

THE ONE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

Text: Acts 3:18-24

INTRO: The Bible's story opens with Genesis, the book of beginnings & closes with Revelation, a book of consummation. In Genesis, God's authority, even God's concern for man is challenged. In Revelation, He is finally vindicated with an eternal vindication, participated in by His friends & enemies alike.

Let us note some comparisons & contrasts between the first 3 chapters of Genesis & the last 3 chapters of Revelation.

I. CONTRASTS BETWEEN GENESIS & REVELATION

GENESIS	REVELATION
Heaven & earth created, 1:1	New heaven & earth, 21:1
Seas formed, 1:10	No more sea, 21:1
Sun, moon formed, 1:16	No need of them, 21:23
Threat of death, 2:17	No more death, 21:4
Devil appears to deceive, 3:1-6	Disappears forever, 20:10
Ground cursed, 3:17-19	No more curse, 22:3
Driven from tree of life, 3:22-24	Tree restored, 22:2-4
Driven from God's presence, 3:24	With Him forever, 21:3

II. THE REST OF THE STORY (GIST OF THE STORY).

Gen. 3:15	Seed of woman,	Gal. 4:4
Gen. 22:18,	Seed of Abraham,	Gal. 3:16, 26-29

Acts 3:18-24; Acts 2:14, 36-41

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