

CHART LESSON

STARTING FROM SCRATCH

1. Start with the cross
 - a. The Bible is a big book ... drawing a picture can help.
 - b. To understand the Bible it helps to have the big picture.
 - c. Where to begin? Start with the cross - the central element of Christianity (2k yr old)
 - i. Did you know how important the cross is? The twelve did not (til later)
 - ii. Where did he die? Jerusalem, Israel not Gentile - Mt 15:24. 10:5-6
 - iii. Luke 2:21 - What did Mary know? The law / circumcision / sacrifices.
 - iv. Mk 1:14 - He died for claiming to be the king of a promised kingdom
 - v. Who killed him? Jews/Gentiles/Romans? Roman ruler/ Pilate
 - d. Starting with the cross is non-linear (ie out of order), context must be given.
2. Go Back to the OT
 - a. Israel / Gentiles goes back into the OT
 - b. Law given to Moses - Israel born - ~1500BC
 - c. Promises given to Abraham ~2000BC
 - d. Kingdom/King covenants made with David ~1000 BC), thus Matt 1:1
 - e. Romans/Pilate - Babylon captivity/return (~500BC)
3. Look Forward to What is Not Finished
 - a. Jesus speaking of a New Testament requires knowing the old - Heb 1:1, Jam 1:1
 - b. Jesus will return in like manner - Acts 1:11, also vengeance - 2 Thess 2:7, Heb 9:28
 - c. Revelation fulfills the promises made to Israel/kingdom/law, etc.
 - d. But when? Are those promises fulfilled in us?
4. More Happened After the Cross
 - a. On Pentecost the Holy Ghost of promise filled all believers - Acts 2:4
 - b. Peter speaks what Moses said should come - Acts 2:38-47, 3:22-24
 - c. Jerusalem rejects Holy Ghost in the stoning of Stephen - Acts 7:51 & Acts 8
 - d. A Jew/Roman Saul/Paul is saved by Christ's appearing by grace - Acts 9, 1 Tim 1:16
 - e. This apostle received visions/revelations of God's will - Eph 1:9
 - i. 1 Cor 15:1-4, Death for our sins, resurrection for our justification.
 - ii. Rom 5:12 - Why do we need justified? Sin is an issue? Adam.
 - f. A revelation of the mystery, a dispensation of grace - Rom 16:25, Eph 3:1, 6, 9
 - i. Not kingdom, Rome, Israel, law, circumcision, Gentile, but ...
 - ii. A new creature, new man - Eph 2:15, Cor 5:17
 - g. What is God doing in 2023? We started with the cross and ended with the cross.