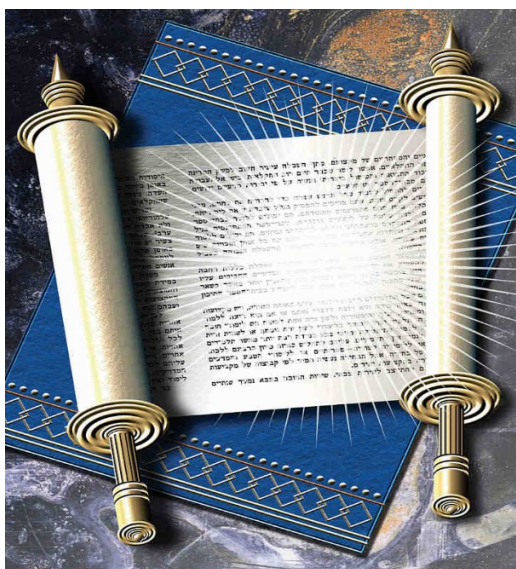


# Book of Beginnings, Book of the End



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Genesis is the “seed bed” of all Biblical doctrine. What you find scattered throughout the rest of the Bible you will find in embryonic form somewhere in the *Book of Beginnings*, Genesis. It alludes to every truth contained elsewhere in Scripture. That is the basic principle of all the Bible.

***That which has been is what will be,  
that which is done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.***

Ecc 1:9

This is an important key in understanding truths about the Last Days. Many teach on the subject by beginning with the Book of Daniel for example and try to work from that vantage point. However, the problem is that they haven't laid a foundation on which to build. Unless we see the Book of Genesis to be a bedrock of prophetic principles, we'll never crack the code of symbolism and meaning found in the Apocalyptic books of Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation.

Let's look at some of these principles comparing the Book of the Beginning (*Genesis*) with the Book of the End (*Revelation*).

In the Greek version of the Old Testament, commonly called the Septuagint (LXX), the Rabbis divided the book of Genesis into ten sections each starting with the phrase “*these are the beginnings*”. Prophetically understood these ten sections are like lamps shining on End Time events from the distant past.

### Section 1 – **Gen chapter 2 – THE EARTH** – its Beginning and its End

- Throughout Scripture there is an ongoing interplay between two types such as the Beginning and the End of a matter. This culminates in the Book of Revelation reviewing all that has happened since the Beginning in the Book of Genesis.
- Notice also that there are two cities, two kingdoms, two women, two marks in the forehead, two resurrections, two lions, two types of angels, etc.
- What was initiated in the Beginning in a microcosm will be played out at the End in macrocosm.

### Section 2 – **Gen chapter 5 – MAN** – his Beginning and his End

- Adam was “a son of God” made in His likeness and out of him came a son called Seth who began a godly line in contrast to his brother’s ungodly line (the Cainites); note the two-fold typology again.
- Both the godly and ungodly lines will reap their own due rewards in the Last Days, just as in the First Days they willingly chose their own path.
- Enoch the seventh son from Adam was raptured and is a symbol of the Last Day’s Sons of God who also will be “raptured”.

### Section 3 – **Gen chapter 6 – NOAH** – a sign from the Beginning of the End

- Jesus used this historical figure as a symbol of what would be seen at the End of the Age.
- By using Noah as a sign of the End Jesus was reinforcing the principle that the Beginning of things speaks of what will happen at the End.

### Section 4 – **Gen chapter 10 – BABYLON** - its rise at the Beginning and fall at the End

- Babylon is a symbol of the worldly system of religion, politics and economy. It has its beginnings at Babel and continues on throughout history.
- In Revelation it finally falls under the judgement of the Lord and is destroyed forever.

### Section 5 – **Gen chapter 11 – THE EARTH** – repopulated introducing a new Beginning

- In the days of Noah a flood swept away the wicked and the righteous repopulated the earth.
- At the End of the Age (“*as in the days of Noah*”) once more the wicked will be swept away and the righteous shall inherit the earth.

### Section 6 – **Gen chapter 11 – ABRAM** – a pattern of the deliverance of the Wife

- Abram’s wife is taken into the house of Pharaoh, but God sends plagues to free her.
- In Revelation plagues come again to deliver the Bride of Christ.

### Section 7 – **Gen chapter 25 – ISHMAEL** – carnal man contends with the righteous man from the very Beginning

- Ishmael is a type of the carnal man who sets himself against God and the righteous. He is of Egypt, a symbol of the world and all its carnality.
- He has always persecuted the “son of Promise” Isaac, and will continue to do so right into the very Last Days.

### Section 8 – **Gen chapter 25 – ISAAC** – a righteous one from the Beginning

- The two sons of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael exist side by side, but in conflict.
- The “sons of the Promise” will exist side by side with the Ishmaelites until the Day of Reckoning by the Lord.

Section 9 – **Gen chapters 25 to 27 – ESAU** – a despiser of the birthright from the Beginning

- Esau did not honour God's pattern of the firstborn and sold his inheritance.
- In the Last Days many will act like Esau (also called *Edom*) and reject their birthright and even seek to kill the chosen ones of God.
- The way of the flesh and the way of the Spirit culminates in the Book of Revelation.

Section 10 – **Gen chapter 28 – JACOB** – a Father of the Tribes from the Beginning

- Jacob wrestles with the Lord and is named *Israel*.
- From him come the 12 sons and later the 12 tribes, all of whom are prophetic of the Last Day's people of God.
- In the Book of Revelation the names of the Sons and Tribes are engraved on the Heavenly Jerusalem which is the City and People of God at the End of the Age.

These ten sections give us insight to a key of understanding the overall picture of End Time events. But let's note that there isn't just one key that will give us the whole picture. Rather there seems to be a number of keys that are all joined together much as a set of keys hang together on a key ring.

This is probably the most apt picture of how to understand the mysteries surrounding the Last Days. I would think it's wise to cast your eye over a variety of interpretations rather than dogmatically lock yourself into one view. Most studies on the End Times set out a framework that the author rigidly sticks to, and woe betide anyone who disagrees! I've never been able to accept that approach as I firmly believe the Lord gives us a number of ways of looking at the picture.

To change the metaphor, God shows us the same event by looking through a different number of windows. Depending on where you stand at the time, will dictate to you the angle you're viewing the overall scene from. For this reason, it's wise to incorporate a number of keys in our quest to understand the End Times. One of those keys is the parallels that we find in Genesis and Revelation.

**Gen 2:4 parallels Rev 21:1**

A heaven and an earth are created : A new heaven and a new earth come forth

**Gen 2:7 parallels Rev 20:6**

Man's comes from the dust : Man rises from the dust (compare Daniel 12:2)

**Gen 2:8-10 parallels Rev 22:1-2**

A garden with a river and a tree : A garden with a river and the tree of Life

**Gen 2:18-22 parallels Rev 19:7**

The first Marriage of a man and woman : Last marriage of Groom and Bride

**Gen 3:1-5 parallels Rev 20:2-8**

The Serpent that deceives appears on earth : The great deceiving Dragon re-appears

**Gen 3:21 parallels Rev 19:8**

The Lord clothes man : Man is arrayed in fine linen

**Gen 1:26 and 2:7 parallel Rev 2:18**

The First Adam is a son of God (Luk 3:38) : The Last Adam is the Son of God (1 Cor 15:45)

Another key of understand is in seeing how the Book of Revelation can be interpreted through the events of the Exodus and the Passover. At the heart of this particular key is the notion that the people of Israel were forerunners of the Ecclesia (the true church), particularly the End Time people of God. So we see that the Last Days saints parallel the Israelites at the time of the Exodus. Following on from this concept it's easy to see that the Antichrist corresponds to Pharaoh and the Egyptian world system.

The relationship between Exodus and Revelation has been known for some time and will prove to be an vital key in understanding the principle that "what has been shall come again".

The Exodus event	The Revelation parallel	Last Day's meaning
Egypt enslaves Israel	The world system ensnares the people of the earth	There will be an increase in an attempt to control and enslave
The Israelites	The End Time People of God	There will be a sifting to determine those who are really "of Israel"
The land of Goshen	Those sealed by God	End time protection
Deliverance by blood on the doorposts	Saved by blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ	The blood of the Lamb will gain increased prominence
God appoints two prophets, Moses and Aaron	The two Witnesses appointed and sent forth	The witness of the Word and the Spirit shall come forth
Plagues come upon Egypt	Plagues sent upon the ungodly	This is the wrath of God not Satan
Pharaoh	The Antichrist	The Antichrist spirit is unleashed
Pharaoh hardens his heart again and again	The kings of the nations harden their hearts toward God	There'll be an increased distinction between those who love God and those who continue to rebel
Deliverance through Red Sea	Deliverance at the place of tribulation	The rapture is a deliverance not an escape
Egyptian army pursue Israelites	Antichrist's army pursues Israel	Hosts of Satan will increase their persecution against the saints
Pharaoh's army defeated	Nations will be defeated at Armageddon	Final defeat of Satan is assured according to this pattern
Joshua takes the people into the Promised Land	Jesus ( <i>Joshua</i> ) leads us into the eternal promises	There is a promise and rest yet to enter and only Jesus/Joshua can lead us in

These are some of the parallels that exist between the events of the Exodus and those that will happen during the period described in Revelation. God has given the example of the Passover and Exodus to encourage those who at the end of the age will face a similar scenario. In Exodus we are seeing a rehearsal for what will happen again in the Last Days.

Rather than seeing the events of Revelation as terrifying and despairing, we are being told by the Lord those days will be full of hope and purpose - if we have eyes to see and a heart to understand.