

# From the Seed to the Lamb

God's faithfulness to keep his promises is a common thread running through all of Scripture. From the very beginning, from the fall of man, God has promised to restore his creation through "the Seed." Tracing that promise through Scripture can help us understand the amazing plan of history, and of the future, that God has in his total and perfect control.

Use the following references to create a series of cross-references in your Bible to connect the promise of the Messiah to its fulfillment in Christ. As you read each passage, fill in the column, noting who the promise is made to. In the margin of your Bible, write the next reference and some sort of symbol or notation that will remind you that this is a chain leading to the coming of the Messiah (consider using a chain link or crown as a symbol or writing "Messiah" under the margin reference).

<b><i>Scripture Reference</i></b>	<b><i>Terms to Note</i></b>	<b><i>Promise Made To . . .</i></b>
Genesis 3:15	Her offspring	
Genesis 22:18	Your offspring	
Genesis 26:4-5	Your offspring	
Genesis 28:14	Your offspring	
Genesis 49:9-10	Judah as a lion; he shall rule until tribute comes*	
1 Chronicles 2:1-15 (Matthew 1)	David's lineage from Judah	
2 Samuel 7:12-17	David's throne is established forever	
Luke 1:30-35	Jesus will sit on the throne of David	
John 1:29	The Lamb	
1 Peter 1:17-21	Ransomed with the blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish	
Revelation 5:5-6	Lion of the tribe of Judah; Root of David; Lamb who was slain	
Revelation 22:1-4	The throne of the Lamb	

\* The word "tribute" in the ESV is also translated as "Shiloh" or, in other translations, "to whom it belongs." The prophetic imagery here becomes clear as Jesus is described as the Lion of Judah in Revelation 5:5. He will be the one who takes the scepter and rules the people.