Evangelistic Lesson Training

Lesson #1 God's Eternal Plan To Save Man

- God's Plan To Save Mankind is an Eternal Plan that existed in His mind before the World of Humankind began.
- At about 4,000 B.C. God/Elohim created the heavens a
 - <u>TM</u>: "The Beginning" references the beginning of Human Time; God [H430 Elohim: plural – God, God the Word, God the Holy Spirit John 1:1; Genesis 1:2]
 - Genesis 2:7 ⁷ And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
 - <u>TM</u>: The lifeless inanimate form of man became what it was not; a living soul. Humankind has 3 components 1) Body 2) Soul and 3) Spirit.
- Mankind, man and woman were given Eternal Life/life without death,
 predicated on not partaking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
 - o Genesis 2:8-9 8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the Tree of Life also in the middle of the garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
 - *Partaking of/Access to the Tree of Life provided Eternal Life.*
 - Genesis 2:15-17 ¹⁵ And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die.
 - <u>TM</u>: Man dying in the day that he eats of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil should be understood in the context of Eternal Life & Salvation; God's original plan for man exclude

death with faithful adherence to the covenant agreement. Violating this Covenant Commandment [Edenic Covenant] would result in an immediate broken Covenant Relationship with God a) By transgression/Sin b) causing Spiritual Death and c) introducing forthcoming physical death for all of Mankind.

- 3:19 Adam's return to the ground/dust; after laboring his whole life
- Salvation Concept: 1st Adam & Last Adam
 - Romans 5:12 By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; so death passed upon all men
 - 1 Corinthians 15:45 The 1st man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [Jesus Christ] was made a quickening spirit.
 - Mankind lost Eternal Life through Adam
 - Mankind gained Eternal Life through Christ [the Last Adam] a quickening life giving spirit.
- O Genesis 3:1-7 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. ⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: ⁵ For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

- The deceptive serpent dialoged with, deceived and negatively influenced the woman, who was previously made aware of the Edenic Covenant and the "Forbidden Tree" [3:1-6]
- There were 2 Trees in the middle of the garden [2:9; 3:3]
 - <u>TM</u>: 2:9 reveals/references the "Tree of Life" in the middle of the garden
 - <u>TM</u>: 3:3 Eve's testimony dialog with the serpent references "A Forbidden Tree" in the middle of the garden
 - That tree is the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil"
 - She does not mention the "Tree of Life" → Implications of Satan's deceptive question 3:2
 - "Has God said you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"
- The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was 1) good for food/sensually and physically edible 2) pleasant to the eyes/visually and sensually attractive and 3) desired make a person wise [3:6]
 - 1) Lust of the Flesh
 - 2) Lust of the Eyes
 - 3) Pride of Life
- TM: The Tree of the Knowledge of God and Evil is the foundation of the serpent's deceptive devices
 - 1 John 2:17 The 1) Lust of the Flesh 2) Eyes and 3) Pride of Life
- The woman partook of the forbidden Tree of Life and gave it to her husband who also partook [3:6]
- * The Man/Adam
 - o Ignored the instruction from God [2:17] and
 - Heeded the voice/desire of his wife [3:6; 3:17-19]
 - 1) Invoked Hard Labor 2) Lost Eternal Life and Invoked/Introduced Death to all of Mankind
- <u>TM</u>: The Man/Adam is held accountable by God for being primarily responsible for Humankind's Loss of Eternal Life
 - 3:8 Where are you Adam? [Not Eve]

- 1 Timothy 2:13-14 Adam was 1st formed then Eve
- Eve deceived was in the transgression
- ** When Eve transgressed "IT WAS NOT OVER"
- o 3:17 "Adam because YOU
 - 1) Hearkened to the voice of your wife/antithetical to the voice of God
 - 2) Ate of the tree that I commanded you not to eat
 - You will return to the ground/dust & Die
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*SUMMARY:

The Creator: God is the Creator: He gave Mankind Eternal Life

The Infiltrator The Serpent is the Infiltrator who deceived the Woman

The Perpetrator The Man/Adam is the Accountable Perpetrator who

Caused all of Mankind to Lose Eternal Life

The Mediator The Mediator between God and Man is the The Man

Jesus Christ: He is the Great Mediator and Intercessor

TM:

- God is the Creator who 1) created Man and 2) gave Mankind Eternal Life [Genesis 1 and 2]
- The Serpent is the Infiltrator who is Cunning Deceitful and Deceptive
 - **Outilized the Woman's weaknesses to cause her to sin/transgress**
 - Utilized the Woman's influence over the Man to cause him to sin/transgress
- The Perpetrator is the Weak Accountable Man who caused Mankind to lose "Eternal Life"
 - The First Adam/The Perpetrator brought sin into the world and death by sin
 - He could have served as a Mediator and Intercessor; He did not because he was weak [Romans 5:12]
 - The First Man is of the Earth/Earthy [1 Corinthians 15:47]
- The Mediator and Savior is the Last Adam
 - There is One Mediator between God and Man; the Man Jesus Christ
 [1 Timothy 2:5]
 - The Second Man is the Lord from heaven [1 Corinthians 15:47]

*Prophetic Revelation and Fulfillment of the Eternal Plan To Save Man #1

- At about 4,000 B.C. God/Elohim, through Prophetic Articulation "Revealed the Eternal Plan To Save Mankind"
 - Prophetic Proclamation/Utterance/Revelation #1 came after Eve & Adam partook of the Forbidden Fruit and transgressed the Edenic Covenant
 - Genesis 3:14-15 ¹⁴ And the Lord God [H430 Elohim] said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.
 - **[#1 1st Prophetic Articulation/Utterance/Revelation/Spoken
 Word of the Eternal Plan Save/Redeem/Restore Eternal Life]
 - *Spoken by God to the Serpent
 - o Adam blamed Eve
 - God questioned Adam [Gen. 3:9; 3:11]
 - Eve blamed the Serpent
 - God questioned Eve
 - God a) pronounced judgement on/to the Serpent b)
 Revealed the Eternal Plan to Save/Redeem to the
 Serpent
 - o God did ask the Serpent anything; not a single question
 - The serpent creature/creature 1) cursed above every beast 2) will move on his belly and eat dust all the days of his life [3:14]
 - **God established an enmity/adversarial relationship between the serpent and the woman/between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman [3:15]
 - **The seed of the woman will bruise the head of the serpent
 - **The seed of the woman is Christ Jesus the son of God [Galatians 3:16]; He will bruise the serpent's head by rising from the dead
 - **The serpent will bruise the heel of the seed of the woman
 - The serpent bruised the heel of the seed of the woman/Christ Jesus when He was crucified and died on the cross

- *Fulfillment of the Eternal Plan of the Seed of the Serpent and the Seed of the Woman [Fulfillment of the 1st Revelation/Articulation of the Eternal Plan To Save]
 - Acts 2:22-24 [2:14 Peter's words on Pentecost standing with the eleven/11] ²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

• **TM**

- *Genesis 3:15 <u>#1 The Eternal Plan to save man was revealed in the Garden of Eden in ~4,000 BC 1st to the Serpent</u>
 - 3:14 God cursed the Serpent above all cattle and every beast; curse to move on his belly and eat dust all the days of his life [inference??]
 - 3:15 Revelation of the Eternal Plan to Save/Redeem/Restore Mankind
 - Adversarial relationship a) Serpent and b) the woman
 - Adversarial relationship 1) Seed of the Serpent 2) Seed of the woman
- * Who Is 1)The Seed of the Woman 2) The Seed of the Serpent
 - o ** The Seed of the Woman and The Seed of the Serpent
 - Will both come from the "Same Ethnicity and Nationality"
 - The Seed of the Woman will come from the Promised Seed Line of Abraham/Israel
 - **O Hebrew Ethnicity**
 - o Descendant of Abraham, David & Tribe of Judah
 - The Seed of the Serpent will come from the Promised Seed Line of Abraham/Israel [<u>The Serpent/Devil's Spiritual Seed Children</u>]
 - **Output** Hebrew Ethnicity: The Devil's children Reject

- The Messiah Christ, God's Word
- *#1 Fulfillillment of the 4,000 B.C. Revealed Eternal Plan

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- The Day of Pentecost/Pentecostal Sermon of Acts 2
 - Acts 2:22-24 ²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

 ²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of
 - *Men of Israel/Fleshly Promised Seed of Abraham*, negatively influenced by the Serpent/Devil rejected and crucified Jesus
 - Rejected the Truth
 - Crucified Him with wicked hands
 - This Rejection and Crucifixion fulfilled the Prophetic Revelation of 4,000 B.C. revealed to the Serpent in the Garden of Eden
 - *Jesus of Nazareth/the Seed of the Woman was delivered by the "<u>Determinate Counsel and</u> <u>Foreknowledge of God</u>"
 - The Eternal Plan Before the Creation of Man
 - * The Seed of the Woman is Christ:
 - Galatians 3:16 ¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to <u>your seed</u>, <u>which is Christ</u>.
 - *The Seed of the Serpent are the Promised Seed descendants of Abraham/Israel/Hebrews who are the *children of the Serpent/Devil
 - *John 8:37-45 Jesus identifies the "Seed of the Serpent/the children of the Devil" who reject the Truth/Son of God/Jesus Christ

**John 8:37-45 ³⁷ <u>I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you</u>. ³⁸ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. ³⁹ They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰ But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. ⁴¹ Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. ⁴² Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. ⁴⁵ And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

- TM: Fulfillment of 1st Revelation of God's Eternal Plan To Save [4,000 BC]
 - o Prophetic Revelation Genesis 3:15
 - **Enmity/Enemy adversarial relationship between
 - 1) Serpent 2) Woman
 - 1a) Seed of the Serpent 2a) Seed of the Woman
 - 1c) Seed of the Woman Will Bruise the Head of the Serpent
 - 1d) Seed of the Serpent Will Bruise the Heel of the Woman
 - Functional Fulfillment of God's Eternal Plan Acts 2:22-24

 [Pontocostal Apostolic Sormon]
 - [Pentecostal Apostolic Sermon]
 - Jesus of Nazareth is the Seed of the Woman
 - He is "Approved of God by miracles, signs and wonders in the middle of Israel [2:22]
 - Murderous, Unbelieving Israel is the Seed of the Serpent [2:23]
 - The leaders and laymen of 1) Israel delivered Him [Christ, Messiah, Anointed One] 2) to Rome/Pontius Pilate
 - 3) Fulfilling God's Eternal Plan: "The Determinate Counsel and Foreknowledge of God" [Genesis 3:15]

- 4) Israel/the Seed of the Serpent took Him by wicked hands; they crucified and slew Him [Bruised His Heel 2:23]
 - o Not a "terminal/terminating blow; "A Bruise"
- The Seed of the Woman "Bruised the Head of the Serpent" [2:24]
 - God raised Him up from the dead (after the Seed of the Serpent "Bruised His Heel"
 - His Resurrection from the Dead "Loosed the pains of Death"
 - Transgression in the "Garden of Eden" brought <u>Death</u>
 to all of <u>Mankind</u> [*Adam Romans 5:12]
 - The Life Giving Spirit *NASB 1995* [the Last <u>Adam/Christ 1 Corinthians 15:45</u>] was made/became a "Quickening/Life Giving Spirit"
 - The 1st Adam was made a Living Soul [Genesis 2:7]
 - That Adam's transgression brought <u>Death to All</u>
 <u>Mankind</u> [<u>Romans 5:12</u>]
 - *The Last Adam/the Seed of the Woman
 - Bruised the Head of the Serpent [Gen 3:15]
 - Loosed the Pains of Death [Acts 2:24]
 - Was Made a Quickening/<u>Life Giving Spirit</u> <u>NASB 1995</u> (Eternal Life)
 - Acts 2:24 ²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
 - *IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR DEATH TO HOLD CHRIST*
 - The "Determinate Counsel and Foreknowledge of God" Acts 2:23 [Eternal Salvific/Redemptive Plan] made it impossible
 - The Seed of the Woman "Bruised the Head of the Serpent" when God raised Him from the Dead [Acts 2:24]

- Functional Fulfillment of God's Eternal Plan <u>John 8:37-45</u>
 <u>[Jesus' Didactic Dialog with the Physical Seed of Abraham/Seed of the Serpent]</u>
 - *Jesus identifies the unbelieving, rebellious, murderous Jews,
 Hebrews of 1st Century Israel as "the children of their father, the devil]
 - John 8:37-38 ³⁷ I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. ³⁸ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and YOU DO THAT WHICH YE HAVE SEEN WITH YOUR FATHER
 - John 8:41-42 ⁴¹ Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. ⁴² Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.
 - John 8:44 ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speakes a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- *#2 Prophetic Revelation and Fulfillment of the Eternal Plan To Save Man
- After 2100 BC God Calls Abram/Abraham in the Ur of the <u>Chaldees/Southern Mesopotamia</u> and Prophetically Promises to <u>Bless, Save,</u> <u>Redeem, Justify</u>
 - All the families/nations of the earth through the Promised Seed of Abram/Abraham
 - Genesis 12:1-4 Now the Lord *had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: ² And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: ³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. ⁴ So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.
 - Acts 7:1-4 Then said the high priest, Are these things so? ² And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, ³ And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. ⁴ Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. [New Covenant/Testament Reference is 1) *God appeared to Abraham when he was in Haran* 2) *Abraham moved from Haran to Canaan when his father Terah died *] ** Specificity of detail in the collaborative "Whole Counsel of God**
 - o Comprehensively and Deductively
 - <u>Call called Abraham when he was in the Mesopotamia</u> (Ur of the Chaldees) Acts 7:1-4
 - Genesis 11:31-32 1) He moved from his nativity to Haran 2) *He moved from Haran to Canaan when Terah died [Acts 7:4]

³¹ And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. ³² And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and **Terah died in Haran**.

Acts 7:4. ⁴ Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, **he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell**.

*Fulfillillment of the ~2100 B.C. Revealed Eternal Plan *God preached the Gospel to Abraham* [The Construct of *Flesh* vs. *FAITH/SPIRIT*]

- o Galatians 3:5-9 ⁵ He therefore that ministers to you the *SPIRIT*, and works miracles among you, does He it by the works of the LAW, or by the hearing of FAITH? ⁶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. ⁷ Know ye therefore that *they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham*. ⁸ And the scripture [Genesis 12:1-4], foreseeing that God would JUSTIFY THE HEATHEN THROUGH FAITH, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In YOU SHALL ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED. ⁹ So then they which be of FAITH are blessed with FAITHFUL Abraham.
 - God Prophetically foresaw and foretold that He would
 - Justify/Save all Heathen Nations
 - *Through FAITH [In Christ/the Promised Seed]
 - Vs. the Law of Moses
- *Romans 4:8-17 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. *Some this blessedness then upon the *circumcision only*, or upon the *uncircumcision also*? for we say that FAITH was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. *10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision I* And he received the SIGN of circumcision [*Genesis 17:1-13*], a SEAL of the righteousness of the FAITH which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the FATHER OF ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness

might be imputed unto them also: 12 And the ** father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only **, but who also walk in the steps of that FAITH of our father Abraham, which he had being vet uncircumcised. ¹³ For *the PROMISE, that *he should be the HEIR OF THE WORLD*, was *NOT to Abraham, or to his seed, *THROUGH THE LAW*, *BUT THROUGH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH*. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: ¹⁵ Because the law works wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. 16 Therefore it is of *FAITH*, that it might be by *GRACE*; to the end THE PROMISE MIGHT BE SURE TO ALL THE SEED; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the *FAITH* of *ABRAHAM; WHO IS THE FATHER OF US ALL*, 17 (As it is written [Genesis 17:5], I have made you a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

- Genesis 17:5 [@99] ⁵ Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made you.
- TM: Prophetic Promise of Salvation
 - o The Revelation: Genesis 12:1-4 ~2100BC; Acts 7:1-4
 - God will save "All Nations through the Promised Seed of Abraham"
 - He moved by "Faith" from his native land to Haran
 - He moved from Haran into Canaan when his father Terah died
 - o **Fulfillment of the Promise**:
 - Galatians 3:8-9
 - God *preached the Gospel/Prophetic Promise* to Abraham
 - Gospelic/Prophetic Promises → Salvation and Justification of All Nations *thru Abraham*
 - Galatians 3:10-14
 - Salvation and Justification is by Faith and not by the Law [Flesh] (that was given to Israel/Abraham's Seed)

- 3:14 All Gentile Heathen Nations receive the "Promise of the Spirit" through faith in Jesus Christ
 - **3:16** Who is the Promise Seed of Abraham
- Romans 4:13-16
 - Abraham is the Father of All Nations through Faith
 - The Promise is for All The Seed/All Nations
 - o Of Faith by Grace
 - o *Not by The Law*
- ** Salvation Construct: Romans 8:1-4 **
 - Law/Flesh
 - Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ/Promise of The Spirit
 - o Frees from the Law of Sin & Death
 - The Law of Moses
- Acts 2:36-39
 - Pentecostal Gospel Salvation Reference to All Nations both 1) Israel and 2) "All That Are Afar Off"
 - o ³⁶ Therefore let <u>all the house of Israel know assuredly</u>, that God has made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, <u>Men and brethren</u>, <u>what shall we do</u>? ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹ For the *PROMISE is unto you, and to your children, <u>AND TO *ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF*</u>, even *AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL*.
 - V36 The Gospel on Pentecost was "all the house of Israel"
 - Jewish "Feast of Weeks" Day of Pentecost/50th Day
 - Jesus whom you crucified is Lord and Christ
 - **o V37 Levitical Hebrew Response**
 - What shall we (Levitical Law Hebrews) do?

- V38 Response/Answer to What shall we do
 - Upon learning that they
 - Levitical Law → Hebrews/Jews
 - Crucified Him who is both Lord & Christ
 - They were pricked/convicted and asked What shall we do
 - **Output** The Answer/Resolution to their Salvific Dilemma
 - 1) Repent and be baptized in the name of (by the authority of) Jesus Christ
 - 1) For the <u>remission of sins</u>
 - 2) To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- V39 *The Promise [*Genesis 12:3] is related to both
 - 1) The Remission of Sins &
 - o 2) The Gift of the Holy Spirit
 - The Promise is To:
 - 1) You [Levitical Law Hebrews]
 - 2) Your Children [Jewish Hebrew Offspring]
 - 3) All that are *AFAR OFF* [Gentiles]
 - *Even as many as the Lord our God shall call
- The Promise is for All Nations/Families: Genesis 12:3 & Galatians 3:8
 - ³ And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curseth you: and <u>in you shall all families of the</u> <u>earth be blessed</u>.
 - 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed.
- Abraham 1) The Father of Many Nations [name changed at age 99: Genesis 17:5
 - Neither shall your name any more be called Abram,
 but your name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made you.

- Abraham 2) The Father of Us All: Jew & Gentiles Romans 4:16
 - O 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.
- Pentecostal Message Fulfilment Acts 2:36-39
 - The House of Israel crucified Jesus who is both Lord and Christ
 - They were pricked/convicted and asked the Redemptive
 & Salvific Question "What shall we do?"
 - o The Response was Repent and Be Baptized
 - For 1) the <u>remission of sins</u> and 2) <u>receive the Gift</u> of the Holy Spirit
 - The *Promise of Eternal Redemptive Salvation is to
 - 1) Israel [Levitical Law Hebrews/Jews]
 - 2) Israel's Offspring/Children
 - 3) Gentiles [*All That are Afar Off*]
 - Even as many as the Lord our God shall call
- TM: *Prophetic Fulfillment of Salvation * ..
 - Prophetic *PROMISE*
 - To Father Abraham: Genesis 12:1-4 ~2100 BC
 - Salvation & Redemption for All Families of the Earth
 - Through the Promised Seed of Abraham
 - Galatians 3:7-8 The Prophetic Promise Scripture Genesis
 12:3 "Preached the Gospel To Abraham"
 - *God would Justify/Save/Redeem All Nations
 THROUGH FAITH → Not the Hebrew Covenant Law
 - Prophetic Fulfillment
 - Acts 2:36-39
 - Pentecostal Gospel Message To Law of Moses Covenant
 - o a) Hebrews/Jews & b) Proselytes
 - Crucifies the Lord's Christ/Anointed
 - Pricked in their hearts "What Shall We Do"

- 2:38 1) Baptism for the Remission of Sins 2) Receive "The Gift" of the Holy Spirit [Indwelling Measure]
 - Law only rolled sins annually for Levitical Law Covenant Nation
- 2:39 The Promise is to
 - 1) You → Levitical Law Nation
 - o 2) And Your Children
 - o 3) AND!! To Those Who are AFAR OFF
 - Even as many as the Lord our God shall Call
- Ephesians 1:11
 - 1:1 Saints at Ephesus [Gentile/Gentilian] Asia Minor
 - Ephesians 2:11-13
 - Times Past Gentiles in the Flesh
 - Without Christ
 - Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
 - Strangers from the covenants of Promise
 - Having no hope and without God in the world
 - *Were *FAR OFF* NOW NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST*
 - 1:4 God chose Us in Him before the Foundation of the World
 - 1:5 Predestinated Us to the *ADOPTION OF CHILDREN*
 - Near and Far/Jews and Gentiles
 - 1:7 We have Redemption *THROUGH HIS BLOOD*
 - *Forgiveness of Sins according to the RICHES OF HIS GRACE

• **Fulfilled **PREDESTINATED SALVATION ** for All Nations **

- Apostle <u>Paul</u> [<u>Hebrew</u>]message to <u>Ephesus</u>; <u>Capital City</u>
 of <u>Gentile Asia Minor</u>
- 1:1-5 ¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, <u>to</u> <u>the saints which are at Ephesus</u>, and <u>to the faithful in Christ Jesus</u>: ² Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: ⁴ According as ** <u>He has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world</u>**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
 - 1:1 *Circular Epistle to Gentile Ephesus and to all the faithful in Asia Minor
 - Acts 19:8-10 [3rd Missionary Journey]
 - Transition from Jewish Synagogue [19:8]
 - To school of Tyrannus [19:9]
 - <u>2 years</u> → **<u>All in Asia Minor heard the</u> word; <u>Jews & Greeks/Gentiles</u>** [*19:10]
 - 1:2-3 Our & Us [*Jew & Gentile]
 - God: Our Father
 - Blessed <u>Us</u> with all spiritual blessings
 - 1:4 Salvation Predestination
 - Chose Us [Jew & Gentile] In Him ** before the foundation of the world **
- ⁵ Having ** <u>PREDESTINATED US</u> ** unto the ** <u>ADOPTION</u>
 <u>OF CHILDREN</u> ** by Jesus Christ to himself, <u>according to</u>
 <u>the good pleasure of his will</u>,
 - o All Nations Predestinated to Salvation
 - By the **ADOPTION OF CHILDREN**
 - Not by Ethnicity or Hebrew Flesh

- **Ephesians 3:1-11**
 - The Mystery of Christ: **Hidden & Unrevealed in Other Ages**
 - o **Hidden in God who created all things by Christ [3:9]
 - **Intention to be revealed/made known by the church
 [**3:10]
 - The Gentiles
 - o Fellowheirs
 - Members of the Same Body
 - o Partakers of His Promise by the Gospel
- *Colossians 1:18-29 *The Mystery Revealed to Gentiles at Colosse
 - **Alienated & Enemies Reconciled
 - **[Colossians 1:21 Ephesians 2:11-14]**
 - 1:25-29 Fulfilled the Mystery Hidden from other ages and generations

Colossians 1:21 → **Ephesians 2:11-16**

²¹ And *you, that were *sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now has he reconciled*

Ephesians 2:11-16

- ¹¹ Wherefore remember, that *you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- ¹² That at that time *you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus <u>ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the</u> blood of Christ.
- ¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- ¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- ¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

The Mystery: Colossians 1:26-27 → Ephesians 3:8-11

Colossians 1:26-27

26 Even *THE MYSTERY which has been HID FROM AGES and from GENERATIONS, but now is made manifest to his saints*:

²⁷ To whom <u>God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this</u>

MYSTERY among the Gentiles*; *WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE

HOPE OF GLORY*:

Ephesians 3:8-11

- ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should *preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ*;
- ⁹And to <u>make all men see what is the</u> *<u>fellowship of the mystery</u>*, <u>which from the beginning of the world</u> *<u>has been hid in God, who created all things by</u>
 Jesus Christ*:
- ¹⁰ To the intent that <u>now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places</u>
 <u>MIGHT BE KNOWN BY THE CHURCH</u> <u>THE MANIFOLD WISDOM</u>
 OF GOD*,
- 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: