



Publishing Peace

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*“Behold on the mountains
the feet of him who brings
good tidings, who proclaims
peace!...” (Nahum 1:15)*

2025 Lectureship

In 2011, the Victory Lectures for WVSOP covered **Genesis 1-11**, under the title, **The Need for Redemption**. (Those lectures can be accessed at this link: <https://wvsop.com/2011-victory-lectures/>.)

Since that time, the lectures have bounced back and forth between Old Testament and New Testament studies. This year, the lectureship committee has decided to study the rest of the book of Genesis, chapters 12-50, under the title, **Birth of the Messiah's Nation**.

The “Book of Beginnings,” Genesis, is easily divided into those two sections. Genesis 1-11 sets out the origins of the universe and mankind. The record tells how sin was introduced into the world and what God's response was. It even tells of the post-flood new beginning, which mankind messed up again.

That narrative then bounces to God's call of Abraham to be the progenitor of a nation through which “all families of the earth (would) be blessed” (Gen. 12:3). The thrilling stories of the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, then propel the account into the rest of the Bible where Israel is prepared as God's chosen people: Through them the Savior would come!

These chapters show how powerful and sustaining God always is, even though the characters in His story are mere men and have flaws that must be overcome. It is a thrilling study entering the depths of men's hearts and the boundless arena of God's providence.

We invite you to be a part of this study with us, October 19-23, 2025.

At the lectureship dinner Tuesday, **October 21**, we plan to honor **Phil and Darleen Grear**, to whom we are dedicating the lectureship book. We hope you can join us for this free, catered meal. Please RSVP by October 1 by calling 304-845-8001.

Birth of the Messiah's Nation A Study of Genesis 12-50

**October 19-23,
2025**

Mountains and the Gospel

Inspired, of course, by the Holy Spirit, it was perhaps Moses who penned these opening words from the ninetieth Psalm:

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. (vs. 1-2).

Mountains often signify to the human mind a sense of stability, strength, even majesty and might. Plains and rolling hills have their own beauty, but one looks to mountains for these characteristics of grandeur. Those characteristics get men to thinking of the divine. Horeb was “the mountain of God,” so designated by the Lord Himself as the place where His people, fresh from Egyptian bonds, would serve Him (Ex. 3:1, 12). Later in Israel’s history, however, the people would corrupt the “high places” by making them their idolatrous places of worship (2 Chron. 28:25). There is something about the high places that attracts mankind.

However, mankind must never look to worship “the creature rather than the Creator” (Rom. 1:25). The point of Psalm 90’s opening lines is this: As great as are the mountains, God is greater. The mountains seem stable, but they are not eternal. God existed before them and He will exist after them. He and only He is “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psalm 90:2).

The West Virginia School of Preaching is blessed to sit among the beautiful hills of northern West Virginia. While thankful for the beauty of these surroundings, we do not idolize them, but rather worship their Creator, our God. When the school was formed years ago, a verse tying together mountains and preaching was employed on the school’s logo and used to gain the name for this newsletter. Nahum 1:15a in the King James Version reads, “Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!” That verse is cited in Paul’s great passage about preaching in Romans 10:15.

The idea of the founders of the school is that wherever we may be, we want to preach the Gospel of peace, the story of the Prince of Peace (cf. Isa. 9:6-7). Since we are located in the mountains it seemed quite appropriate to make an oblique reference to a mountainous region while affirming the purpose of training Gospel preachers. Thus, the newsletter is titled, **Publishing Peace**.

We are blessed with a beautiful mountainous setting for our work. Those mountains—created by God—will, however, someday perish (2 Pet. 3:10-12). It is our hope that the work we do of training men in the Gospel of Christ results—by the grace and power of God—in many souls being saved to be residents of the heavenly Jerusalem on spiritual Mount Zion (Heb. 12:22-23).

—Andy Robison

Commentaries Available

We have been blessed to handle our dear brother Gene West’s commentaries. These are available (with requested donation prices noted; extra for shipping is appreciated, also).

Acts (\$20)

Hebrews (\$20)

Romans (\$20)

Revelation (\$25)

Lectureship Books Available

From 2019-2023

Birth of the Messiah's Nation

Genesis 12-50

Sunday Morning Bible Study: @ 9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship Services: @ 10:40 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship Services: @ 6:30 p.m.

Overview of Genesis 12-50
 God's Call to Abraham. Genesis 12:1-9
 Abraham and Sarah: The Sojourns, the Names, the Burial
 Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-18; 17:1-27; 23:1-20

John Board
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 Phil Sanders

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00 AM	"We Are Brethren" Genesis 13:1-14:24 Phil Sanders	Abraham's Death & Family Genesis 22:20-24; 25:1-18; 26:34-35; 27:46; 28:6-9; 36:1-43 Joshua Ball	"I Have Enough" Genesis 32:1-21; 33:1-17 Emanuel Daugherty	Dream Interpretation Genesis 40:1-41:36 Dave Deagel
10:00 AM	Eliezer and Ancient Covenant Practices Genesis 15:1-21; 24:2 Mark Aites	Isaac and Rebekah Genesis 24:1-67 Jeremy Main	The Incident at Shechem Genesis 33:18-34:31 Bruce Daugherty	The Egyptian Prince Genesis 41:37-57 Terry Townsend
11:00 AM	Ishmael Genesis 16; 21:8-21; 25:12-18 Rick Kelley	Birthright and Blessing Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-45 Ed Melott	Jacob's Name and Family Genesis 35:1-29 Vince Daugherty	Joseph's Brothers Genesis 42:1-45:28 John Keith
1:15 PM	The Sign and Son of the Covenant Genesis 17:1-18:15; 21:1-7 Phil Sanders	The Rejected One Genesis 27:41-46; 28:6-9; 32:1-21 Tim Canup	Sold Genesis 37:1-36 Eddie Cooper	"Go Down to Egypt" Genesis 46:1-47:31 David Kenney
2:15 PM	God's Judgment on Wickedness Genesis 18:16-19:38 Paolo DiLuca	Jacob's Wives Genesis 28:1-5; 29:1-30:24 Nathan Mayes	Judah, Tamar, and the Lineage of Christ Genesis 38:1-30 J.D. Conley	Ephraim and Manasseh Genesis 48:1-22 Aaron Burch
3:15 PM	Fear of God Among the Philistines Genesis 20:1-18; 21:22-34; 26:1-33 Dan Kessinger	Jacob and Laban Genesis 30:25-31:55 Zach Barnhart	"This Great Wickedness" Joseph in Potiphar's House Genesis 39:1-23 Andy Robison	Jacob's Prophecies Genesis 49 Terry Jones
6:30 PM	CONGREGATIONAL SING	CONGREGATIONAL SING	CONGREGATIONAL SING	CONGREGATIONAL SING
7:05 PM	"Where is the Lamb?" Genesis 22:1-19 Charles Pugh	"Surely the Lord is in This Place" Genesis 28:10-22 Mike Vestal	Wrestling with God Genesis 32:22-32 Mike Vestal	"God Meant It for Good" Genesis 49:29-50:26 Mike Vestal

Earthen Vessels

In 2 Corinthians 4, the apostle Paul is contrasting the eternal with the temporal. In the end of the chapter he describes the difference in terms of vision. Eternal things are the unseen things; temporary things are things that can be viewed (2 Cor. 4:16-18).

Earlier in the chapter, he tells about how some will, due to stubborn, willful blindness, not allow themselves to be changed by the “light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” (4:4). In a bit of self-defense, he reminds the readers that neither he nor his cohorts are preaching anything less glorious than Deity: “For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus’ sake” (4:5).

The contrast between temporal man and the eternal God is made more starkly in verse 6: “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” If Paul were to use 21st-century American every-day speech, he might say, “Look! It’s not about us; it’s about the Almighty God!”

The next verse is then made all the more powerful: “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us” (4:7). The earthen vessels to which he refers are human bodies with all their frailties. In

verses 8-14, he speaks of how that body is persecuted, forsaken, and cast down, but the spirit is emboldened because of the power in the Gospel (with specific reference to the power God employed in resurrecting Christ).

God chose to put the most precious news into corruptible bodies. That emphasizes that salvation does not come from man, but man is allowed and privileged by God to preach it.

Please pray for more good men to desire to give their full devotion to preaching the glorious gospel of Christ.

—Andy Robison



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