

## **What exactly do you mean by knowing Jesus through Genesis?**

While the book of Genesis, along with the rest of the Old Testament, records for us God's dealings with Israel, it also points us to a coming Redeemer and Deliverer. Since we live this side of the cross and with a completed New Testament we know that this One prophesied about is none other than Jesus Christ. In the book of Genesis there are certain "signposts" that point us, in some way, to the coming of Jesus. During the 2014 Advent season we considered four passages from Genesis that fixed our eyes on the One who would come to bring revelation to the Gentiles and glory to the people of Israel.

## **What "signposts" are there in the book of Genesis?**

Genesis 3:14-15: *So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."*

Genesis 9:26-27: *And he said: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant."*

Genesis 12:1-3: *Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

Genesis 49:8-10: *"Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; and as a lion, who shall rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people."*

## **What do passages teach us about the coming of Jesus?**

They teach us that in His coming He will defeat the devil by crushing his head. They also tell us that Jesus will come through the line of Shem and Abram and because of this He will be a blessing to the nations. Finally, they teach us that He will come as a king and will bring with Him His kingdom.

Luke 24:27: *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*