**Seven, Ten Generations**

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God, in His Word, often exhibits an affinity for explaining matters by and through the use of *types*, *numbers*, *metaphors*, *parables*, *or other forms of figurative language*. But the way in which man in the western world normally views these same parts of the Word, more often than not, is completely out of line with the way in which God has revealed Himself in His Word.

In the preceding respect, vital points of interpretation, particularly those established early in **Genesis**, are often missed. And, beginning in an incorrect fashion in this manner, can only result in negative consequences when seeking to understand subsequent biblical revelation.

The basics for *everything* have been set forth early in Scripture. In this respect, man *must* begin where God began if he is to gain an understanding of foundational truths, which are vitally necessary for a proper understanding of subsequent revelation. And, beginning at this point in Scripture, man *must* study God’s revelation after the manner in which it has been structured, after the manner in which God gave His revelation to man.

Thus, all who desire to properly understand God’s revelation of Himself, His plans, and His purposes for man *must* do two things:

1. They *must* begin where God began, at the beginning, in **Genesis**.
2. They *must* study this revelation after the manner in which God structured His Word when the Spirit moved different men to pen this Word.

Anything short of this, no matter to what extent man applies himself to study, can only fail to produce *the full results* that God intended when He gave this revelation to man.

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Foreword

**Genesis**, the book of beginnings, is rich beyond degree. And this richness is found mainly through *the means* that God has used to reveal Himself, His plans, and His purposes as they pertain to man and the earth. **Genesis** is highly typical in structure; and within this typical structure God has incorporated *a numeric system*, with different numbers carrying *spiritual significance and meaning*.

The book of **Genesis** *begins this way*, throughout the opening chapter and into the first three verses of the second chapter (the first thirty-four verses of the book), revealing:

*A creation*

*A ruin of the creation*

*A restoration of the ruined creation over six days time*

*A day of rest following the restoration*

And God’s work within this restoration, along with His taking time to rest following the restoration, all occur within *an established numeric framework*.

Then, not only **Genesis** but all of subsequent Scripture *continues this way*, which is something dealt with centrally in the subject matter of this book, Seven, Ten Generations.

Both “seven” and “ten” are numbers showing *completeness*. “Seven” shows *the completeness of that which is in view,* and “ten” shows *numerical completeness*.

In **Genesis** chapter **five**, at a terminal point *in the seventh generation*, God stepped into the affairs of man and brought a certain event to pass. Then, at a terminal point *in the tenth generation*, God once again stepped into the affairs of man and brought certain events to pass.

The entire matter forms a complete overall type within an established numeric framework. The manner in which God acted at *a terminal point during the seventh generation* foreshadows His future dealings with *the Church at a terminal point in time*. And the manner in which God subsequently acted at a terminal point during the tenth generation foreshadows His future dealings with *Israel at a subsequent terminal point in time*.

These things will occur during and at the end of Man’s Day, foreshadowed by events surrounding God working throughout the six days to restore a ruined creation in **Genesis** chapter **one**. And they occur with a view to a day of rest, foreshadowed by God resting on the seventh day following six days of restorative work in the first three verses of **Genesis** chapter **two**.

**Genesis 1:1-2:3** forms an opening skeletal framework in Scripture, providing a septenary structure upon which all of subsequent Scripture rests. All which follows is simply commentary, forming the sinews, flesh, and skin to cover the skeletal framework set forth at the beginning.

This is the manner in which God has designed and structured His Word. And if man would properly understand this revelation, he must study the Word *after the same manner God designed and structured this Word*.

(For additional information on **Genesis 1:1-2:3**, refer to Appendixes 1, 2 in this book.

For a more complete understanding of the manner in which Scripture is structured, starting with the skeletal framework in the opening thirty-four verses of **Genesis**, refer to the first four chapters in the author’s book, The Study of Scripture.)