. It all begins with God, the all-powerful creator, wise, winsome, caring. God effortlessly speaks the worlds into existence. He is the main character, the chief actor of the entire Biblical narrative.

Genesis 1 is majestic, stylized, almost poetic in its language. On the first three days God forms the light, water, skies, dry land and vegetation. On the next three days He fills what he has formed with sun, moon, stars, birds, fish, land animals and humans. There are parallels and symmetry between what is formed and what fills it.

Human beings stand as the pinnacle of creation (1:26-27). They alone are said to be made in the image of God, a fact profound in its implications about the nature and significance of humans. Human beings as God's image-bearers are His under-rulers, stewards of creation. They are precious. They stand in contrast to humans in pagan mythology who were created in order to provide food through their sacrifices to the gods.

On the seventh day God rests, He ceases from His work, setting a pat-

tern for humans to work six days and rest on one.

Throughout Genesis 1 we are told that as God went about His creative work, He saw that what He made was "good." When He finished creation he saw that it all was "very good."

Genesis 2 focuses on the creation of man and woman. Man was created first and immediately put to work tending the Garden of Eden. Work is seen as a blessing, not a curse. The repeated refrain that what God had created was good is now broken. God sees that it is "not good" for the man to be alone (2:18). God sets about to rectify the situation. He brings the animals to the man to see what he will name them (2:19). Man gives names to all the animals, but none is found who is a suitable helper for the man—his equal (2:20). So God takes a rib from the man and fashions the first woman

to be the man's complement. As Susan Foh says, animals are the helpers inferior to man; God is the helper superior to man; woman is the helper equal to man (cf. 2:18-20; Ex. 18:4; Ps. 10:14; Ps. 118:7). Man was created first and given charge of the garden before the creation of woman. Man's priority in creation indicates his spiritual leadership but not his superiority.

How the World Went Wrong (Genesis 3-4)

When Satan, in the guise of a serpent, tempts the humans, he comes to the woman first. Satan tempts Eve, and Adam, the spiritual leader, does nothing.

Satan offers the universal and greatest temptation of all—to be one's own god. Eve falls; Adam falls; creation falls. God confronts the couple, coming first

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Looking Forward to the Gospel (Good News)!

Guest editor: Paul Birston

Why would a paper promoting New Testament Christianity publish a theme edition about five Old Testament books? Especially when the world's criticisms of them centre on controversies such as creation and evolution, the age of the universe, literal vs. figurative interpretation, gender and moral codes and rituals some see as inapplicable in this modern age. On top of this, there are hard names of people and places, long genealogies and the whole issue of law/gospel and grace. After all, doesn't Hebrews 8:13 teach that, "When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete"? Wouldn't it be easier to say the Christian New Testament supercedes the Jewish Old and we've moved on beyond it's relevance and application today?

Jesus and the authors of the New Testament didn't think so. They thought these books were very relevant and foundational. They form the first of three sections of what they repeatedly refer to as the "Scriptures" which speak of Jesus (Luke 24:44), establish the covenant of righteousness by faith (Genesis 12, 15, 22; Romans and Galatians) and equip Christians for service (2 Timothy 3:16-17). New Testament authors quote approximately 127 verses from them in about 138 New Testament passages (we've included a list of them for your learning and edification). In addition, they make over 700 allusions and verbal parallels to these books, plus hundreds more quotations and references from the other Old Testament books.

A closer look at how Jesus and New Testament authors quote Genesis to Deuteronomy is enlightening. They establish God's sovereignty and begin His history of salvation. They show our need, the foundations of faith and how God works to bring us back to Himself. Many of His early promises, principles and commands are continuously prescriptive and corrective through both testaments, such as the honour of marriage, father and mother. They show the spiritual nature of life and the character of the living God: He is compassionate, gracious and just (Exodus 34:6-7). God, His Son and Spirit are ever-present (Genesis 1:2, 26; 1 Corinthians 10:4). Adam, Moses, Hagar and Sarah are important types in New Testament teachings. Paul emphasizes that the covenant of righteousness by faith through Abraham came before the Law.

Rather than ignore or dismiss these books, we follow the lead of Jesus and His New Testament authors in discerning their relevance. In this edition our goal

is not to review all issues arising but to see the big picture again, to see the forest that is often overlooked for the trees. While we call these books "Law," they contain much more: narrative, personal examples, human interest and intrigue, poetry and prophecy of things to come for Israel and the church (e.g., kings, the exile and Jesus, the prophet like Moses and priest like Melchizedek). The Hebrew word "Torah" carries with it the sense of "teaching" and "instruction." "Pentateuch" comes from two words meaning "five" and "tool," "vessel" or "book." Indeed they are five important tools to continually teach us and enlarge our understanding of God and His providential care.

These five books show how purposefully and steadily God moves forward to pave the way for Jesus and the saving gospel of His death and resurrection. The action moves geographically, from Eden to Egypt (Genesis), to Sinai (Exodus), at Sinai (Leviticus 27:34), through the wilderness (Numbers), to across the Jordan from the Promised Land (Deuteronomy). In "Genesis to Deuteronomy: God's Mission Begins," Hugh Gannon shows us how God answers the problem of sin through three pictures of the Saviour: Seed, Sacrifice and Suzerain. In "Genesis: The Beginning of the Story," Jim Holston, shows how God fulfils our need to understand our origins, how the world went wrong and how He sets out to make things right. In "Exodus and Leviticus," Richard Kruse follows God's exciting work of redemption through Moses and the Passover, showing their parallels in Jesus' life, and how holiness and harmony define our relationships with God. In "Numbers and Deuteronomy," Wayne Turner underscores God's gift of love and identity to His people and His patient pursuit of His "mission to save the world."

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Exodus and Leviticus

Richard Kruse

Exodus is more than exciting Sunday School stories about the Israelites; Leviticus is more than a boring list of meaningless rituals; both books are significant for believers in understanding the life and message of Jesus the Messiah.

Consider this....

The people of Israel consisted of the twelve families through Jacob (Israel,) who had become slaves in Egypt. These descendants survived because of the astounding promise God gave to Abraham. The nation of Israel began its existence after the amazing deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery by the power of God. The awesome story of deliverance begins with the birth of a baby, not a decisive battle. (God uses small and simple things to challenge the great and wise.) The Israelites did not deserve deliverance; God's deliverance was based on His love for them and His promise to their ancestors made centuries earlier. God prepared Moses to be His instrument for deliverance (chapters 1-11). By God's powerful act, the Israelites experienced the Lord's deliverance (Chapters 14-18). In the Passover God reminds them of their redemption. Through this special annual festival, they would celebrate and commemorate their deliverance from slavery (chapters 12-13). The last two divisions of Exodus are: Giving the Law (19-34) and Constructing the Tabernacle (35-40).

Moses and Jesus

The story of Jesus the Messiah, is a fabric woven with Old Testament threads. It, too, begins with a birth of a baby and continues with many events with ties to the

book of Exodus. At the time of Moses' birth boys, faced a death threat by Pharaoh. Moses' life was spared through the efforts of midwives who feared God. He was rescued by Pharaoh's daughter, "*educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians*" (Acts 7:22) and trained in the traditions of the Hebrews by his mother. After becoming a man, Moses spent forty years away from Egypt before beginning the process of rescuing his people. God gave Aaron to Moses to assist him in his challenging task. Pharaoh's sinful heart rejected Moses and his message which led to the ten plagues. The night before their rescue from Egypt they ate the Passover meal consisting of a lamb—without breaking its bones. The blood from a slain lamb was called the blood of the covenant.

It is interesting to reflect on how the Gospel writers wove events from the life of Moses into their stories of

Jesus the Messiah. We will notice only a few of these. In the fullness of time, the Messiah was born because Mary and Joseph feared God (Matthew 1:19-21). Royalty was involved with his birth (Matthew 2:1-3). He was circumcised and presented to the Lord in the temple fulfilling the Law of the Lord (Luke 2:21-24). His life was spared when He escaped into Egypt (Matthew 2:3). He grew in wisdom and knowledge (Luke 2:52). After passing through the water of baptism, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness for 40 days before beginning his ministry (Matthew 4:2). Jesus called twelve apostles (perhaps representing the twelve tribes of Israel) to assist Him deliver His message. During Jesus' Last Supper with His apostles, He called his blood the blood of the covenant (Matthew 26:28). The evil hearts of the religious leaders caused them to reject Jesus (Matthew 27:18).

John called Jesus "*the lamb of God*" and recorded that, even though the legs of the two thieves were broken, none of Jesus' bones were broken (John 19:36).

On Mount Sinai Moses gave the Ten Commandments and other laws, which were to guide the people as they sojourned into the land of promise. Matthew wrote of Jesus delivering the Sermon on the Mount in chapters five through seven. These "laws" reflect a change from the way in which the people were to understand the Law of Moses. When the Sadducees challenged Jesus on the resurrection, he replied: "*You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures (the Old Testament) or the power of God*" (Matthew 22:23-29).

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Numbers and Deuteronomy

Wayne Turner

For the casual Bible reader, the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy may seem to be among the most obscure and insurmountable books in the Bible. Though Numbers has some history, a large portion of the book details the numbering of the fighting men of Israel and various regulations and arrangements for Israel. Similarly, though Deuteronomy begins with covenant history, the largest part is given to the terms of the covenant. A thorough reading of these books requires conscious and determined effort. Is it possible that something is being missed, something much more relevant to us today—that there is more in these books than meets the eye?

The first five books of the Old Testament (the Pentateuch) are the foundation for understanding the rest of the Bible. Historically, they range from the creation of the universe to the call of Abraham and the founding of the nation of Israel and the establishment of that nation in Palestine. More than that, they identify the uniqueness of Israel as a nation

rooted in its covenant relationship with God and the spiritual, religious and moral principles that are part of that relationship. However, God was concerned with something even greater than this nation.

New Testament writers, like Paul and Peter, tell us that before time began, before God created the world, he knew that humankind would sin. He planned to send Jesus as the sacrifice for sins. Paul speaks of this as God's eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:11), the grace that was "given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time" (2 Timothy 1:9) and the eternal life "promised before the beginning of time" (Titus 1:2). Many of His early promises, principles and commands are continuously prescriptive and corrective through both testaments, such as: the great commandments to love God (Deuteronomy 6:5) and your neighbour (Leviticus 19:18); the honour of father, mother and marriage; humility and holiness.

Though the books of the Pentateuch are foundational for the Jewish faith, from the larger Biblical perspective, they represent a means to an end, not the end itself. They are part of the larger purpose of God. The history of the creation of Israel is part of the greater "salvation history" that culminates in the Gospel and the Church.

Numbers

The book of Numbers provides a very unflattering picture of the people of Israel in their journey from Egypt to Canaan. They grumbled and murmured. They complained about eating manna and not having meat, water or bread. They quarrelled, rebelled and even threatened to stone Moses. Sometimes, it was necessary for God to discipline them, yet, for the forty years described in Numbers, He put up with them, and even watched over and protected them. Ultimately, He led them into the land He had promised to Abraham centuries before. We can only marvel at God's incredible patience despite their unbelief and disobedience. Such patience confirms

the presence of an overarching purpose and plan.

An important message comes out of Numbers 21: no matter how terrible man's sin, God's grace will provide a way. The Israelites became frustrated and spoke faithlessly against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert?" (21:5). To bring them to repentance, God sent poisonous snakes into the camp. At God's command, Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole so that whenever a person was bitten, they could look at the snake and live. Later, Jesus connected this to the cross, "as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14).

Numbers underscores for us the hope and security that comes with being the people of God. When Israel tested God (1 Corinthians 10:9, 10), he gave them strong but loving discipline. His purpose was to save, not destroy. This is typified in the blessing He told Moses to teach the priests: "'The Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:22-27).

Deuteronomy

The book of Deuteronomy opens with Israel poised on the east side of the Jordan. In his final act as the leader of Israel, Moses reminded the people of their covenant with God. He began by rehearsing the events of the preceding forty years. The purpose of this covenant history was to emphasize the very unique relationship they had with God. "Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created man on the earth...Has anything so great as this ever happened...Has any other people heard the voice of God...Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by miraculous signs and

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wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds?" (4:32-34). Then, Moses renewed the covenant, setting before them its "stipulations, decrees and laws."

One of the most important aspects of this covenant was the identity God gave them when he chose Israel. "You are a people holy to the Lord" (7:6). This choice was the result of His love and grace (7:7,8). "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love..." (7:9). In response, Israel was to remember with whom they had made this covenant and whole-heartedly respond to Him. "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength" (6:4,5). Some people have the mistaken impression that in the Law, God was only concerned with external behaviour. Deuteronomy shows that God wants a response from the heart. In Deuteronomy, there is an important emphasis placed on the

love given by God and returned by His people. This is what it means to be the covenant people of God.

The covenant renewal in Deuteronomy serves, not only as a reminder to Israel of their identity and relationship with God, but also the security He gives them as the people of His covenant—those who live under His promise and oath—the people of His name. "The Lord will establish you as a holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. Then all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord..." (28:9,10). Through their covenant faithfulness, they will make God known to the nations (4:6-8).

Though not immediately visible in Numbers and Deuteronomy, we can see God's purpose in His covenant with Israel. As His people, Israel makes God known to the world. Through their covenant faithfulness, they are the means by which God blesses all nations. These books set the scene for

Israel's history, of all that God will do to keep and to encourage His people to keep their covenant. They show an active, loving God on a mission to save the world.

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New Testament Quotations of Genesis to Deuteronomy

Jesus and the New Testament writers quote approximately 127 verses from Genesis to Deuteronomy in about 138 New Testament passages as follows. We hope you find this list

helpful as a reference to locate these quotes and see how important they are in their Old and New Testament contexts. Quotations noted LXX indicate verses the writers quote from

the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament. In addition to these, the New Testament writers make over 700 allusions and verbal parallels to Genesis to Deuteronomy.

Genesis	
1:27	Matthew 19:4
	Mark 10:6
2:2	Hebrews 4:4
2:7	1 Corinthians 15:45
2:24	Matthew 19:5
	Mark 10:7-8
	1 Corinthians 6:16
	Ephesians 5:31
5:2	Matthew 19:4
	Mark 10:6
5:24 LXX	Hebrews 11:5
12:1	Acts 7:3
12:3	Galatians 3:8
12:7	Galatians 3:16
14:17-20	Hebrews 7:1-2

15:5	Romans 5:18
15:6	Romans 4:3, 9, 22
	Galatians 3:6
	James 2:23
15:13-14	Acts 7:6-7
17:5	Romans 4:17, 18
17:8	Acts 7:5
18:10	Romans 9:9
18:14	Romans 9:9
18:18	Galatians 3:8
21:10	Galatians 4:30
21:12	Romans 9:7
	Hebrews 11:18
22:16-17	Hebrews 6:13-14
21:18	Acts 3:25
25:23	Romans 9:12
26:4	Acts 3:25
47:31 LXX	Hebrews 11:21
48:4	Acts 7:5
Exodus	
1:8	Acts 7:18
2:14	Acts 7:27-28
	Acts 7:35
3:2	Acts 7:30
3:5-10	Acts 7:33-34
3:6	Matthew 22:32
	Mark 12:26
	Luke 20:37
	Acts 3:13
	Acts 7:32
3:12	Acts 7:7
3:15	Matthew 22:32
	Mark 12:26
	Acts 3:13
9:16 LXX	Romans 9:17
12:46	John 19:36
13:2	Luke 2:23

13:12	Luke 2:23
13:15	Luke 2:32
16:18	2 Corinthians 8:15
19:6 LXX	1 Peter 2:9
19:12-13	Hebrews 12:20
20:12	Matthew 15:4
	Mark 7:10
	Ephesians 6:2-3
20:12-16	Matthew 19:18-19
	Mark 10:19
	Luke 18:20
20:13	Matthew 5:21
	James 2:11
20:13-15	Romans 13:9
20:17	Romans 13:9
20:14	Matthew 5:27
	James 2:11
20:17	Romans 7:7
21:17	Matthew 15:4
	Mark 7:10
21:24	Matthew 5:28
22:28	Acts 23:5
24:8	Hebrews 8:5
32:1	Acts 7:40
32:6	1 Corinthians 10:7
32:23	Acts 7:40
33:19	Romans 9:15
Leviticus	
12:8	Luke 2:24
18:5	Romans 10:5
	Galatians 3:12
19:2	1 Peter 1:16
19:12	Matthew 5:33
19:18	Matthew 5:43
	Matthew 19:19
	Matthew 22:39
	Mark 12:31

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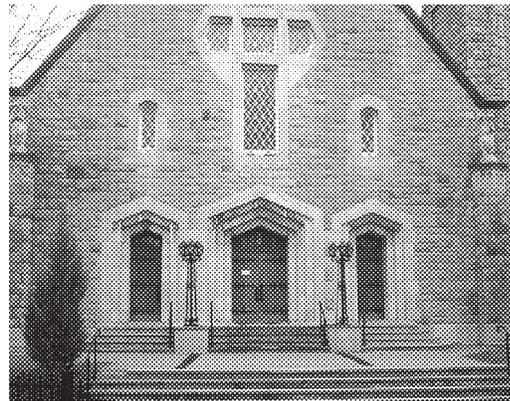
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NEW BRUNSWICK

Saint John: The congregation planned its second mail drop to 1,244 residents in three new mailing routes. The first drop was to 1,366 residents and produced many calls and a few visitors. A mission report was sent to Ralph Perry for the Fenwick Mission weekend, summarizing the work in Saint John since June 2009. Work is going well at the Westside food bank. The church has begun giving food items each week to give to the food bank. Their Sunday Bible classes will go through all the books of the Bible, beginning with the book of Genesis. Future support cheques should be sent c/o Mr. Fred Nelson, 5 Devonayer Court, Rothesay NB E2E 6E2.

ONTARIO

Beamsville: A small group leaders' meeting was held Saturday, May 1. Don Smith officiated at a wedding in Costa Rica recently and also presented a lecture at Pepperdine University on May 5.

Bramalea: Sam and Leonora Genobaga returned from their 2-month mission trip to the Philippines, where six individuals were baptized. The Genobagas built an office and apartment in the third floor of their Christian Center where the preacher they support is now living. Church worship is held on the main floor each week. The Bramalea congregation's Key to the Kingdom special contribution on May 2 was \$1,770. Kevin Hunter, the congregation's pulpit minister, received his Bachelor of Religious

Education Degree from Great Lakes Bible College on May 8.

Brantford: The congregation is purchasing gifts for the native children for the month of June. These will be shipped in time to arrive for the birthday celebration. Recent Sunday a.m. speakers have included Curtis Thompson, Jamie Azzoparde, Will Maddeaux, Guy Stoppard, Wayne Whitfield, Rob Moore and Greg Toohey.

Cambridge: In answer to many prayers, Victor, who comes to the congregation's adult drop-in, was baptized about a month ago. He now has weekly Bible studies with some of the members. Greg Whitfield states: "I thought we had taken the planning route, but in retrospect, we jumped in the deep end. While I would advise that a church plant moves forward with a plan, God works even when we fail to plan - or when we find our efforts have not gone according to that plan." The congregation feels that it has seen God's work in the Cambridge church and is excited to have the chance to be part of that work.

Fennell Avenue: Talis Barbalbo, who attended McMaster for one year and was baptized through the Let's Start Talking programme three years ago, left May 3 to return to Brazil.

Mississauga: Paul Silas, son of Sabastin

and Sylvia Daniel, was baptized by his grandfather, Peter Solomon, in Chennai, India, during Spring break.

Ottawa (Chomley Crescent): The Ladies' Renewal Day was awesome with 60 ladies attending from Montreal, Cornwall, Kingston, Southern Ontario and Ottawa. Three speakers were from Ottawa and one was from Montreal. Four young people planned to attend the youth weekend in Barrie, Ontario.

Sarnia: Marie Hibbard was to be honoured on June 5 at her 90th birthday party.

Selkirk: The congregation hosted a Hymn Sing on Sunday, May 16, at the church building for area churches.

Stoney Creek: "Sonshine," Western Christian College's singing group, performed here on April 22.

Tintern: Devin Walker was baptized into Christ by his dad, Noel, on Tuesday, April 20, and Alicia Downton was baptized by Dylan Pyeatt on Tuesday, May 4, at the Beamsville church. On Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day) the teens (T.R.U.T.H.) led the morning worship. Dr. Mark Love was in the area on the weekend of May 15 and 16 speaking on "Sailing the Holy Ghost: A Continuing Conversation on the Missional Church." Bible Day Camp will take place July 5 through July 9 with

the help of Ryan Rampton and the youth group from Pleasant Valley Church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dylan Pyeatt and the teens plan to assist the Newmarket church of Christ from July 11 through 17 with its VBS summer programme. Plans are also continuing for a mission trip to the Thessalon church of Christ from August 7-14.

Toronto (Strathmore Blvd): Edmund Nortey, a member here, welcomed his wife, Millicent and daughter, Edna, to Canada from Ghana. He has been here for two years, making arrangements for their immigrating. The congregation also welcomed Dominic Beqiekeh, his wife, Ndembo Loveline and their son Davis to Canada. Santiago recently spent three weeks working with congregations in El Salvador and teaching on worship and church structure. Jean Volcy and family and Howie Taylor were in Haiti April 27 through May 11 distributing food, water and other humanitarian items as well as conducting a campaign. A full

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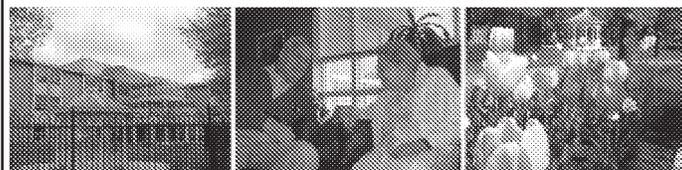
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ALBERTA

Camrose: (submitted by Dave Friesen) April has been an interesting month. We continue to reach out into the community and continually have guests visit us Sunday mornings. Dianne and I visited our supporting congregation, the Waterview church of Christ in Richardson, Texas, for one week in April. We had a refreshing time of fellowship with them. I also spoke at the Men's Day hosted by Davenport church of Christ in Red Deer, Alberta. It was an enriching time with 42 men from Red Deer and surrounding congregations. I also was invited to preach at the North Side congregation in Edmonton. Kayla Dame from Sherwood Park and Gloria Oullette, both members of the church have expressed their desire to worship with the Camrose congregation. We are excited about the growth God has given us and pray for many more souls to come in the future.

Edmonton North: The men preaching Sunday mornings in April were Evertt Huffard, Kevin Carson, Randy Fiske and Dave Friesen.

Edmonton South: (submitted by Tim Johnson) We are happy to report the baptisms of David Rehman and Mike Stagg. Anthony and Michelle Wen also returned to our fellowship. We are planning a "Friends Day" for Sunday, May 30 with a goal of 100 people present. Please pray for God's blessings on the work here. There is no progress without Him.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Abbotsford (Central Valley): The Mission in Haiti continued the daily feeding of 150 adults and children through April and May. Raymond Fillion reported that as long as contributions continue to make it possible, the meals will be continued. Norm and Jen Weir

arrived home to the exciting news from Charlie McKnight of the baptism of one of the ladies in the home Bible class in Beaverdell that they participate in when in Kelowna. In their trip to Madison, AL, Norm spoke twice at two congregations and Jen was able to attend three ladies classes. They also went to a children's class to chat with them about their missionary work. Norm got in on a gospel meeting (yes, they seem not to have forgotten what a gospel meeting is down there). He was impressed with the singing, as it was an 800-member congregation. Their host talked Jen into a fishing trip using live crickets as bait. Since Jen just does worms, not crickets, Norm had to go along to do the baiting, as well as disengage the four fish she caught. As they were enjoying a fish fry the next day, they were caught in one of the high wind and rain storms that part of the country has recently experienced, along with tornado alerts. Although no one was killed, one touched down in a town about an hour's drive away, "making a mess of a lot of the town," they wrote. Norm scheduled trips to Creston, North Bend, 100 Mile House and Prince George immediately upon their return.

Delta: Jay Don and Mary Lee Rogers will be starting their 10th year with the Ukrainian Bible Institute in Donetsk in

August. They were able to be part of a tour of the Holy Land for 10 days in April, reporting it to be the most exciting experience they have ever had, in spite of the many surprises they have had since leaving 20 years of mission work in the Vancouver area to head the school.

Kelowna: A young woman named Brielle Stent was baptized at the home Bible study in Beaverdell that is conducted by Charles McKnight once a month. Her mom, Tammy Brielle, was the originator of the class when she requested a study several months ago, and her daughter is the second young person to be brought into the family of God. That study is in the home of a couple who immigrated from Belgium a few years ago. They are the parents of five boys whom they home school, and operate a large goat farm. A middle-aged neighbour and his elderly father also attend this study.

Prince Rupert: Taylor Savorelli was baptized into Christ. We have had several visitors. Some have come as a result of personal invitations from members and some from our neighbourhood mail-outs of House to House Heart to Heart. There was a ladies retreat weekend on April 23-24. Plans are made to purchase a van to provide transportation to those (especially visitors) needing a ride. Now funds are needed to realize this. Paint and supplies are ready for a work crew to paint the church building inside and outside. A crew is organized for the end of July but there is always room for one more. The building debt has been paid.

Salmon Arm: Our annual May Day garage sale was moved ahead a week in order for some members to travel to Dauphin, Manitoba, to attend the funeral of Floyd Jacobs. At a VBS meeting in mid-May, each of the artisans presented a five-minute sketch about the booths they will man. For a hand-made VBS "walking stick" project started several weeks ago, a volunteer has offered to get ready the remainder of the 120 needed. The Fishers got together a "Relay for Life" team to walk from 7 P.M. until 7 A.M. at the Fall Fair grounds in support of cancer research on June 5-6. The church also sold "Cancer Bite" food during the event.

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Winnipeg (Central): Praise God! We have had a number of baptisms—Diana Skardal, Dylan

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BODY & SOUL MINISTRIES (from Dr. John Bailey's First Quarter Report):

"As you can guess, Haiti was not in our plans for 2010. However, emergencies must come ahead of plans, and we immediately contacted our people and began preparations for emergency medical clinics which were conducted through March and April. Many sent contributions even before an appeal was made, and we had enough money for all the help we were able to give. Because of past ties we had established, we were able to purchase large supplies of pharmaceutical and surgical supplies at greatly reduced prices. American Airlines flew them to Haiti with no charge. We are continuing to fund a rehabilitation centre through September 2010. This did not mean that all other plans for the year were cancelled. In January, Dr. Brian Camazine

returned to the Nigerian Christian Hospital to join 13 native upper-level healthcare workers. These included six surgeons, three surgical residents and two nurse anesthetists along with two anesthetist students who had come to learn and donate their time to this mission. In a 15-day period, 93 major operations were performed, and over 500 patients treated. Also in January BandS partnered with other organizations to conduct a medical and eye clinic in Cambodia. Sokhom and Phaline Hun had moved here in November 2009 to prepare for the clinic. Sokhom, a Pol Pot survivor who suffered the loss of 16 family members to torture and killing by the Khmer Rouge, returned to his homeland to launch a ministry to establish and strengthen the Lord's church in his native country. Some 8,800 Cambodians received medical treatment in several villages, including 1,956 eye exams and prescription glasses that were given. BandS contributed two portable I-Test vision scanners as well as financial support. March saw Danny Carrigan fly to Medan, Indonesia. A member of the church met him and took him on a seven-hour drive to a cataract clinic

at the Hakabibi Hospital in Balige. As Danny watched the fascinating scenery of a forest of majestic trees to monkeys and the shores of Lake Toba, he realized that many of those awaiting his arrival had never seen any of God's handiwork. With the help of a pleasant and efficient woman doctor and others, he was able to give sight, many for the first time in years, to 143 Indonesians. Danny had earlier visited the island of Cebu in the Philippines to inspect the progress of a multi-purpose building in Arapal. Built primarily to be used as a home for abused children, it is nestled on a hillside, and was nearing completion, a very exciting moment for the leaders who have worked so tirelessly to see it finished. During his medical mission, 197 patients were treated. He feels that the new facility will be an important tool in the transformation of the Arapal community. Participation in a camp in Guatemala in March took care of surgeries for 12 cleft-palate babies and completed 50 eye procedures. Two more additional camps are planned for this year in cooperation with Caris Foundation International and Health Talents International." (Ed. note: Many



OMAGH BIBLE CAMP



Swimming Pool Renovation Project

The Omagh Board of Directors is announcing that the swimming pool is to be renovated!

Our swimming pool dates back to 1962 and has been a centre of fun activity and relief from heat. Many campers past and present have fond memories of the pool at camp, water games, skits and even baptisms come immediately to mind as we think back to what happened around the pool.

Our fundraising goal is \$50,000

The pool restoration project has three stages:

1. Pool concrete structural repair and resurfacing
2. Installation of a solid surface between pool and change room.
3. Side walk around the outside of the pool and washroom building.

Completion of this project will complement the upgrades to the shower, change rooms and washrooms. The investments that we are making in these facilities will ensure they will last for years to come.

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cleft palate cases require a number of operations to complete. Pictures of one such child printed in Dr. Bailey's report were so amazing, they made one want to fall down in thanks before God for creating men capable of working these miracles that make such a difference in the lives of unfortunate children.)

Papua New Guinea: from Craig Ford Report: "Once a year an effort is made to encourage Christians from all the churches around Latau to gather for a church camp, giving different men the opportunity to share in speaking. This year the theme of the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus was the focus of the talks in which 10 men were involved in teaching and preaching. We are encouraged by the baptism of several through individual study." Ruth Zimmerman returned to her mission work in Papua New Guinea on Thursday, April 29. Her work is being sponsored by the Fenwick, Ontario, Church of Christ. Greetings can be sent to her at ruthzimm@gmail.com.

Zimbabwe: (from Velaphi Mangeni Report: A "Preachers Refresher Course" conducted at the WBS Office was attended by 30 preachers. Four speakers, including one from the USA and another from Zimbabwe, presented helpful lessons to the native evangelists. A "Church Leadership Course" conducted at Semvubu in rural Lupane, some 300 kilometres north of Bulawayo, was also considered a resounding success as men came together from five congregations in the area. In the evenings, the group gathered around a campfire at Semvubu to continue singing, discussion and prayer.

Japan: Sasha Ingle, intern in Mito, asks for prayers for the Mito church family, for new leaders in the churches of Japan, that she will hear God's guidance as she makes decisions about the future. But she praises God for helping her begin to find her place in the Mito church. She is still about 50% SHORT in pledged funds for the rest of this year. Please check her blog at <http://sashainsendai.blogspot.com/>, and, if you can assist her, email her at sashainsendai@yahoo.com. Joel Osborne reports: "May 2 was my installation ceremony (in Mito) and a Children's Blessing day, and this past Sunday I preached. Atsushi and I are taking turns preaching through the books of Acts, since we are entering a season where the church and new leadership needs to be nurtured in the midst of all of these transitions. Our theme verse for the year is Acts 1:8, and our English theme is "Growing Deeper,

Going Beyond." I preached about Acts 3 and 4 and focused on the importance of the name of Jesus as it relates to our identity, our work and worship, and our faith. So this last week was my first 'official' week - and it was really busy! I know I'll get into a rhythm and get used to things, but working with this church is very different from Sendai. There is always SOMETHING going on—and my role is also very different (mentoring, discipling, administration). On Saturday, we had a leaders' meeting and almost half of the meeting was spent in prayer for the church. It is very moving to be a part of a leadership like that. One of

the girls I have taken to Cambodia, Saki, has decided to become a Christian and will be baptized next Sunday. That's the fourth person we've taken who will have become a Christian. There's a guy, too, who has interest in Christianity and I hope that we might be able to study together. I will be on campus at Ibaraki Christian University one day a week." Also, please continue to pray for the small Sendai church. The few members there need wisdom and boldness as they make difficult decisions about the church's future. And please pray that their faith will grow strong in this challenging time.

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to Adam, the failed spiritual leader, and then to Eve. Sin has entered the world and the world is no longer what it was meant to be. However, in the first dim hope God promises one will come who will crush the serpent's head.

Everything unravels in the world and for the next eight chapters of Genesis we see failure after failure of human beings to get their lives right before God. The sin of Adam and Eve is repeated with increasing velocity. Adam and Eve have two sons—Cain and Abel. Both make an offering to God. Abel, in faith, gives his best; Cain gives less than his best (4:3-5). God accepts Abel's offering but not Cain's. Cain is angry and kills his brother.

The line of Cain produces Lamech, a violent man. He marries two women, the first example of polygamy in the Bible, a violation of the one-man-one-woman relationship envisioned at creation. Lamech brags to his wives about how tough he is.

Adam and Eve have another son Seth who forms a righteous line, in contrast to the evil line of Cain (4:25-26). At that time people begin to call on the name of the Lord. This gives two hopeful notes in an evil time.

Human society continues to degenerate until God decides to wipe them out and start over. He will start over with Noah, the one righteous man he found, and Noah's family. Noah is faithful and obedient. The world is destroyed in a flood, but Noah and his family are saved in a boat designed by God. After the flood, Noah leaves the boat and plants a vineyard, makes wine, gets drunk and passes out. Noah's son Ham dishonours his drunken father and Noah curses his line. The cycle of evil begins to repeat itself. This section of Genesis ends with the account of the tower of Babel, in which human pride is pitted against God. God wins.

How God Sets About Making Things Right Again (Genesis 12-50)

Now God steps in to make things right. He chooses the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to begin the line through whom Jesus, the Messiah, will come.

God calls Abram (later renamed Abraham by God) (12:1-3) to leave his land, people and extended family. God promises Abraham, among other things, that all people on earth will be blessed through him.

God's call to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was not based on their goodness, but on God's grace. All three men were deeply flawed. Abraham put his wife into compromising situations in order to save himself and had a son by his wife's maid servant. And yet he was a man of faith to whom God reckoned righteousness before the Law because of his belief (15:6). He grew over time to be courageous, unselfish and a powerful intercessor. In his final and greatest test, Abraham showed himself willing to surrender his greatest treasure in obedience to God (22:1-18).

Isaac was also flawed, lying to protect himself, showing favouritism to one son over another, and being petty. And yet God's plan moved forward in spite of the failing of His chosen people.

Jacob was perhaps the most flawed of all. He was a conniver and trickster. He took advantage of his brother and deceived his father in order to get ahead. But Jacob grew over time as he struggled with God both figuratively and literally (cf. 32:22-32). Jacob's name was changed by God to Israel and he had twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel, thus setting the stage for the rest of the story of redemption.

Conclusion

The New Testament continually goes back to Genesis for God's original intent. For example, Jesus goes to Genesis 2 for God's original intent for marriage (2:15-25; Matt. 19:4-6). The apostle Paul cites Genesis 2-3 for male spiritual leadership in the church (1Tim. 2:11-15) and in the home (Eph. 5:28-33).

Most importantly the New Testament writers go back to Genesis for Jesus. We are made in the image of God, and in Christ that image is restored (Gen 1:27; Col. 3:9-10). God told Abraham that all nations would be blessed through him (Gen. 12:3). Jesus was the son of Abraham (Matt. 1:1) through

whom all nations are blessed (Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:6-9). Faith in Christ makes us children of Abraham (Rom. 4:1-25; Gal. 3:29)

Jim Teaches at Great Lakes Bible College in Waterloo, Ontario

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Case, Brandon Van Heer and Brad Denby. Some of our young people have headed off to big and exciting things. Kendra Bell and Justin Gauthier have gone on a LST mission to the Gambia for 6 weeks. Breanna Wiebe has gone to Zambia with World Vision for a couple of weeks and then to the Zambia Mission. Dave Turner spoke to the teen class about experience of working with the African Children's Choir. Russ and Val Quirey spoke on their work in Salvador, Brazil. A series of classes for the men are being taken to improve their skills in public scripture reading, prayer and presiding during worship services. A worship service change for one Sunday followed the passage from Isaiah 6 where Isaiah encounters God: God's Holiness—song of worship. Our sinfulness—songs of repentance. Our redemption—songs of forgiveness (Lord's supper). Our response—songs of service. On May 2, congregations were invited to focus their worship service on evangelism in Canada and the Key to the Kingdom ministry in particular by having special prayers offered in support of this work: taking a special contribution to help with the financial requirements of the Ministry. Support of the Key to the Kingdom ministry is needed daily in 2010 by praying daily for this outreach, advertising the programme to your family, friends and community, supporting the ministry financially in personal and church budgets.

SASKATCHEWAN

Swift Current: (submitted by Susie Eidem) Our small group continues to meet on Sundays in homes and doing visitation at the Palliser Regional Care Centre on Wednesdays. We sold our building several years ago and this has enabled us to help a variety of individuals, churches and other groups as they work to serve the Lord in Canada and abroad. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to help others and it is a great encouragement for us to do so.

Weyburn: May 3, Mary Gurel (Director of Alumni and Donor Relations) and Bill Schwarz (Academic Dean of the College) came to discuss the future of Western Christian College.

Genesis to Deuteronomy: God's Mission Begins...
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sacrificial picture becomes quite specific in the story of the fiery serpent. Because of sin, the people of Israel are bitten by poisonous serpents. Moses is told to make a serpent of brass and place it on a standard. "Everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live." Most who have read this passage immediately think of the crucifixion of Jesus and His words in John 3:14-15, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life."

The last book of Moses is Deuteronomy and portrays the Saviour as a *Suzerain*. In Deuteronomy 18:18-19, Christ is prophesied as the supreme Suzerain/King that is coming. "I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen like you (Moses), and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. It shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him." Thus in Genesis the Saviour is portrayed as *the Seed* through whom life and blessings will come. In Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, Jesus is *the Sacrifice* for our sins. And in Deuteronomy, Jesus is *the Suzerain*.

The implications of the above are far from academic. First of all, if there is Someone Who is revealing the future to Moses, then He must be God. And if these truths are revealed in writing, those writings must be inspired. This is the emotion that went through my heart that I shared in the opening paragraph of this article. Jesus is man's exclusive God, and the Bible is man's exclusive revelation of His truth. Trust Jesus and the Bible exclusively. Furthermore, if you have this exclusive trust in Jesus and the Bible, then you must believe your salvation was in the heart of God from the beginning. And this brings us to the point of what Genesis through Deuteronomy is saying: the only answer to our problem with sin is to trust Jesus and His Word exclusively. "All authority" is His (Matthew 28:18). Trust Him!

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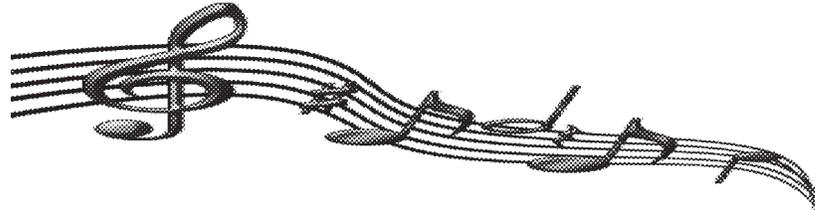
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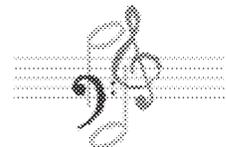
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- June 27th - Grimsby Church of Christ
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Old Testament helps our understanding of the New Testament and can give us additional insights. For example, in Matthew 26:18 Jesus said that "I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples".



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Now notice Exodus 12:3, "Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household". The Law stated that the Passover was to be eaten within a family. However, Jesus was not eating with his physical family. He was eating with his new spiritual family, his disciples (Matthew 12:46-50). This detail signals a significant change in relationships.

Leviticus

Don't begin reading this book from the beginning; start in chapter 20. "You are to be holy to me (or be my holy ones) because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own" (Leviticus 20:26). This verse is key to understanding the book of Leviticus.

Why read 27 chapters on rites, sacrifices and ceremonial procedure? There are no stories in Leviticus. Yet, in some ways, the book of Leviticus and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ tell the same story. Through the rituals in Leviticus God gave the people an understanding of the Lord in His holiness—and how it could never be possible to come to God on their own. The way was through blood, death and sacrifice. Leviticus provides an education, preparing the way of the Cross. Both have the same principle: "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins" (Hebrews 9:22).

Rituals

The rituals in Leviticus were based on the belief that:

a) God carefully created the universe and willed it to function in harmony. He prepared boundaries for the world with the desire that harmonious relationships would prevail in his creation. As long as this order was recognized and the boundaries honoured, the world and everything in it prospered. When this order was broken, creation fell into chaos; the harmony between God and world was broken; basic

relationships among people, their God and their world were broken (Genesis 1 – 3).

The nature of relationships, both with God and each other is holiness. Holiness—the seeking of purity and uprightness—is what makes true relationship possible. Without it, relationships become empty; they become simply the seeking of self-ish desires.

b) Harmony with God, harmony among people and harmony with creation was to be seen through the rituals. The rituals of God's covenant with Israel (Exodus 24-31; 40:17-33) were centred in the tabernacle, which declared God's holiness to the Israelites. The ritual order, like the order in creation established the boundaries for the holy God and the sin-filled world (Leviticus 10:10-11). When these rituals were faithfully completed, God's presence was experienced; when they were ignored, the harmony between God and the world was broken. Rituals were, however, more than ways of thinking about the world. Properly performed they presented the world as it should be, living in perfect harmony; they were the principles of holiness, obedience, forgiveness and atonement.

The popular wisdom today is to work out your own relationships first so you can then have time to focus on a relationship with God. This is upside down and backwards. Your relationship with God affects your relationship with everything else. Until that is settled, nothing else can ever be settled.

The book of Leviticus contains two main divisions. The first (chapters 1-17) records the human need and how people are to approach God. It shows the weakness of sinful people and God's answer to that weakness. The second (18-27) shows what God expects from people in response, instructing in how to live holy lives separated from the world in which they live.

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report on this work will be included in the July Gospel Herald.

Waterloo: Bill Schwarz recently spoke to the congregation about the REACH programme at Western Christian College. Summer vacation Bible Adventure is coming July 5-9 entitled: "Joseph's Journey: From Prison to Palace." Ladies' Bible study group is studying "Becoming More Like Christ." The final meeting of this group will be held Tuesday evening, May 4. Great Lakes Bible College's graduation and dinner was held May 8 with Ray Miller as guest speaker. Geoff and Doreen Ellis were honoured. In addition to regular Bible classes, a UCC meal and study time is held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. (September-June). Every Friday a Parent/Caregiver and Child Play Group meets. Small groups also meet throughout the month at various homes. Karen Larocque and Carol Pinzcuk will be leaving for Kiev, Ukraine, soon.

Windsor: Mark Love of Rochester College was with the congregation on Sunday, May 30. During the months of July and August the congregation will go through the book of Ecclesiastes in a 6-week sermon

series looking at "Life's Absurdities." The members hope to get a mini-small group event going during that time where 2 to 3 people meet every second week for coffee and discussion about those times when life is just absurd.

QUEBEC

Montreal: Glen Robins, new intern, reports: "It is hard to believe, but May 7 marked my sixth month of living in Montreal. In other words, ¼ of my original 2-year commitment working here has already passed. I registered for full-time 5-day-a-week French classes at an adult education centre in Verdun before the end of February. I've learned enough French to now be able to carry on the most basic conversation but, without a doubt, I still need more education. I'm now looking for part-time courses. We had a wonderful class picnic on the last day of class. I also had great conversations about the Bible, the church and exactly what my job involves. As a result, a couple of classmates have visited with us on both Wednesdays and Sundays, and I am also

involved in email correspondence with a young Muslim gentleman who sat beside me in class. Roger (Saumur) and I have arranged a rotating preaching and teaching schedule—essentially one week is entirely English and the following is French. I am still seeking support. For those who would like more detailed information about my work up here, or for those who would like to receive my mission report, please email me at glen@vecoc.org. To those through whom God already blesses me, thank you!" In March Glen traveled to Fenwick, Ontario, for their Mission Emphasis Weekend. In April, Paul Mazzalongo and Glen drove three of the congregation's teens to the Great Lakes Christian High School youth rally in Beamsville, Ontario. On May 2, Jose, Daiana, and Veronica Rios, along with Glen, traveled to the Ottawa West congregation to visit with and preach for them. If you wish to receive Glen's report via email, please contact the church website (www.vecoc.org.) Glen's personal email (glenadamrobins@gmail.com), the church office (514-765-8919), or Glen's cell phone (514-993-2355).

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

CALGARY: (Northside): 803-20A Avenue N.E., T2E 1S1; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Wed. 7; recorded message; 276-8088; Derek Chambers, ev..

CALGARY: 4030 Maryvale Dr. NE, T2A 2S8; Sunday 9:45 AM Classes for Children/Teens/Adults; 10:45 AM Assembly; 11:15 AM Youth Assembly; Care Groups - throughout the week; Phone (403) 272-2111; Email: info@calgarycfc.com

CAMROSE: 4901 42 Street T4V 1A2; Sunday AM Bible study 10 am; Sunday AM worship service 11 am; Thursday Bible Study 7 PM; Phone: (780) 672-1220 (Office); Evangelist: David Friesen; Email: cancofc@telus.net

EDMONTON NORTH: Meeting place in NW of city 13015 - 116 Avenue, T5M 3C9; Office 780-455-1049; Fax 780-454-9545; Sun. 9:30 am Bible classes; 10:30 am Worship; Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study CAREgroups at the building & in various homes (phone for locations & other times); Elders: Henri Bouchard, Walter Hreczuch; Evangelist: POSITION AVAILABLE Web: edmontonchurchofchrist.org E-mail: church5@telus.net

EDMONTON SOUTH: Southwood Community Centre, 1880 - 37 St in Millwoods area; (Mailing address: 6320 - 12 Ave, Edmonton AB T6L 2G2). Sunday classes 10:00 AM; assembly 11:00 AM. Wed. 7:00; PM CARE groups in homes; phone for locations; Tim Johnson, ev. 780-913-8060; Peter Ross, contact 780-468-9272; E-mail: timoutwest2004@yahoo.ca

LETHBRIDGE: 2720 21st Ave. S., T1K 1H8; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7:00; Mike Gray, ev. (403) 328-8855.

MEDICINE HAT: Crescent Heights Church of Christ, 655 Stewart Dr. NW, T1A 7G2; Sun. 10, 11, 7; Wed. 7; Jamie Lobert, ev. (403) 527-7346 or (403) 527-7311 (off)

RED DEER: 68 Donlevy Ave., T4R 2Y8; Sun. 10, 11, (evening • call for information); John Smith, ev. (403) 347-3986

ST. ALBERT: Sunday Worship: 2:15 p.m. at the St. Albert Seniors Center at 7 Tache St., St. Albert; Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 at 16 Lafonde Cres.; Mailing Address: 16 Lafonde Cres., St. Albert, AB T8N 2N6; Telephone: (780) 690-9947, E-mail: stalbertcfc@hotmail.com

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ABBOTSFORD (Central Valley): #5 • 2580 Cedar Park Place V2S 6B2; Sun. 10,11; Tues. 7:30 at address above, Norm Weir, ev. (604) 850-8670 (off); 859-5973 (res). If no answer 852-5052; email: normjen@shaw.ca; website: http://allann.dyndns.org/cvccoc

BURNABY (Greater Vancouver): 7485 Salisbury Ave. V5E 3A5; Sunday 9:45 am, 6 pm, Sunday School 10:30, Midweek groups meet in homes. Call for times and locations; Kirk Ruch, ev. K.M.R@SBChurch.ca; Mike Parker, youth, FishFreaks@SBChurch.ca; Office, office.contact@SBChurch.ca (604) 522-7721 (off.); Website: www.SBChurch.ca

CAMPBELL RIVER: 226 Hilcey Road V9W 1P4 Contact: (250) 923-5233; (250) 923-6396; (250) 286-3780

CHILLIWACK: Senior Citizens Bldg. Br 24, corner of Cook and Victoria St.; PO Box 327; Sun. 10:30, 11; 7:00 p.m. at #102-8075 Mary Street at John Forman's house. Phone # 604-792-7806; Al McCutcheon, sec. 604-824-6703

CRESTON: Box 866, Creston, BC, V0B 1G0; Phone: 250-428-5937 or 250-428-4376.

CROFTON: 1288 Smith Rd. Box 45, V0R 1R0; Phone for time; (250) 246-3659.

DELTA: Delta Christian School, 53rd & Ladner Trunk Road, Ladner; 9:45, 10:45; Midweek: Call for times; PO Box 18623, RPO Ladner, Delta, BC V4K 4V7; contact Jim Hawkins, (604) 581-2169.

KELOWNA: 1317 Ethel St., Kelowna BC, V1Y 2X1; Building 250-861-9486, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship, Evangelist: Barrie Forman, 250-860-4354 and cell: 250-469-2161, sonlover@shaw.ca, cell 212-0080; Elders: Wayne Muirhead, 250-861-4008, marwayn@hotmail.com; Ted Windmill, 250-763-8445, edward_windmill@telus.net

NANAIMO: 1720 Meredith Rd., V9S 2M4; Sun. 10:00, 11:00, Wed. meeting in homes 7:00 PM. Please phone for times and place. Wayne Peckett, (250) 758-6985, wjpeckett@shaw.ca

NORTH BEND: North Bend Community Hall; Sun. 10; SS 1, Boston Bar, BC V0K 1C0; 867-9420.

PRINCE GEORGE: 9465 Old Summit Lake Road, V2K 5S8, 250-962-6978

PRINCE RUPERT: 977 Prince Rupert Blvd.; PO Box 324, V8J 3P9; Sunday Bible classes 11:00 am, worship 10:00 am; Thurs. 7; Dick Brant, ev. (250) 624-4449 (off), 624-5834 (res)

SALMON ARM: 2460 Auto Rd. S.E.; Sunday 10:00; Call for times and locations of other meetings; 250-832-3828 (evenings - 250-804-1538); Box 51, V1E 4N2; Doug Kendig, John Murray and Gordon Parmenter, elders; Ray Fisher, ev., 250-517-0419; website: sa4CHRIST.com

SURREY: (Greater Vancouver): 15042 92nd Ave., V3K 5V7; Sun. 10, 11, 6; Ron Beckett, ev., 604-594-1796.

VANCOUVER (City Church): Trout Lake Community Centre, 3350 Victoria Drive; Worship Sunday 12:30 • 2:30 PM; Phone: 604-327-9321; Mailing Address: 1969 E. 49th Avenue, Unit # 1, Vancouver, BC, V5P 1T5; Website: www.citychurchofchrist.org

VANCOUVER (Oakridge): 6970 Oak St., V6P 3Z6; English services: Sun. 10, 11, 6 Spanish Bible study Friday 6:30; Milton Diaz, ev., 604-432-1749 (res.). website: www.churchofchristoakridge.com

VERNON: 4107 Pleasant Valley Rd, V1T 4M1; Sun. 10, 11; Murray Ververda, ev., (250) 545-5256 (res); 545-6892 (off).

VICTORIA (South Island Church of Christ): Mailing address: South Island Church of Christ, c/o 108-800 Kelly Road, Suite 257, Victoria, BC, V9B 6J9; Meeting address: 1289 Parkdale Drive; Phone for time: D. Morton, 250-479-8480; e-mail SICOC@shaw.ca

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

BRANDON: 943 7th St., R7A 3V1; Sun. 10:30; Midweek; call for location (204) 728-0957; Charles Muller, sec. 726-4723.

CARMAN: Main Street S.; Sun. 10, 1:15; Wed. 7:30; Box 955, R0G 0J0; contact Ray Winkler (elder), 745-3226; Dale Elford, ev. 745 6969 (office)

DAUPHIN: 220 Whitmore Ave. W; Mailing address: Box 70, Dauphin, R7N 2T9; Sun. worship 10:00; Sun. & Wed. nights call for details; (204) 638-6321 (off), Fax: 638-0872; Randy Foss, ev., email: wyyes@hotmail.com

MANSON: Box 2, Manson, MB, R0M 1J0, Meeting Sunday Mornings - 10 & 11, (most Sundays) at Elkhorn Leisure Centre, 10 Richhill Ave E, Elkhorn, MB; Call to confirm meeting place or other information: Wilf Rogers, 204-722-2293 or Ken Starnes, 204-722-2085; email: kgarstar@mts.net

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE: Contact Gerald McCutcheon, 239-1817.

WINNIPEG (Central): Please call for times and locations. (204) 475-6462; Fax: (413) 677-6165; Mail: 170 St. Mary's Road, Winnipeg, MB R2H 1H9; website: www.winnipegchurch.ca; Jim Hobbs, sec. for elders (204) 261-9861; Wayne Turner, ev. (204) 257-7926 (res); wayne@winnipegchurch.ca; Chad Celaire, youth min. (204) 284-6280 (res) chad@winnipegchurch.ca

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON: 365 Pine Glen Rd., Riverview (Moncton), E1B 4J8; Sun. 10, Wed. 7:30 p.m.; (506) 866-1458; Royal Maillet (506) 532-2956; other contact: Kenny Woodman (506) 382-9409

SAINT JOHN: Carleton Community Centre, 82 Market Place, Saint John, NB, E2M 1B5; Mailing address: P.O. Box 23021, 407 Westmorland Drive, Saint John, NB, E2J 2S0, Worship 10:00 a.m., Bible study follows. Thursday night Bible study at 7:00 p.m., call for location. Contact Shawn Leblanc at (506) 214-4214 (Ev.) OR Fred Nelson at (506) 847-2802.

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BUFFALO (Linwood): 2523 Main St., 14214; Sun. 9:30, 10:45, 6; Training Class 5; Wed. 7; John Smiley, ev. (716) 832-7171.

NIAGARA FALLS: 359 14th St., Niagara Falls, NY, 14303; Off (716)285-6534, Home (716) 297-6563; Sunday Bible study 10 am, worship 11 am, evening 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm. Minister Eddie J. Cornelius; e-mail: niafallscofc@aol.com

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX: 48 Convoey Ave., B3N 2P8; Sun. 10, 11; Midweek, check for day and place; ev. (902) 443-9628 (off), Wayne Taylor, sec. (902) 876-7402

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AURORA: 15216 Yonge St. S.; (entrance beside Benjamin Moore Paints); Sun. 9:30, 11:00, Wed. 7:30; P.O. Box 71523, L4G 1L9; Contact: Scott & Linda Harvey, (905) 473-5631 or leave message; e-mail: aurorachurchofchrist@hotmail.com or Clare Preston, (905) 895-0954

BARRIE: 345 Grove St. E. (at Cook), L4M 2R6; Sun. 10, 11, 6:30; Wed. 7:00; (705) 722-7155 (off.); Shawn Redding, ev. (705) 792-5024 Home; (705) 718-6876 Cell. sdrredding9@rogers.com

BEAMSVILLE: 4900 John St., L0R 1B6; Sunday 9:30 am Bible classes and Discussion Groups, 10:30 worship, 6:00 pm Contemporary worship, Small groups meeting throughout the week.; Don Smith, ev. 905-563-7655 (off); e-mail: beamsvillechurchofchrist@bellnet.ca website: www.beamsvillechurchofchrist.ca

BRAMALEA: 750 Clark Blvd., (south of Hwy. 7 on Finchgate Boulevard), L6T 3Y2; (905) 792-2297; mail@bramaleacocf.ca; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Thurs. 7:30; Kevin Hunter, ev (905) 455-5796 (res); Walter Straker, ev (905) 789-1632 (res); www.bramaleacocf.ca

BRANTFORD: 267 North Park St., N3R 4L2; Sun. 10, 11, last Sunday of month 6:30; Wed. call for times; contact Ray Knight (519) 754-0401; Mike Gray 905-387-5680 office (519) 759-6630

BRANTFORD: (Costain/Johnson Community Centre) 16 Morrell St., N3T 4J2; Sun. 10 & 11., Wed. 7; call for information on various other mid-week classes: 519-758-5673 (75-U-LORD); Rick Gamble (min.); 519-753-5353 (res.); www.followers.ca or e-mail followers@bfree.on.ca

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CAMBRIDGE: Meeting place is across the street from 45 Brierdale Rd. Sun. 10:30, call for midweek small groups; Evs. Greg Whitfield (226) 338-6720, Micah James, (519) 722-5195; www.cambridgecofc.ca; Mailing address: 2-120 Dudhope Ave, Cambridge N1R 4T7

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GRIMSBY: 63 Casablanca Blvd., south of Q.E. exit; Sun. Worship 9:45, Bible classes 11 am Sun evening 5, Wed. 7 pm; Box 181, L3M 4G3; (905) 945-3058 (off); George Mansfield; ev (h) 289-235-9411 website: www.grimsbycofc.org; other contact (905) 945-8668

HAILEYBURY: Meeting at 607 Christian Avenue, usually Sundays at 4pm • but call to confirm place and time. Week day Bible studies by appointment, Mike & Judy Tinney 705-672-9241 or e-mail: can@parolink.net

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HAMILTON (North): YMCA building, 79 James St. S.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30; Wed. 7; Joe Sandasse, 905-389-8308, 286 East 26th Street, Hamilton ON L8V 3E1

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ICE LAKE (Manitoulin Island): 1-1/4 miles South of Hwy 540; Sunday: classes 9:45, worship 11 am; 7:30 pm Wed.; Contact: Joel Lock (705) 282-8531, wjlock@hotmail.com; RR #1, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0

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LONDON: 1750 Huron St., N5V 3A2; (519) 455-6730; Sun. worship 10 a.m. Bible study to follow at 11 a.m.; Call for mid-week opportunities; FAX 645-8088

LONDON (East): 380 Adelaide North, Tolpuddle Building Common Rm., entrance off of Adelaide at King St. S. Parking in Marshall Street Lot behind building. Sun. 9:45 a.m. Exhortation; 10:05 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; contact Gordon Worrall (519)434-1981

MEAFORD: 113 Nelson St.W. N4L 1G3; Sun. 9:45, 11, 6; Wed. 7:30; Kevin Cleary, ev.; (519) 538-1750; e-mail: meaford-cofc@brucetelecom.com

MISSISSAUGA: Mail address: Mississauga Church of Christ, PO Box 42264; 128 Queen Street S., Mississauga ON L5M 5Z5; Place of Worship: McKinnon Public School, 3270 Tacc Drive, Mississauga (10th Line & Tacc Drive); Worship: 9:30 AM; Bible Class 10:45; Contact name: Tony Lourenco (905) 829-8312; tlourenco@cogeco.ca

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NEWMARKET: 230 Davis Dr.; Box 21581, L3Y 8J1; Sunday 11:15 am Bible classes, worship 10 am, Sunday pm small groups-call for information; Wednesday, please call for time and location; Nathan Pickard, ev.; 905-895-6502(off); e-mail-pickardnathan@hotmail.com

NIAGARA FALLS: 3901 Dorchester Rd. N., L2J 3A8, (905) 356-3412 (turn E. on Thorold Stone Rd. from Q.E. and left on Dorchester Rd.); Sun. 10:30, Wed. 7:30; Henry Boland, (905) 356-0107 and Darrin Douglas (905) 371-1581, evs.

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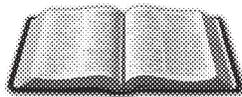
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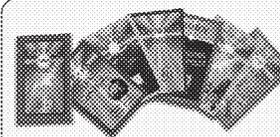
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*"Last eve I paused beside the blacksmith's door,
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Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.*

*"How many anvils have you had," said I,
'To wear and batter all these hammers so?'
'Just one,' said he, and then with twinkling eye,
'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'*

*"And so, I thought, the Anvil of God's Word
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