



1.) The Human Race Banished _____ (Genesis 3:15 – 4:1).

- The ultimate consequence of God's curse upon Satan was that some future Offspring of Eve would someday emerge to crush his head.
- In Genesis 4:1, we get the impression that Eve believes her son, Cain, might be the promised offspring.
- The murderous malice of Cain immediately provides a vivid illustration of the effects of _____ upon all of creation.
- The most significant consequence of the fall was the chasm that sin created between humanity and our Creator.

2.) A Long Season of Signposts _____ (Genesis 4:2-5)

- The Garden of Eden was at that time the Holy of Holies on earth, into which nothing unholy could enter.
- The Law of Moses stipulates that the offerings brought by Israelites should be presented at the tabernacle's eastern gate (Leviticus 1:3).
- In the immediate aftermath of the Fall, the way back to God for Cain and Abel was to head west, toward Eden's eastern gate, with a sacrifice in hand.
- God favored Abel's offering over Cain's because the blood sacrifice he brought was a proper image of what _____ would require.
- Our reconciliation with God requires the sacrifice of unblemished blood (Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:22).
- God commends Abel's offering for the simple yet profound reason that it properly pointed to the cross of Christ.

3.) _____ Eastward Exile (Genesis 6-17)

- As depravity grew in human hearts, so did mankind's eastward drift from God's presence.
- The city of Enoch would only be the beginning, for eastward wandering continues throughout the Book of Genesis.
- Eastward movement away from God escalates exponentially after the _____ incident (Genesis 11:1-4)
- Eastward movement is a way of describing movement away from the Lord, and the way back to Him is to head back to the west.

4.) The _____ Way Back (Genesis 3:15)

- The way for all the scattered and sinful people of the earth to come back to God would come through only through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
- Jesus offered himself as the final sacrifice for sin when he entered through the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday of Passion Week.

5.) _____ from the Outer East (Matthew 2:1-12)

- The birth of Jesus is the historical occasion upon which the wayward peoples of the Earth finally received their summons to come back to God.
- It is not accidental that the magi came from the east.
- The magi are given to us by God as a picture of a human race that had been removed as far from the presence of God as people possibly could be.
- After Christ's resurrection from the dead, the geographical footprint of God's people begins increasing rapidly (Matthew 28:19).
- Throughout the Book of Acts, we see new peoples in new places continually receiving the Holy Spirit by faith.
- The gate to Paradise, once guarded by cherubim and a flaming sword, now has one new _____ for entry, which is Christ alone (John 10:9, 14:6).
- The star they saw was shining symbol that the Light of life had now dawned upon this dark world (Matthew 2:1-2, Isaiah 9:2-6).