

Week #:	94	Series:	Secrets of the Holy Place	Title:	(8 B) Mystery of the Cross
Text:	Revelation 13; Genesis 4:15; Exodus 12:7; Ezekiel 9:4; Psalms 22:16-19; Numbers 21:8-9; John 3:14-15; Colossians 2:14; Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22; Psalms 22:16; Exodus 12:3-13; Deuteronomy 21:23; Galatians 3:13; Matthew 27:46; Matthew 26:53-54; II Kings 19:35; Isaiah 53:5; Genesis 2:9; Acts 5:30; Numbers 21:8; John 3:14-15; I Corinthians 1:18				
Songs:	At the Cross (Love Ran Red) – Chris Tomlin (4:22)				
	Worthy Is the Lamb – Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir (6:05)				
	Forever – Kari Jobe (6:50)				
Video:	Secrets of the Holy Place, by Perry Stone – #8				


Secrets of the Holy Place, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #8 at 00:34:15)

Why the Cross?

- Liberation begins at the cross.
- Was there another way God could have sent His Son?
- While talking about the blood of Jesus, Perry describes an incident with a Muslim man in which he asked two questions:
 1. How can you say God had a son when God cannot have sons?
 - Perry explained: My son is my son because of several reasons:
 1. he carries my name
 2. he carries my blood
 3. he carries my DNA and looks and acts like me
 2. Jesus was born of a virgin. If it takes the seed of a man, then where did Jesus' blood come from? Biologically, a man has to go into a woman and it takes the seed of a man and the egg of a woman coming together to make blood. You can't have the blood of a baby without having that seed of a man involved. Thus, where did Jesus' blood come from?
 - Jesus always talks about exalting God.
 - Jesus said "If you've seen me, you've seen God." He's raising the dead, healing the sick, casting out devils.
 - Because He carried God's name, He carried God's nature, and He carried God's blood, what does that make Him? A SON of God!
 - The second thing Muslims are very upset about is the preaching of the cross.
 - The reason being, they do not believe Jesus was crucified. They believe He's coming back again. They believe He will actually come to the Eastern Gate in Jerusalem. But then they believe, of course, that He comes with Mohamed and converts everybody to Islam. They believe now He is in heaven. They believe Jesus kept telling people that He was the son of God, and Allah, who is not begotten nor is he begot (according to the Koran) became angry at him. So they were going to crucify Jesus. Before they could, God changed the countenance of another person (possibly Judas) and made him look like Jesus, so they actually put him on the cross and did kill him, but God came and with the angels took Jesus up to heaven. God rebuked Jesus, saying, "Why did you tell everybody that I have a son when you know I don't have a son?" Jesus repented to God about that, and God said to Jesus, "At the last days you're going to have to come back to earth and tell everybody that God has no son."
 - According the Muslims: the antichrist of Revelation 13 is the Mahdi of Islam – the false prophet of Revelation 13 is the false Jesus who will say he is not the son of God.
 - The Koran says that no man can get in God's presence and live. This is true. If we were to go to heaven right now without a resurrected body, or some kind of supernatural power, you would be consumed. Even the Bible teaches that God dwells in a light that no man can approach.

- If you say: Jesus was not the Son of God, He was just a prophet (just a man), then how could God take Him off the planet, take Him into His presence, He can talk to God face-to-face, without dying?
- For Jesus to stand in the presence of God without dying makes Him more than just a mortal man.
- The reason Muslims don't like the preaching of the cross and they don't like to see crosses is because Mohamed taught that in the end of time his people would raise up an army, they would kill the "swine" (referring to Jews), and tear down the crosses. The reason they don't like the cross is it represents a belief that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, whereas they believe He was never crucified. There are some moderate Muslims that are not offended because they say it's just the Christian faith that represents their God. So they don't make an issue of it, but there are many in the Islamic religion that do make it an issue.
- Why did God have to choose the cross for Jesus to die on?

The emblem of the cross:

- The cross is a T shaped object made of wood. We wear them on our necklaces; we have pictures of Jesus, etc., hanging upon the cross.
- In the Hebrew alphabet, every letter has a symbol connected to it. Aleph is the first letter and it represents an ox. The 22nd letter is Tav and its symbol is a cross. It's a plus sign or an X. Although the Hebrew symbols have changed their form over the years, in the early Hebrew script two letters have kept the same basic form:
 - Shin
 - shaped like a W – 
 - the 21st letter of the Hebrew alphabet that represents God's name Shaddai
 - Tav
 - the symbol of a cross sign – an X or a +
- The cross emblem is the oldest emblem in the world.
- In Genesis 4:15 in reference to the mark put on Cain's head. The Jews believe God marked him with a Tav. God put a cross on Cain's head to keep people from killing him.
 - They found the Iceman – a man found under ice in Italy that's 5,500 years old. Adam was living in the day of this man. Cain was living when this guy, who had grass shoes, a little bit of leather, and a real rugged looking individual, was found by a skier under ice. He has plus cross signs all over his body. Rabbi Getz theorizes that this would be because he could be a descendant of Cain. Cain's descendants would have understood that God's disfavor was on them. So what they would have done was mark themselves with the Tav letter [+ or x] in hopes that it would bring some kind of a protection in their hunting days, in their traveling, and in their journey. If this theory is true, then that man is a direct descendant of Cain that was found in the ice in Italy.
- In Exodus 12:7 when they put the blood on the doorpost, it is believed that they took the hyssop and they struck it in the shape of the letter Tav – left post, right post, and top post. This is the cross again. It is important because Jesus was crucified near Passover and there were three crosses on the hill – a thief on one side, a thief on the other side, and Jesus in the middle (Matthew 27:38). So the three marks on the door of every Hebrew home in Exodus 12 indicate the symbolism of three crosses, one of which Jesus was on.
- In Ezekiel 9:4 an angel has an ink horn on his side and he is told to go through the city of Jerusalem and mark the righteous. It says there in the Bible in Hebrew, "place the Tav on their forehead." So the righteous who were spared when the Babylonians came had an invisible mark of the cross on their forehead.

- Five reasons there had to be a cross involved in Jesus' crucifixion:

- **Prophecies**

Psalms 22:16-19

¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; ¹⁷ I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.

¹⁸ They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

- To fulfill the prophecy it took the piercing of the feet and hands, and the only way to do it would be the Roman crucifixion, which did not exist at the moment that prophecy was written.

- **Symbolism**

Numbers 21:8-9

⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

John 3:14-15

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

- The brass snake on a pole is a picture of Christ taking our judgment – brass in judgment – in His body to the cross and nailing our sins to the cross (Colossians 2:14).

- **Redemption Required Blood**

Leviticus 17:11

¹¹ For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'

Hebrews 9:22

²² And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

- The only way to get the blood out of the body of Christ was to have the hands and feet pierced (Psalms 22:16) and his side pierced, which happened.
- Also the blood had to come out of His body because every animal that was ever sacrificed on the brass altar had one thing in common – blood had to be shed. The blood had to flow out in order for a sin offering to take place, in order for the trespass offering to take place. In order for sins to be covered in the eyes of God it took blood.
- The significance of that is the fact that Jesus' blood had to come out of His body. The only way that the blood of Jesus could come out of His body was the piercing of a nail in His feet, and the piercing of the nails in his hands. He could not keep the blood in His body and be the sacrifice. It's impossible. Every sacrifice – bulls, rams, goats, lambs, pigeons – the blood in the body had to flow out of the body and God had to see the blood, like in Exodus 12:3-13 when a lamb is offered and God says, "When I see the blood I will pass over you."

- **Curse on a Tree**

Deuteronomy 21:23

²³ his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged *is* accursed of God.

- The law said Jesus was cursed for hanging on a tree.

Galatians 3:13

¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”),

- Christ became a curse for us.
- The way He was cursed was not God looking at Him and saying, “I curse you.” That never happened. When Jesus took sin on His body – He took sin on the cross and blood is poured out of His body – He is a sin offering at that point. Therefore, remember on the cross He said:

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

- Did the Father forsake Jesus and just say, “*I’m done with you,*”? – that’s not what forsake means. Jesus was feeling like He was isolated and He was alone having all of the sin placed on Him. Therefore, for God to look at His Son, whom He still loved, He had to turn His back to say, “I can’t do anything about this.”
- He already told Jesus through an angel that if He didn’t want to go through this He could call 12 legions of angels and the whole thing would be stopped (Matthew 26:53-54).

- **Perry:** 1 angel could kill 185,000 men according to the Bible (II Kings 19:35). A legion is about 60,000 at its highest level. Add it up and you’ll discover that those angels could have taken out over 13 billion people. There are only 7 billion people on the planet now. At that time there were not even half that.
- **Sarah:** I found in my research that a legion was 4,000 - 6,000 soldiers, which when multiplied with 185,000 (as is described in II Kings 19:35) would be just over 1 billion: 1,110,000,000. According to the most recent United Nations estimations, in June 2020 there are 7,800,000,000 people on earth. During Jesus’ life there were about 300,000,000 in world population.

- God knew at that point that Jesus had submitted therefore He had to back up and say, “*Son, I can do nothing about this. You’ve got to go through with it. I can’t help your pain.*” Imagine that. God could have just numbed the body of Jesus to where He didn’t feel anything, but that was not what it was about. He had to fulfill Isaiah 53:5

⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

- He had to be made a sin offering to redeem us.

- **To Gain Life**

- Adam, the first man, lost it all at a tree – the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Mankind, if he could just get back to the tree of life, could have eternal life. (Genesis 2:9)
- So God said, “Here’s what we’re going to do. We’re going to take My Son and put Him on a tree.” The Bible mentions in that He was crucified on a tree

Acts 5:30

³⁰The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.

- Just like the brass snake, everybody that could look to that serpent can live, in the old time in the wilderness, and God determined to put Jesus on a tree so that everybody who looks to the tree, and that one who was on the tree, will now have eternal life (Numbers 21:8; John 3:14-15).
- Thus, the cross became more than an instrument of torture. That's what the Romans intended. The cross became the tree of life. Without it, there is no access to God. Without it, there is no eternal life. Without it, there is no justification, no reconciliation, no sanctification. Without it, there is no baptism of the Holy Spirit, because the Spirit of God wouldn't have come.

I Corinthians 2:2

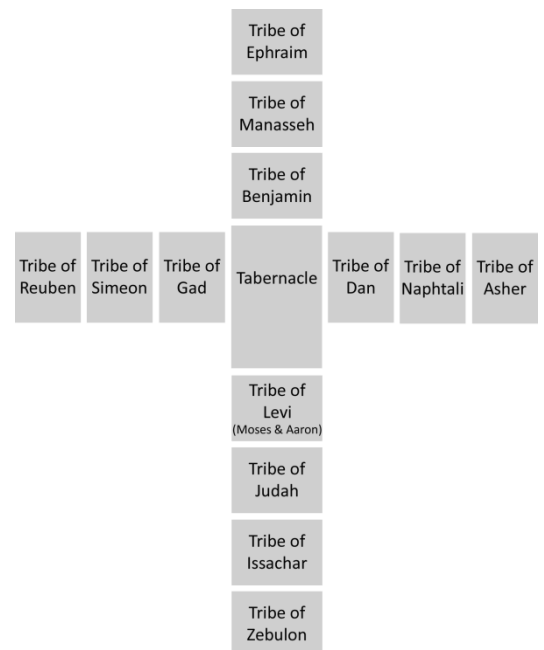
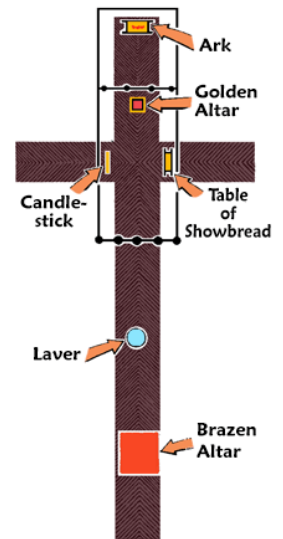
²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

I Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- Why is it foolishness to those who perish? Because they don't understand those five things. You have to understand them to know the reason why it took the cross.

- The Tabernacle: the layout of the furniture from the Brass Altar to the Holy of Holies – with all the furniture in between – makes a cross.
- His head would be right at the Holy of Holies – the Ark of the Covenant. On the head is the mouth that speaks. God spoke from the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant. It forms a cross.
- If you take some of the furniture – and Ark of the Covenant, the Altar of Incense the Brass Altar – and you lay the pieces down, they form a cross.
- The camp of Israel was laid out in the shape of a cross around the Tabernacle. Three Tribes each to the east, west, north, and south [tribe of Levi, with Moses and Aaron, at the Tabernacle's entrance]. If you had an aerial view, the Tabernacle was right in the heart of Israel, it forms the shape of a cross.
- Thus, the Tabernacle conceals, over and over again, the pictures of the cross.



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