

PARTICULAR LAWS OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION
PART 2-THE LAW OF “PROGRESSIVE MENTION”

I. The Law Stated:

Revelation concerning any given subject is made increasingly clear as the Bible unfolds.

God’s **initial statement** on any matter is **built upon** by **subsequent references in other portions of Scripture.**

From the **first mention** of a subject to the **last mention of a subject**, there is a **progress of revelation.**

Important Note: We are not referring to “*progressive revelation*” in the sense that some do—that is, there are some who believe that God is continuing to give revelation even today! This is incorrect! The Bible that we have contains the whole of God’s revelation to us! **God is giving continuous *illumination*, but not revelation!**

II. Examples Of This Law:

A. Prophecies Concerning The Birth Of Christ.

1. Seed Of The Woman—*Genesis 3:15*
2. Seed Of Abraham—*Genesis 12:2-3*
3. Seed Of Isaac—*Genesis 21:10*
(*Cf. Galatians 4:28-31*); *Genesis 26:4*
4. Seed Of Jacob—*Genesis 25:23; 28:4*
5. Seed Of Judah—*Genesis 49:10*
6. Seed Of David—*2 Samuel 7:12-16*
7. Seed Of A Virgin—*Isaiah 7:14*
8. Place Of Birth—*Micah 5:2*
9. Time Of Birth—*Daniel 9:25*

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B. The Sacrificial Lamb.

1. *Genesis 4*—An Acceptable Offering.
2. *Genesis 22*—A Substitutionary Offering.
3. *Exodus 12*—An Applied Offering.
4. *John 1:29*—An Identified Offering.

Conclusion

In applying this law, the Bible must be considered **chronologically** rather than in its usual **canonical order.**