





CREATION

the beginning

◆ man made perfect

The book of Genesis

Genesis 1:1 Genesis 1:26-27,31

THE "FALL"

man rebels Genesis 3:1-7

• the consequences Genesis 3:8-24 & 6:5-6

The results of Adams disobedience

Genesis 3:8-24

- 1. hid from God
- 2. blamed others
- 3. blamed God
- 4. pain
- 5. men domineer wives
- 6. ground is cursed
- 7. removal from God's presence death



GOD'S PLAN OF RESTORATION

From the fall, the rest of the Bible and the history of the world is all about God restoring his connection with mankind. A great plan of redemption, salvation and restoration unfolds!!!

Genesis 3:15 Romans 5:12-18 Acts 3.19 1 Corinthians 15:21-23



GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH

(Noah born approx. 3000 BC)

Genesis 6:18

- The flood; judgment and rescue Genesis 6:7
- What is a covenant?
 - 1. God makes promises Genesis 6:18
 - 2. man's response obedience Genesis 6:22
 - 3. based on grace God's favour Genesis 6:8
 - 4. initiated by God, not man Genesis 6:18
 - 5. often sealed by (blood) sacrifice Genesis 8:20
 - 6. often has a reminder sign Genesis 9.13

BIRTH OF THE NATIONS - BABEL (2300 BC)

Genesis 11:9



GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (1920 BC)

Genesis 12:1-3

Romans 4:1-14

This is a key to understanding the Bible. The rest of the Bible is built on God keeping His promises to Abraham.

• God's promises to Abraham Genesis Chapter 12

| 1. | Land | verse | 1 | |
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| 2. | Guidance | verse | 1 | |
| 3. | Great nation | verse | 2 | |
| 4. | Blessing | verse | 2 | |
| 5. | Great name | verse | 2 | |
| 6. | Protection | verse | 3 | |
| 7. | All nations blessed | verse | 3 | |

Israel moves to Egypt - Joseph. They become slaves in Egypt for 430 years.



MOSES - THE EXODUS (1491 BC)

♦ Moses delivers Abraham's descendants from Egypt, Exodus 2.24. ch 12.40 *The books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers Deuteronomy*

COVENANT AT MT. SINAI

◆ The 10 Commandments Exodus Ch 20

CONQUEST OF CANAAN - JOSHUA (approx 1450 BC)

◆ Entry into the "promised land" Book of Joshua.



THE JUDGES (1400 BC)

• The Time of the Judges was 305 years

The books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth

15 "Judges": Sampson, Deborah, Gideon, etc

THE KINGS

◆ Starting with Saul, David (1055 BC), Solomon *The books of 1 Samuel to 2 Chronicles*

- God has now fulfilled his promises to Abraham
- Solomon, and most of the Kings after him, break the covenant by idolatry and bring curses upon Israel.



THE DIVIDED KINGDOM (975 BC)

- Israel splits and has civil war for about 300 years.
- Judah in the south under Rehoboam
- Israel (10 northern tribes) under Jeroboam

CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON

- 722 BC: Northern tribes captured by the Assyrians
- Jerusalem falls to Nebuchadnezzar II (586 BC); Exile and return 70 years later
- Temple rebuilt under Ezra
- City walls rebuilt under Nehemiah (444 BC)

The books Ezra and Nehemiah; prophets Haggai, Zechariah

• The prophets speak of a **new Covenant**

Isaiah 52:13 & 53:6

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ezekial 36:24-28

Daniel 7:13-14

The books of Isaiah to Malachi

◆ 398 BC the 39 books of "The Scriptures" (Moses and the Prophets) and so begins "400 years of silence"



THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST DIVIDES HISTORY (5 BC?)

• The ministry, death (30 AD) and resurrection of Jesus Christ fulfils the prophet's words. Luke 24:27

The NEW TESTAMENT books of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John

◆ Those who trust in Jesus begin to be a part of God's promised New Creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17



The new covenant fulfilled

| 1. | a new sacrifice | Romans 11:27 | Hebrews 10:11-14 |
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| 2. | a new fulfillment | Matthew 5:17 | Hebrews 9:15 |
| 3. | a new spirit | 2 Corinthians 3:6 | Hebrews 10:15-16 |
| 4. | a new people | Acts 3:25 | Galatians 3:28-29 |
| 5. | a new sign | Matthew 26:28 | 1 Corinthians 11:26 |
| 6. | a new age | Hebrews 9:15 | Hebrews 13:20 |

THE CHURCH AGE

• It's birth (Day of Pentecost), expansion, completion.

The 'gospels' - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John Matthew 28:19-20

Early church history

The historical books Acts to Jude

Includes 13 of Paul's letters to the churches - doctrine / teaching (The first books written were Galatians and James, before 50 AD)



THE TIME OF THE END

The prophetic Book of Revelation (written approx. 96 AD)

• The 7 promises made to Abraham are fulfilled in the eternal church!

| 1. | land | Revelation 21:1-4 |
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| 2. | guidance | Revelation 7:17 |
| 3. | great nation | Revelation 7: |
| 4. | blessing | Ephesians 1:3-10 |
| 5. | great name | Revelation 5:12 |
| 6. | protection | Revelation 7:15-16 |
| 7. | all nations blessed | Revelation 7: 9 |

• Return of Jesus Christ 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Matthew 24:14

• Judgment of the earth Revelation 20:10-15

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

• The end of History as we know it. Revelation 21: 1-4

• The Bible begins with a beautiful garden and ends with a glorious city!

♦ The Bible is His Story!