

THE BIBLE “THREADS”

Threads	What is it?	Who/where?	Seed Context	Future Context
Red	The King Promise	Jesus Christ	The Genesis 3:15 SEED is Jesus; but the “Seed Carriers” include over 60 generations of men from Adam to Noah to Abraham to David... ultimately to adopted Joseph, father of Jesus.	Millennial King and then Heavenly King
Blue	The “Nation” - People Promise	Israelites – God’s chosen nation	The “Seed Family” – 12 tribes of Jacob, banding together to make up the Hebrew (Jewish) ancestry	Continued persecution of the “nations”; eventually protection, redemption and salvation for the Jews and renewal as a nation during millennial kingdom
Green	The Land Promise	Israel (Jerusalem)	The Seed Land – historically, it’s the land of Canaan, later became territory of Israel under David and Solomon	Earthly Jerusalem during millennium; then replaced by New Heavenly Jerusalem
Yellow	The “Nations” Promise	All non-Jews (Gentiles)	Descendants of Noah’s sons Ham and Japheth. Also include lines of Seth outside of line of Abraham- Isaac- Jacob (i.e. Abraham’s son Ishmael, and Isaac’s son Esau – are outside the Seed line family)	But still God promised the nations from them would be great and will share in the promise and salvation of the Jews one day in future kingdom.

The Red thread - Let’s start in Revelation (Chapter 19). Jesus comes in the air on a white horse. I know, this feels so surreal and Disney-like. But hang with me.

His armies behind him are also on white horses. They’re clothed in white linen garments. But Jesus’ garment is dipped in the bloodshed from the fury of his wrath as he slaughters the wicked. (I know it’s not the pleasant thoughts we have of Jesus. But it’s biblical.)

To appreciate this red thread, we have to talk a lot about blood. Six thousand years of bloodshed, going back to the beginning, after sin in the garden.

Jesus’ crimsoned robe is a symbol of his own bloodshed from his cross crucifixion. This sacrifice follows 4,000 years of animal sacrifices being offered to God. For God, these sacrifices were a foreshadow of the one on the cross.

The Red Thread is not just about any blood. It's the blood of a King. Jesus is "King of kings and Lord of lords." It says so on his blood-stained robe and his thigh (Rev 19:16).

This red thread symbolizes Jesus' life. His death. His victory. His future throne, kingdom and title.

Red is also symbolic of the Lord's supper. We take the bread and drink the red wine to remember our Lord.

Jesus will one day reign forever. There will never another leadership transition.

As we read through the Bible, we'll track the red thread. This includes not just the King, but the King's direct ancestors. Jesus comes from the line of David (Rev 22:16).

From Adam to Noah to Abraham to King David... and to a man named Joseph (husband to a woman named Mary) – are over 60 generations.

Tracking the red thread involves following this exciting legacy of human history.

Blood – a closer look. Practically speaking, blood is life ("for the life is in the blood" Lev. 17:11). Blood is one of the most symbolic themes of all the Bible. When Adam sinned the penalty was death. Man was destined to die... forever. But in order for Adam to live a while longer, something else had to die. That something was a blood animal sacrifice.

As man kept sinning, people kept dying - and blood animal sacrifices were offered daily for the sins of the people. The earth has shed and absorbed so much blood throughout history. It'd be stunning to know the amount of blood the earth will swallow when all is said and done -from the blood of Abel's sacrifice and Cain's killing, all the way to the battle of Megiddo (Armageddon) where blood flows up to a horse's bridle for 185 miles.

God has a plan to bring an end to the blood-shedding cycle. It's a 2-part plan.

Part one – (Christ's 1st coming) the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus, "The Seed" promised in Genesis 3:15 will one day crush the enemy. But not until later. This Seed took 4,000 years to arrive. For 64 generations, starting with the 1st Adam, we track the Seed's path and eventual arrival in the gospels - the 2nd Adam. Jesus is the Passover Lamb. It's his bloodshed on the cross that will one day offer permanent atonement for man's sins.

Part 2 is the eventual return of Christ – (the Second Coming). He will return to defeat the enemy. He'll appear in the sky as the rider of a white horse, wearing a robe dipped in blood. He will reign a King on earth for 1,000 years - and then forevermore in the New Jerusalem.

Blue / Green Threads

Why do so many Christian tourists travel to Israel each year? What is it about this small Mediterranean-based piece of land, about the size of New Jersey, that captures the world's attention?

And it's not just tourists that Israel attracts. It draws controversy too. Why do they always seem to be at the heart of global conflict or unrest?

Why did Hitler seek to exterminate the Jewish race – killing 6 million Jews? (Two-thirds of all Jews in Europe at the time.)

How did the Jewish nation disappear from their land in 70AD, and then reappear nearly 2,000 years later (1948)? What other nation in history resurfaces after nearly two millennia of absence and scattering?

These questions bring us to the Blue & Green threads.

The Blue Thread is the people of Israel – the chosen Jewish nation. It's the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – and the twelve tribes. It's the blue star of David, and blue stripes on the white flag.

Among the 12 tribes, there's the tribe of Judah – the Red Thread that leads to the Messiah. And there's 11 additional tribes. Together they make up the 12 tribes of Israel. This nation has a shocking (miraculous) survival rate.

They escaped the fate of slavery to the Egyptians (Exodus), Haman's plot to exterminate the Jews (Esther), and countless other attacks by enemies (mostly Gentile nations) to wipe out God's chosen nation. Their chosen identity travels through scriptures all the way to the end of Revelation –to the new heavenly Jerusalem City. The twelve gates of the New Jerusalem are named after the twelve tribes of Israel. Their identity lives on forever.

God promised a nation of descendants would come from Abraham. He called them names like "Israel", "My child", "My firstborn."

The nation:

- launches (see Genesis),
- gains freedom (see Exodus),
- takes the Promise Land (see Joshua/Judges),
- establishes a kingdom (see Samuel/Kings/Chronicles),
- is exiled to Babylon, then returns (see Ezra/Nehemiah),
- and remains settled until and thru the gospels, only to be dispersed again in AD 70.
- The nation regathers in 1948 and will one day be at the heart of global focus and conflict (see Revelation). **Israel is the blue thread.**

*“Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of **blue** on the tassel of each corner.” Num 15:38.*

“I am the root of the descendent of David, the bright morning star. Rev 22:16

The Green thread is the land of Israel... the homeland for God’s nation of Seed carriers (Israelites). It certainly includes Jerusalem, but much more. For the past 2,000 years, this land remains hotly contested by surrounding nations. But scriptures offer us a boundary map for the future. The status of the land closely follows the status of the nation

- God took the Seed (Abram) from Ur (Babylon)
- to Haran, then to Canaan, then to Egypt and back to Canaan.
- God took the Israelites back to Egypt again (via Joseph),
- then back to Canaan (with Moses),
- then one day back to Babylon (the exile)... only to be returned once again to Jerusalem (with Ezra/Nehemiah).
- Jesus’s ancestors were from Jerusalem (tribe of Judah). Jesus was born, raised and crucified in or around Jerusalem. Jesus will one day return to Jerusalem to set up a 1,000 -year reign.
- Then God will bring a freshly created heavenly city, called the New Jerusalem, down to earth to serve as the forever capital of the freshly made heavens.
- **Jerusalem is the green thread.**

A Fourth thread – Yellow (The Nations) – The “gentiles” includes all non-Israelites. They play a crucial role in God’s plan and have their place in the Abrahamic covenant and in messianic prophecy and beyond. [See Thread Chart for more context]
