

# THE SCARLET THREAD

*It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,  
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

*Proverbs 25:2*

This week at Christian Fellowship, we started a new series on the prophecies concerning Christ. Scholars often refer to these prophecies as the “Scarlet Thread” that binds the Old and New Testaments together. It is mysterious, and often hidden deep in scripture.

Bible scholars suggest there are more than 300 Old Testament prophetic Scriptures fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ. Circumstances such as his birthplace, lineage, and method of execution were beyond Christ's control and could not have been accidentally or deliberately fulfilled. While this in itself is a staggering statistic, let's also take into account that no other story has the same kind of unified storyline.

The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years with some 40 authors and contains ONE storyline from start to finish. No other book has ever come close to that kind of consistency. Take Star Wars for example: the story was originally written just 50 years ago with one author and now has had over 100 authors culminating in an estimated 1,000+ Star Wars publications from books, movies, and video games, all the way to exclusive Content for Disney+. Each author has access to the original creator of the story, yet now the story is deeply fractured and has about 100 plots and subplots that don't match up.

The Scarlet Thread helps us understand the Divine inspiration of Scripture and its Authority.

**Read Psalm 22 Together. Where do you find the Scarlet Thread linking to Christ? (The First or Second coming? Scripture cross-references)**

## Discussion Questions

1. Where have you seen Jesus in the Old Testament? How does this prove the relevancy or authenticity of The Old Testament today?
2. Why is Genesis 3 so pivotal to our understanding of the Gospel? What is the difference between God's Justice and Man's?
3. The scarlet worm sacrificed itself for its offspring, just as God sacrificed Jesus for us, His children. How can you sacrifice yourself to further the kingdom as scripture tells us? What does that sacrifice look like on the daily?
4. We went over how the word “scarlet” in scripture translates into Hebrew to mean “Destroy the Son of Man, completing the mighty work of God”. How does knowing the intricacies of scripture and the Hebrew language help you in your faith? What is the importance or relevance of the nuances of the Hebrew language?
5. Could you lead someone to Christ using the Old Testament? What scriptures would you use?

**BONUS CHALLENGE: What other Hebrew words point to Christ?**