

Gen. 1:1

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(What The Bible Is About)

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purpose "revelation" of the Scriptures
John 20:29, 21:24, 21:27

to give us a glimpse into the life of Jesus Christ
and to show us how we can live in His love and
obedience. It is a book of life, and it is
the only way we can know God and
His love for us.

The purpose of Scripture

I, GOD,

SUBJECT:

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1. The self-revelation of God
with a record of His work in the world.

2. The only way we can know
God and His love for us.

The eternal Trinity

10 the eternal Father

10 the eternal Son

John 1:1, John 8:16

10 the eternal Spirit

John 14:2, Heb 9:14

2. The judgment of God

John 4:11, why 09/56

John 21:15, 17 (GP)

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Purpose "selection" & "elisions" in the Scriptures

John 21:25; 20:30, 31

The 4th Chit - 4 gospel: no biography. Jesus select
events in 3 brief years, most represent resurrection

So with all Scripture: a purposeful selection.

Only 11 ch. first thousands of years, with 1000
the rest of the book, probably 7,000 years.

The "beginning" of Scripture:

I. GOD.

Gen. 1:1 } How does one get the point - 1:1? The first hath said
for the begin' what? ... created ... world ... before ...
... darkness ... light ...
... water ... air ... earth ...
... plants ... animals ... man ...

1. The self-disclosure of God.
Not a record of man's world ... but record of God's world.
The only way could know
(c) that change naturalist

Are eternal Trinity

(1) The eternal Father

(2) The eternal Son

John 1:1; 1st. 9:6

(3) The eternal Spirit

1st. 1:2; Heb. 9:14

2. The judgments of God

Gen. 4:10 Why will murder all night?

1 K. 21:15, 17, 19

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II MAN.

Other intelligent beings: angels, gods, devils, spirits, demons

but only our concerns man.

1. Why the creature man?

Not just have all sources of knowledge in himself? Gen. 2 to 17: 24, 25

(1) Fellowship Gen. 3: 9

(2) Love

I Gen. 4: 7, 8, 16. Love flows out, not strictly love. of a man - a good work - others to see, enjoy it

2. How man failed in the purpose of his creation: to love, obey, follow, glorify God.

the real story from Gen 3: 1 - Rev 22: 2, 17
Rev. 1: 21-25

III REDEMPTION

the person, work of our Lord Jesus immediately upon man's failure, God began to fall us of the Great Behaviors.

Man's response either to great wrong, his eternal duty

to eternal blindness for those who have never seen - to unbelief, to unbelief

Rev. 22: 14-17

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What is the Bible about? its purpose? what subjects deal with? what does it mean to reveal?

of "selection" ^{purpose} in Scripture. John 21:25 "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

John 20:30,31 "And many other signs ^{σημεία = "signs"} truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through his name."

There are 4 books about Christ, but no "biography." Compared to (practically) three short years, and even a few special events in those years. They repeat almost verbatim those few events.

So with all the Scriptures. A purposeful selection.

- Not a book of science as such.
 - Not a record of all that God has done
 - Not a history of the human race
- of only 11 chapters to first thousands of years when the whole human race is on ~~the~~ ^{the} rise. The rest practically gives to the 2,000 years of one small, tiny nation.

I. The Self-Disclosure (Revelation) of God.

of some, it is a record of man's search for the great unknown Cause to us, " " " " " God's " " " man.

Gen. 3:8,9 "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. . . . And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, 'Where art thou?'"

Gen. 1:1 "In the beginning God . . ." The great "I am."
Never argues the point. Ps. 14:1 "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Repeated Ps. 53:1

In the beginning, what?

"In the beginning the body of the monster TIAMAT who was slain by the god MARDUK," said the Babylonians.

"In the beginning a cosmic egg made from the mud of the Nile," said the saga of Egypt.

"In the beginning the discovered limbs of a giant," said one of the hymns of the Rigveda ^[Sanskrit scripture 7th Hindu]

"In the beginning a ball of fire mist, whirling through space," say materialistic physicists.

1. The personality of God. (What He is like)

Could never know the personality of God through stars, rainbows, sunsets, rocks, flowers. Study them from

(a) Grand Canyon sunset, beyond the blue, the mountains in the distance. The jeep - the man in the car, sitting, looking. A member of the U.S. Park service. A naturalist, he told me. "So beautiful"

A "Trinity"

(1) The eternal Father.

Is. 40:2,4 "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, were from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. . . . For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

He lives, not as we do in one moment of time, but in all eternity, either way, constantly.

(2) The eternal Son.

John 1:1,2 "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

8:58 "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."
J. Ep. 3:13,14,15.

17:4,5 "Father . . . I have glorified thee on the earth . . . and now, O Father, glorify thou me . . . with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. . . . 24. "For thou lovedst me before the foundations of the world."

Col. 1:17 "And he is before all things and by him all things consist."

Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

① Wonderful-Counsellor
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to counsel to advise counsellor to be extraordinary to be wonderful something wonderful a miracle

② God-the-mighty-one יְהוָה-הַגִּבּוֹר

strong mighty valiant Absolute deity. So Isa. 7:14:

"Behold, a virgin עַלְמָא shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel יְהוָה-עִמָּנוּ"

[In the LXX, Ἐμμανουήλ]

③ Father of Eternity אֵל-עוֹלָם

eternity forever father of

④ Prince of Peace שֵׁר-שָׁלוֹם

prince

(3) The eternal Spirit

Gen. 1: 1, 2 "In the beginning God.... and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Heb. 9: 14 "Christ.... through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God."

2. The works, words, judgments of God.

The moving of God in the world he made.

of. Cain's murder of Abel. Why not all right?
Gen. 4: 10 "And [God said] what hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."

of. Jezebel's stoning of Naboth. Why not all right?
I K. 21: 15 "And Jezebel said to Ahab, ARISE, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth... for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

21: 17 "AND the word of the Lord came to Elijah, the Tishbite saying, ARISE, go down to meet Ahab, and thou shalt speak unto him saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine."

II. The Creation and Man's Place In It.

The Bible concerns man, the human race.

Other intelligent beings: angels, good and bad
 : seraphim, cherubim
 : Satan, Satan's angels
 : demons

But these spoken of only as they concern man.

The Bible reveals the creation of man, his place, character, what God expects of him, what his duties and responsibilities are — toward his Maker, toward his brethren.

1. Why the creation of man.

Did God have all sources of blessedness and joy in Himself?
 Did God need to create other beings for this joy?
 Did not the Persons of the blessed Trinity exist from eternity in infinite glory, joy, fellowship, blessedness before there were other beings?

Acts 17: 24, 25 "God that made the world... dwelleth not in temples... neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything..."

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Why, then, did He make creatures? Why not exist forever alone in His unspeakable majesty, glory, in His infinite completeness?

The answer is found in the nature of God.

I John 4: 7, 8 "Love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.... for God is love."

4: 16 "God is love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God is love."

Love does not abide alone. It must go forth to others. Seeks a fellowship. God created beings to enjoy His love, wisdom, kindness, holiness, perfection. God creates a material universe to show His creatures His handiwork, glory, wisdom.

of a man (created in image of, like, God), not content to abide alone. Others to enjoy his bounty, see his works. A State Fair to display them - an athletic field to demonstrate them.

Man created for fellowship. of Gen. 7: 8 God walk, gender, and
God did not create man independent of himself but made him capable of knowing, loving God, to show forth the excellencies of his Maker.

I Peter 2: 9 "Ye are a chosen generation... that ye might show forth the praises of him who hath called you."

2. How man failed in the purpose of his creation: to love, honor, follow, glorify God.

The sad story from Gen. 3:1 - Rev. 22:21

Rom. 1: 21-25 "When they knew God, they

glorified him not as God, neither were thankful...
Professing themselves to be wise, they became
fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible
God into an image made like to corruptible
man ... [and] changed the truth of God into
a lie and worshipped and served the creature
more than the Creator..."

God's creatures given freedom of choice. Not
hedged about so as to be liable to indictment their
sovereign choice for or against God. Sin, human
sin, is the choice against God. I John 3: 4
"... for sin is the transgression of the law."
Because God is what he is, sin is what it is.
"lawlessness."

III. Redemption.

The person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Inmediately upon man's failure, God began to tell us of a Great Deliverer who is to come. This is the most constant burden of Scripture.

Man's response to the plan of redemption settles the great issue of his destiny forever.

(1) An eternal blessedness for those who humbly receive the grace, mercy, gift of God

(2) An unutterable ruin, eternal woe, to those who refuse that mercy.

Rev. 22: 14 "Blessed are they that wash their robes that they may have the right to come to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city."

: 15 [for] without are dogs and
sacres ... and idolaters ...

: 17 "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come ..."