

- Luke 24:27 *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*
- Revelation 19:10 *...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*
- "Prophecy is designed to unfold the loveliness of Jesus." » Charles Ryrie

I. The First Prophecy (Genesis 3:15)

- A. Virgin birth — Galatians 4:4 declares Jesus to be the fulfillment of this prophecy — *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman**...*
- B. What is the bruising?
 - Isaiah 53:3 *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

II. The First Picture (Genesis 3:21)

- A. Immediately following the Fall, Adam and Eve lost their innocence and shame was born (Genesis 3:7.)
- B. Adam and Eve tried to cover themselves with fig leaves, but God chose to kill an animal to provide coverings of skin for them.
 - Hebrews 9:22 *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

III. The First Recorded* Sacrifice (Genesis 4:3-5)

- A. Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous...*
 1. **more excellent** - (πλεῖων) — superior, greater in quality
 2. Abel's offering was more excellent because it was an accurate picture of the future sacrifice of Christ.

- John 1:29 *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*
3. Cain's sacrifice was unacceptable because it pictures the best that man has to offer.
 - Romans 3:20 *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight...*

- B. Hebrews 12:24 *And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

IV. The Ark: Symbol of Deliverance & Damnation (Genesis 7)

- A. The purpose of the Ark was the physical salvation of mankind — if you are in the Ark you live, if you are outside of the Ark you die.
- B. The purpose for Jesus becoming man and dying for the sins of man was to effect man's spiritual salvation.
 - Jesus' message was exclusive — John 14:6 *...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*
- C. Just as the Ark became a symbol of deliverance to Noah and his family, but a symbol of death and destruction to those outside, the gospel of Jesus Christ means deliverance to those who believe, but an damnation to those who do not.
 1. John 3:18 *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*
 2. 2 Corinthians 2:15 *For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?*