

THE BIG STORY OF GOD AND US

A STUDY THROUGH SCRIPTURE FROM GENESIS TO JESUS

I. BEGINNINGS: MAN, SIN, & PLAN FOR REDEMPTION

1. Genesis 1:1 Origin of man; creation. *What can we learn?*
2. Genesis 1:26-27 Man in God's image. *What is God's image?*
3. Genesis 2:7-8 Man became a living soul. God gave man a home, Eden. What is God's original purpose for man? God wants man to have a perfect home with him.
4. Genesis 2:15-17 Responsibility comes with blessing. *Man is given the freedom to choose. Why?*
5. Genesis 3:1-6 Fall of man. Adam and Eve led into sin by deception. Spiritual law: You sin, you die (Romans 6:23). How Satan works (1 John 2:16; Luke 4:1-13; Satan has only one game plan)
6. Genesis 3:14-19 God states the curse of sin to the tempter, the woman, and the man. Verse 15 is a promise that the son (seed) of the woman would bruise the head of the Serpent (Satan). *Who is this promised seed?* This is a prophecy of Christ. The rest of the Bible is the fulfillment of this prophecy.
7. Genesis 4:1-8 Sin of Cain. Problem of man (all men) is sin. (Romans 3:23)
8. Genesis 6:5-8 Sin of World. Problem of all men is sin. (Romans 3:23)
9. Genesis 11:1-8 Sin of Babel. *What is the problem with the tower?* Problem of all men is sin. (Romans 3:23) After sin has been emphasized, God returns to the promise of the seed.
10. Genesis 12:1-3 Three promises to Abraham: Land, Nation, and a Universal Blessing (the seed).
11. Genesis 26:1-4 Three promises to Isaac (son of Abraham): Land, Nation and Universal Blessing (the seed).
12. Genesis 28:13-14 Three promises to Jacob (son of Isaac): Land, Nation and Universal Blessing (the seed).

13. Genesis 32:28 Jacob's name changed to Israel. Israelite nation descended from Abraham. Rest of Old Testament is a history of this family or nation, through which a woman would have a son who would destroy Satan's power.
14. Genesis 35:23-26 The family becomes a nation. The 12 tribes of Israel descend from the 12 sons of Jacob.

II. BONDAGE & DELIVERANCE

1. Genesis 37:3,4 Jacob (Israel) loved Joseph.
2. Genesis 37:23-27 Joseph is sold into Egypt.
3. Genesis 41:41-42 Joseph in Pharaoh's favor is given a place of authority.
4. Genesis 45:4-10 Joseph identifies himself and has all his family (Israelites) moved to Egypt. (Gen. 50:20)
5. Exodus 1:6-11 Children of Israel become slaves. God prepared to bring His people out of bondage and prepare them for His promise of a Savior (the seed).
6. Exodus 2:1-4 Moses the Deliverer is born.
7. Exodus 3:1-10 Moses is called by God into service.
8. Exodus 14:19-23 God delivers Israel out of the hands of the Egyptians. Israel learns God will protect her.

III. COVENANTS: OLD & NEW

1. Exodus 20:1-17 Ten Commandments given only to Israel (as the seedline) to keep her pure till the Seed came.
2. Deut. 30:15-18 Conditions of the covenant (Deut. 28 - blessings & consequences)
3. Deut. 18:15-19 Moses himself realized his word would someday be replaced by this other prophet (the seed).
4. Jeremiah 31:31-33 The prophets also taught Moses' Covenant would be replaced. A better covenant is coming.
5. Galatians 3:15-26 Therefore, the purpose of the Ten Commandments Law was to preserve Israel until the Seed came (Gal.3:16). Law was for specific time and place.
Law was schoolmaster (Gal. 3:24-25)

6. Hebrews 9:13-17 New Testament is the will of Christ, which went into effect at His death. This is why we do not use the Law of Moses for authority today. (Heb. 8:7; Heb. 10:3-4)
7. Colossians 2:13-14 Old Law was cancelled at the cross. *So what's the purpose of the old law?*
8. Romans 7:4-7 The Law defined sin. Law is like a mirror

IV. THE SEED WILL BEAR THE SINS OF THE WORLD

1. Leviticus 4:27-31 Sacrifices needed to uphold the covenant. *Why?*
2. Lev. 22:19-21 Unblemished sacrifice is clearly stated in the law.
3. Isaiah 7:14 In addition to the Law, the O.T. contains prophecies of the Seed. Here the promise of "Seed" is thru a virgin. Note Immanuel.
4. Isaiah 9:6-7 This Seed or Son would be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.
5. Isaiah 11:10 Father of David (Jesse) would be the root (forerunner) of the promised one.
6. Isaiah 53:1-12 Describes Christ the Promised one. He is both Seed and Sin bearer. We will notice from this point on, the promise is of a sin bearer. God will be satisfied because of his "spotless" sacrifice (v. 11). God always requires spotless sacrifices.
7. Galatians 4:4-5 When the time was right, God sent His Son, born of woman to be a redeemer.

V. SEED PROMISE FULFILLED

1. Matthew 1:20-23 Note Immanuel=God with us (Isaiah 7). Jesus is Son/Seed, Savior/Sin-Bearer, therefore is the Promised One.
2. Acts 3:22-26 Peter refers to Deuteronomy 18:15. Says all the Prophets foretold of this universal blessing. Notice last two verses: this is Jesus Christ.

We have seen the following progression of God's promise:

<u>SEED</u>	-----	<u>SIN-BEARER</u>	-----	<u>SAVIOR</u>	-----	<u>JESUS</u>
Genesis 3:15		Isaiah 53		Matthew 1		Acts 3

3. Galatians 3:16 Jesus Christ is the seed as promised.
4. John 20:30-31 Jesus is Christ. Proved by His life as well as by the statements of Biblical prophecy and fulfillment.

Why did Jesus have to die? What's the deal with all the blood?

VI. JESUS: GOD'S SOLUTION FOR SIN

1. John 14:6 Jesus is the only way to God. If we reject him we miss it all.
2. Hebrews 2:9 He tasted of our death! Why did he have to die?
3. Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death.
4. Hebrews 9:22 Without blood there is no remission. (Why blood? Lev. 17:11 life of flesh is in the blood. The blood is symbol of life).
5. Revelation 1:5 He washed us from our sin in His own blood.
6. I Peter 2:21-25 Blood of Christ paid cost because He was spotless sacrifice. We are sinners, therefore, could not die for our own sins. We are spotted and not qualified to be sacrifices. But God gave Him for us.

VII. JESUS: BOTH SAVIOR & LORD

1. Philippians 2:5-11 Shows descent of Christ. From God to man to servant of men to death on cross. This descent made because God loves us. Christ was worthy to be exalted:
2. Acts 2:36 Seed made both Lord and Christ. *What does "Lord" mean?*
3. Hebrews 5:8-9 Must obey Him if He is to be the author of your salvation.
4. Luke 6:46-49 "Why call me Lord and don't obey?" Recognizing Jesus as Lord must involve our obedience to Him (Matt. 7:21-22).
5. Luke 14:25-33 Counting the cost. *What does Jesus mean about hating?*
6. John 12:44-50 *What will judge us?* Word of Christ! *What does that mean?*

VIII. THE LORD & OUR SALVATION

1. John 8:24 Must believe that Jesus is Lord and Christ. He is the Promised One.
2. John 3:16 Believe "in Him" not about Him. We shouldn't perish.
3. James 2:14-19 Belief alone is not enough.
4. Luke 13:1-5 Repentance is a necessity because we accept Jesus as Lord and He spoke these words.
5. II Cor. 7:8-10 What is repentance? Godly sorrow works repentance, or it is motivated by being sorry for our sin.

6. Matthew 21:28-31 What does it mean that he repented? He changed his mind and this resulted in a changed direction.
7. Matthew 10:32-33 Confession of Christ as the Promised One necessary for believers.
8. Romans 10:9-13 This confession is made with the mouth.
9. Mark 16:15-16 Faith is not alone. Notice: Belief + Baptism = Salvation. God puts salvation after belief and baptism.
10. Acts 2:36-39 Remission of sins follows baptism for everyone.
11. Galatians 3:27 Baptism is into Christ. Baptism puts one in Christ.
12. Romans 6:3-6 Explanation of the action of baptism. We walk in the newness of life after being buried and raised in baptism.
13. I Peter 3:20-22 Baptism saves us from the guilt of our sin.
14. Titus 3:4-7 Saved through washing of rebirth (baptism) (John 3:5)

Scriptures regarding belief, repentance, and confession all result in salvation. How?

15. Acts 22:16 How does one call on the name of the Lord? Be baptized to wash away your sins.

IX. NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

1. II Cor. 5:17-21 In Christ we are made into new creatures!
2. Ephesians 1:3-10 All spiritual blessings in Christ in whom we have redemption by his blood. We have none outside of Christ.
3. Colossians 3:1-3 Risen with Christ (Col. 2:12) to seek heavenly things.
4. Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ. Now Christ lives in me.
5. I John 1:5-7 This relationship is grown by walking in the light.
6. Matthew 6:28-33 First things are the things of God. *What kinds of things?*

X. DISCIPLESHIP: ABIDING, CONFESSING, FORGIVING, SERVING, GOING

1. John 15:1-17 Abiding with Christ
2. Acts 2:41-47 God puts saved together in Christ's body or Kingdom (Colossians 1:13,18). That body is called the Church. When one is saved, he is by that same action added to the Church by God, not by man. (Ephesians 1:22-23)
3. Hebrews 10:19-25 Through Jesus, we get to be part of the assembly!
4. II Timothy 3:14-17 Scripture is valuable
5. Acts 17:10-12 Studying scripture matters (Proverbs 2:1-6)
6. James 1:21-25 Don't just read it, do what it says
7. Philippians 4:6-9 Prayer > worry
8. Luke 18:1-8 Persistent Prayer. *What is the meaning of the parable?*
9. James 5:13-18 Prayer & Confession
10. I John 1:8-10 Confession
11. Matthew 5:27-30 Lust and cutting off sin. Repentance
12. Matthew 5:21-26 Anger and reconciliation
13. Matthew 6:9-15 Forgiveness
14. Matthew 6:1-4 Serving
15. James 1:26-27 True religion
16. Matthew 28:18-20 Go make disciples. *What does that mean? How to do it?*
17. Mark 2:1-12 Bring your friends to Jesus!