

Joshua 2:15-21.

6:25.

30 May - Sept. 6, 1970 AM. (3)  
v18 "Thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which Thou didst let us down by -"  
2 spies - escaped - from Jericho - by Rahab.

### THE SCARLET THREAD

On the first Sunday of each month (I) have talked to you about the plan of God's redemption in the Bible. We have traveled through the book of Genesis to the close of the Old Testament. Today I want us to take up that great prophesy as it comes to pass in the seed of Abraham - so all the families of the earth be blessed.

~~the gospels - Matt - Mark - Luke - John -~~  
Our Saviour was born into the world, began his ministry under the shadow of the cross.

John raised his hand and introduced him - behold, the lamb of God.  
Think what that meant to any Jew.

The lamb, every morning, every evening, a sacrifice with blood was poured out and the lamb was for the sin of the nations. For the iniquity of the people. Behold, the lamb that taketh away the sin of the world.

Jesus began very early to teach the Disciples that he should suffer and die.

On the mountain, there appeared Moses and Elijah and they talked to him about his death in Jerusalem.

Mary anointed him - he spoke of his burial.

When the Greeks came to see him, he said, if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto myself.

The Last Supper - the bread, he said eat in remembrance of me and my body. He took the wine and said, drink - this represents my blood and do so in remembrance of me.

In the garden, there you see the travail of his soul.

On the cross he bowed his head and died - and said it is finished.

When we preach the cross, the blood, the sacrificial death of Christ -  
we preach the meaning of his coming and the great redemptive plan and purpose  
of God.

We preach that he was raised from the dead and that he appeared to the  
woman and the other disciples on the road. He appeared that Sunday night to  
the ten Disciples. And the next Sunday night to all of the Disciples.

That is the reason that I like to have church on Sunday night. Jesus met  
with his disciples at night. And he spoke to them about things out of his heart.

His Disciples said will you restore the Kingdom at this time. No, he says,  
it is not yours to know the times and the seasons. There is a Kingdom coming.

The thief that died requested - remember me when Thy comest into thy Kingdom.

But our Lord placed a great intermission before the complete coming of that  
Kingdom. Eph. 3. The time between the rejection of the King and the coming of  
of the Kingdom.

Acts of the apostles -  
We call this the age of grace of the Holy Spirit and of the church.

Jews, Gentiles, bond and free are invited to belong to the household of faith  
in the church. Jesus said to the Disciples - you are to witness to these things,  
not to bring in the Kingdom - Christ will bring the Kingdom in.

We are told in the Book of Daniel that things would be divided up, at  
Armageddon - but we are to be witnesses and say come, come. All are to be invited  
to belong to Jesus, in the household of faith. Until that time - you are to witness.

Peter preached to the Jews.

Philip preached to the half breeds - Samaritans.

To the Greeks - idol worshippers.

Stephen said God is not confined to this temple.

Paul went on a world-wide mission to the world. Paul said all men have to do the same thing to be saved - they have to repent. Turn and give their heart to the Lord Jesus. Confess with Thy mouth, believe with thy heart.

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved.

He had trouble on his hands the first missionary journey. He preached that man was saved by trusting Jesus. Acts 15. The Jerusalem conference - they discussed the law of Moses, being circumcised as ways of being saved. No said Paul, by faith and not of works. Then Paul went on his second missionary journey and his third missionary journey.

And finally he was jailed at Rome. He preached the Gospel. He wrote. He was beheaded and he closed his life with that triumphant word - I have fought a good fight, finished the course, kept the faith - there is a crown of righteousness with the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me in that day. And to all them that love his appearing.

*epistles - continued by Howard*  
Just one word about the epistles. They are grouped in four groups. First on the second missionary journey in Athens - he wrote (I and II Tim. and I and II Thess.) He dealt in these last two with the second coming of our Lord. Paul preached hope in Lord. Some of the people had died and the Lord had returned. What about the beloved dead - would they see the Lord. They died and they had not a chance to see Christ return. And Paul said, of course not.

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The third missionary journey - (I Cor., 2 Cor., Gal. and Rom.) Briefly, the just shall live by faith. Trusting Jesus.

Third - the prison writing. (Phil., Col. Eph.) These dealt with the gnostic philosophy. They tried to destroy the personality of Jesus. And Paul exalts his Lord.

Fourth the last section. (I Tim., 2 Tim., and Titus.) These deal with the ordinances of the church, the doctrines of the church, and practical matters.

Rev. 15 - *unto him that loved us, & loosed us from our sins by His Blood!*  
We come to the last part which is Revelation. All the disciples were dead Paul beheaded, Peter crucified, John was old and was living.

Exile to Patmos. And here he wrote about the glory of Jesus Christ and his majesty. Here he was to die perhaps of starvation and need.

He took a pen and began to write.

First, the things he had seen. The Lord and the seven golden lamp stands. Jesus, among his churches.

Second, things that are. Here they are. Here is a church. There is a church. Just as in the days of John - churches he listed off. So today we have churches.

Third, he wrote, the things that shall be. After the churches, then what. The persecution of the church until the end of the age. He gives us a review of the things that are going to come. And these churches seem to signify definite periods.

1 ✓ Eph. - Ephesus Church - the persecution of the apostles.

2 ✓ Smyrna - this was a time of suffering and martyrs and they were scattered over the Roman empire.

3 ✓ Pergamos - married to the world.

4 ✓ Thyatira - a time of gold and silver, robes, forms and formality. Time when they speak of the infallible church and the infallible voice.

5 ✓ Sardis - a time of reformation such as a few who will stand out for God.

6 Philadelphia - the great open door.

We are coming to the close of this period because the doors are beginning to shut. I do not have to tell you that the entrance and the lack of spirituality is found on every hand today.

7 Laodicia - the end of time. This will be the great tribulation.

The (great day) of the Lord.

First, the (Lord comes) in the 4th Chapter and is described secretly as a thief in the night. Taking away the redeemed of the Lord. First he comes for his beloved dead. Those that are alive will be caught up and changed and we will go with thy Saviour into Glory to receive our reward.

All of this, of Israel going back to her native land, and there to a temple is but prophesy becoming the anti-Christ, the dictator. And there will be a great wave of anti <sup>semitism</sup> many forces will be against the Jews.

The false prophet will make a covenant with the anti-Christ.

Great terror and great blood shed as the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets of judgement - the 7 viles in the judgement.

The beasts, the false prophets, Babylon's assistant, the anti-Christ gathers, and the armies of the earth come together.

From the North - they will come from Russia. They are forming now. In the South in Africa. In the East - China. And the great armies are preparing. And from the West, they will come.

And the great battle of Armageddon The last great day - the armies of the earth converge.

Then the intervention of God - he will take Satan and bind him, a thousand years in the bottomless pit.

The Millennial season of judgement for the Gentiles and the judgement for Israel. And they will reign with Christ.

And the great white throne judgement will then take place with the wicked dead. Coming the judgement.

Death will be cast into Hell.

Satan will be cast into Hell.

And John said a new Heaven and a new earth like it was in the beginning.  
And John said, I saw this come down out of Heaven and a new Jerusalem.

God is now with his people like he intended it in the Garden of Eden. He is going to wipe away the tears, the sorrow, the pain. No graves on the hillside of Glory. No funeral wreath.

And then John says the water of life. He showed them a pure river - like the Garden of Eden. The leaves are for healing. And John says surely he is going to come - come quickly he says. Even so, come. This is the plan and the purpose of the great scarlet thread which runs through the Bible for the redemption of mankind.

Dunham N.C. we stopped for supper at a cafeteria, ~~located~~  
down town Huge office Building - ~~one~~  
going up from the parking lot; ~~one~~ of the boys noticed one in the  
Huge letters Home Security life - a Bird had built her nest.  
The Nest was located in the word Security!  
That speaks to her the Bird had a Home - Security & Life!  
Appoints place to ~~be~~ established a dwelling place!  
crow - Beloved only place of Security -

el spoke on Thursday with a soul struggling with that dread disease cancer - The greatest  
comfort we have is faith in Jesus Christ, she said "I'll have it?"  
1970 now?