

The Redemption of Humanity and Creation

The story of Yahweh's plan to redeem His fallen people by restoring them to the image of God and return them to the garden where they will dwell with Him for all eternity.

Main Ideas of the Bible

- The covenantal Yahweh prepared a believing people from whom the messiah would come and redeem humanity from their sin and rebellion so they could receive His blessings.
- The righteous will live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).
- The Bible tells the story of Yahweh creating new people who can truly love Him and others, which is made possible through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Metanarratives of the Bible

- The kingdom of Yahweh
- The redemption of humanity and creation
- Israel as the chosen seed
- The foreshadowing and arrival of Jesus Christ

CREATION

The story of what Yahweh intended for humanity and creation. How things *ought* to be.

The Creation Week

"In the beginning God created the heavens and earth." (Genesis 1:1)

The creation account teaches that...

- God has no beginning.
- God is the creator of all things.
- God is the sovereign King.
- God is personal and loving.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep (abyss)..." (Genesis 1:1-2a)

The description of creation:

- Formless and empty
- Darkness
- Watery (chaotic) abyss

“...But the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the water. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” (Genesis 1:2b-3)

Forming		Filling	
Day	Item Created	Day	Item Created
1	Light from darkness	4	Lights for day and night
2	Sky from waters below	5	Creatures of the air and water
3	Land and plants	6	Creatures of the dry land and humanity

Yahweh brought order and life to the chaos.

Yahweh brought light to the darkness.

Yahweh formed and filled the void.

The Image of God

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness, so they may rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move on the earth.’

*God created humankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them,
male and female he created them.*

God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it! Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground.’” (Genesis 1:26-28)

To be in the likeness of God is to reflect His character.

To be in the image of God is to rule and subdue creation according to His will.

Male and female are both created in the image of God.

Yahweh ceased (rested) from His work and declared His creation good (Genesis 2:1-3).

Yahweh entered the garden to dwell with humanity.

Yahweh placed them in the garden (temple).

The images of God were chosen to be kings and priests.

The image of God was to gain wisdom from Yahweh and expand the garden (kingdom of God) in His likeness.

They were not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which represented their own autonomy.

Thus Yahweh had established a covenant relationship with humanity.

Adamic Covenant

Requirements

- Be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28).
- Expand (work and till) the garden (Genesis 2:15).
- Do not eat of the Tree of Knowledge (Genesis 2:16-17).

Blessings

- Rule and subdue (Genesis 1:28)
- Dwell with Yahweh (Genesis 2:15; 3:8, 22-23)

—The sign is the Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9; 3:22).

—The covenant is conditional (Genesis 3:22-24).

FALL

The story of how humanity and creation failed to follow Yahweh. How things *are*.

The Fallen Image of God

“He [serpent] said to the woman, ‘Is it really true that God said, ‘You must not eat from any tree of the orchard?’ ... The serpent said to the woman, ‘Surely you will not die, for God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will open and you will be like divine beings who know good and evil.’” (Genesis 3:1, 4-5)

The rebellious serpent:

- Questioned the command of Yahweh.
- Denied the consequences of Yahweh.
- Questioned Yahweh’s character.
- Offered Adam and Eve divinity separate from Yahweh.

The image of God chose autonomy and to define good and evil for themselves (Genesis 3:6-7).

The image of God failed to subdue the serpent (chaos) and drive him from the garden (Genesis 3:6-7).

Humanity’s relationship with Yahweh and each other was broken (loss of acceptance, safety, and significance) (Genesis 3:16, 23).

Humanity lost their kingship and would now be in constant conflict with creation and Satan, to whom they had submitted (Genesis 3:15).

Life would now come with pain and suffering (Genesis 3:16-19).

“And Yahweh God said, ‘Now that the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not be allowed to stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.’ So Yahweh God expelled him from the orchard in Eden to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken.” (Genesis 3:22-23)

Humanity was cast out of the garden, no longer able to dwell with God (Genesis 3:22-24).

In their disobedience the fallen image began to reflect the serpent's image.

Thus creation fell into chaos and heaven and earth were separated from each other.

Everyone would now be born into spiritual death and would physically die (Genesis 5).

The Hope for Restoration

"...her [Eve's] offspring will attack your [serpent's] head, and you will attack her offspring's heel." (Genesis 3:15)

Yahweh promised that one day the mysterious wounded victor would defeat the serpent.

"Yahweh God made garments from skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them." (Genesis 3:21)

The life of a substitutionary sacrifice gains one access to Yahweh.

Depravity and Grace

Cain shows that the family has been corrupted by sin (Genesis 4).

Yahweh judged Cain yet also preserved him in his rebellion (Genesis 4:15).

The consequence of humanity's sin was that everyone dies (Genesis 5).

Yet Yahweh shows through Enoch that death does not have the final say (Genesis 5:24).

The flood story shows that all of society has been corrupted by sin (Genesis 6:1-7).

Yahweh condemned humanity but preserved them through Noah (Genesis 6:8-22) and a covenant (Genesis 9:1-17).

The Noahic Covenant

Requirements

- Be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 9:1, 7).
- Do not consume blood (Genesis 9:4).
- Do not murder (Genesis 9:5-6).
- (No mention of ruling and subduing; Genesis 9:2)

Blessings

- Would never flood the earth again (Genesis 9:11)
- The sign is the rainbow (battle bow) (Genesis 9:12-16).
- The covenant is unconditional (Genesis 9:16).

The Tower of Babel story shows that humanity's desire is to be gods (in control) and to rule over others in their own name (Genesis 10-11).

Yahweh judged humanity by separating and scattering them across His creation.

Yahweh kept giving humans the chance to do the right thing with His creation and expand His kingdom.

Yet humans kept ruining His creation through their sin.

The point is that humanity lives in a good world that we have corrupted with our sin, our rebellion, and our desire to expand our own kingdom.

REDEMPTION

The story of how Yahweh is redeeming humanity and creation. How things *can* be.

The Chosen Seed

Yahweh was determined to bless and redeem humanity despite their sin.

Out of all those who were scattered, Abraham was chosen not based on any worth of his own but by the grace of Yahweh (Joshua 24:2-3).

Yahweh preserved humanity by choosing Abraham and his family line as His chosen people.

*“Now Yahweh said to Abram, ‘Go out from your country, your relatives, and your father’s household to the **land** that I will show you. Then I will make you into a **great nation**, and **I will bless you**, and I will make your name great, so that you will exemplify divine blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but the one who treats you lightly I must curse, and **all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.**’” (Genesis 12:1-3)*

Yahweh wants to bless the world through Abraham.

Abraham responded in faith and walked with Yahweh (Genesis 12:4) and grew in knowledge of Yahweh.

Yet Abraham’s pride threatened the promises on three occasions with Pharaoh and Hagar.

Yahweh makes and builds a covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12; 15; 17; 22).

Abraham demonstrated His faith by offering up his only beloved son (Genesis 22).

Isaac foreshadowed Jesus through his sacrifice (Genesis 22; 24).

The Abrahamic Covenant

Requirements

- To obey all of Yahweh’s commandments (Genesis 17:9)

Blessings

- Land (between El-Arish and Euphrates rivers) (Genesis 12:1)
- Make him into a great nation (Genesis 12:2)
- Personal blessings and protection (Genesis 12:3)
- World blessed through him (Genesis 12:3)

—The sign is circumcision (Genesis 17:10-11).

—The covenant is unconditional (Genesis 17:7-8; 22:17-18).

Yahweh began to grow and teach the family of Abraham to become the new Son of God (image).

Isaac, Jacob (Israel), and his family continually fell away from Yahweh in their sin and corruption.

Yet Yahweh was faithful to His promises by preserving them through Judah and Joseph, who saved the Abrahamic line from death (Genesis 45-46).

Yahweh blessed the twelve tribes of Israel to continue the line and the promises (Genesis 48-49).

Yahweh promised that one day a king would come from Judah and His kingdom would be one of joy and the blessings of life.

“Judah, your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies, your father’s sons will bow down before you. You are a lion’s cub, Judah, from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches and lies down like a lion; like a lioness – who will rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; the nations will obey him. Binding his foal to the vine, and his colt to the choicest vine, he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be dark from wine, and his teeth white from milk.” (Genesis 49:8-12)

Salvation in the Bible

Faith is the belief that the kingdom of Yahweh will come to earth, not by one’s own will and works but by the will and work of Yahweh.

Faith is rooted in the past but focused on the future.

Faith is based on the promises revealed by Yahweh.

1. Knowledge of the person of Yahweh and His plan for humanity
2. Agreement with Yahweh’s will
3. A love commitment to Yahweh’s will; requires risk
4. Changed thoughts, words, and behavior
5. Hope, which is desire and expectancy for the promises of Yahweh based on the trustworthiness of His character

Deliverance and Adoption of Israel

Pharaoh in Egypt was more evil than Babylon and enslaved the Hebrew people (Exodus 1-2).

Yahweh greatly multiplied the people of Israel in Egypt.

Yahweh chose Moses, a failed deliverer, to deliver His people from their slavery to sin and death (Exodus 2-4).

God revealed Himself to Moses as *Yahweh* (Exodus 3:14).

The name Yahweh means:

1. I AM the sovereign and eternal king of the universe who has always existed and always will exist.
2. I AM the ever-present helper who is always with you.

Through plagues, Yahweh delivered the Hebrew people out of their slavery to sin and death in Egypt (Exodus 1:7; 2:23-25).

Yahweh provided a substitutionary lamb by which the firstborn male would escape death (Exodus 12).

Therefore, the firstborn of every family was to serve as the priests of Israel (Exodus 13).

The Shekinah glory of Yahweh led Israel out of Egypt (Exodus 13:20-22).

Israel was led through the Red Sea, which was their water baptism (Exodus 14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2).

Yahweh brought Israel to Mount Sinai in order to make a covenant with them as His chosen people (Exodus 19).

*“You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt and how I lifted you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. And now, if you will diligently listen to me and keep my covenant, then you will be **my special possession** out of all the nations, for all the earth is mine, and you will be to me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**. These are the words that you will speak to the Israelites.” (Exodus 19:4-6)*

Yahweh promised Israel that He would:

- Adopt Israel as His chosen people
- Adopt Israel as a kingdom of priests
- Adopt Israel as a holy nation

The people of Israel agreed to the Law of Yahweh.

Moses sprinkled the altar and the people with the blood of the sacrifice (Exodus 24).

By Israel dwelling with Yahweh through the tabernacle and by obedience to His will found in the Mosaic Covenant, Israel would be restored into the image of God.

Thus Israel was to be the new Son of God in order to redeem and expand the Promised Land.

The Mosaic Covenant

Requirements

- “You must love Yahweh your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and all your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)
- “You must love your neighbor as yourself.” (Leviticus 19:18)

Blessings

- Chosen people (Exodus 19:5)
- Royal priesthood (Exodus 19:6)
- Holy nation (Exodus 19:6)
- Full life of rest (shalom) in the Land (Deuteronomy 11:8-9)

—The sign is the Sabbath (Exodus 31:12-18).

—The covenant is conditional (Exodus 19:4-6).

The Mosaic Covenant had four major purposes:

1. To reveal Yahweh’s standard of righteousness (Psalms 24:3-5; Romans 7:12; 1 Peter 1:15)
2. To reveal humanity’s sinfulness (Matthew 5:20; Romans 7:7-11; Galatians 3:9-10, 19)
3. To reveal humanity’s need for a savior (Romans 8:1-4; Galatians 3:13-14)
4. To govern humanity with rules and consequences until the coming of the New Covenant

The Tabernacle

The tabernacle was built in order to restore the garden and give Israel access to Yahweh (Exodus 25-31).

Yahweh came down and dwelt with Israel in his Shekinah glory.

However, because of Israel’s sin, their access to the presence of Yahweh was limited.

The tabernacle revealed that Yahweh was separate from the people due to their sin.

Israel can only have access to Yahweh through one gate with a blood sacrifice.

The gate was the only access into the tabernacle, and only with a blood sacrifice.

The bronze altar symbolized the removal of the legal guilt of sin.

The bronze laver symbolized the removal of the defilement of sin.

The golden lampstand symbolized the light of Yahweh for the seven days of the week.

The table of showbread symbolized the provision of Yahweh in the wilderness.

The altar of incense symbolized the prayers of the people going to heaven.

The veil was a barrier between the righteousness of Yahweh and the sinfulness of the people.

The Ark of the Covenant symbolized the throne and presence of Yahweh's glory.

The Fallen Israel

By worshiping the golden calf Israel failed to be the Son of God (Exodus 32).

Therefore, they lost the right to be a royal priesthood (Exodus 32:25-29; Numbers 3:12-13).

Israel was now condemned to death under the Law, and Moses could not enter the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-35).

Yahweh provided a means to gain access to Him through ritual purity—the sacrificial system—and a means of remembering Him through the festivals (Leviticus).

Yahweh brought Israel to the Promised Land, flowing with milk and honey (Numbers 13; Deuteronomy 26:9; 27:3).

Israel lacked the faith to enter the Promised Land and thus forfeited the blessings of Yahweh (Numbers 13-14).

Moses failed with his sin when he made himself “equal” with Yahweh (Numbers 20:6-13).

Though Yahweh is faithful to His people, He will let them walk away from Him to face the consequences.

The condemnation of sin would continue to build until it would destroy Israel, resulting in their rejection and exile.

Yahweh promised that one day He would send a star, the scepter bearer of Israel to defeat evil and chaos (Numbers 23-24).

“Yahweh, Yahweh, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished.” (Exodus 34:6-7)

Yahweh is constantly portrayed as both merciful and righteously just.

The contrast in the Torah is between Israel's rebellion and Yahweh's faithfulness to them.

Yahweh called Israel to respond to Him in obedience and to devote themselves in love to Him alone so that they could be His image and have life to the fullest (Deuteronomy 6:4-5; 27-30).

But because Yahweh knew that Israel would eventually go into exile for their sin, Yahweh promised that He would restore them to the land (Deuteronomy 30).

One day Yahweh would circumcise their hard hearts so that they could obey Him and have life (Deuteronomy 30:6).

The Land Covenant

Requirements

- Obey all the commands of Yahweh (Deuteronomy 30:16)

Blessings

- Return from exile to the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 30:2-5)
- Regeneration of Israel with a new heart (Deuteronomy 30:6-7)
- Yahweh would judge Israel's enemies (Deuteronomy 30:8).
- Yahweh would prosper Israel in their obedience (Deuteronomy 30:9-10).

—The sign is dwelling in the land (Deuteronomy 30:15-16).

—The covenant is unconditional (Deuteronomy 30:1-2, 6-7).

The Failure of Israel in the Land

Through Joshua, Yahweh faithfully brought Israel into the Promised Land as He had promised (Joshua 3-5; 12-21).

Israel failed to conquer the Promised Land and to be a holy nation, and thus they did not enter the full rest of Yahweh (Judges 2:11-19).

The judges and priests failed to be the image of God to their people and the nations (Judges).

Israel no longer knew the character of Yahweh and had become like all the other nations.

“In those days Israel had no king, and everyone did what was right in their own eyes”
(Judges 21:25).

Despite Israel's sin, Yahweh used them to unfold His plan.

The Hope of a King

Through Ruth and Boaz, Yahweh showed that generosity and loyal love will bring blessing and life to His people (Ruth).

Yahweh blesses Israel with the Davidic line, which would give birth to the messiah (Ruth 4:18-22).

Israel wanted a king, like all the other nations, so Yahweh gave them Saul who failed (1 Samuel 8:4-5; 13:13-14; 15:26).

David was declared a man after Yahweh's own heart
(1 Samuel 13:15; 15:28; Acts 13:22).

David conquered the Promised Land and brought peace
(2 Samuel 5:24-25; 7:1).

Yahweh made a covenant with David, which became the foundation for the messianic theology (Psalms 2; 110).

The Davidic Covenant

Requirements

- Keep all the commands of Yahweh (2 Samuel 7:14)

Blessings

- Rest in the Promised Land (2 Samuel 7:10-11)
- David's line will last forever (2 Samuel 7:12)
- A descendant will build Yahweh's house (2 Samuel 7:13)
- David's kingdom will last forever (2 Samuel 7:13, 16)

—The sign is the throne (1 Chronicles 29:22; Psalm 110:1).

—The covenant is unconditional (2 Samuel 7:15-16).

The Failure of the Kings

David failed to be the Deuteronomic king with his sin against Uriah and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12).

Solomon became the hope of the awaited messiah when he built the temple of Yahweh (1 Kings 6-8).

Yet Solomon failed with his idolatry (1 Kings 11).

The kingdom split after Solomon and both Israel and Judah fell into idolatry and social injustice (1 Kings 11).

Israel became worse than all the other nations.

The prophets were sent to communicate the will of Yahweh to the kings and the people of Israel and Judah. They were the covenant “watchdogs.”

The Failure of the Prophets

“Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of Yahweh your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of Yahweh my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And Yahweh said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’” (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)

Elijah was the prophet like Moses.

Elijah went to the king and brought a plague on Israel (1 Kings 17:1).

Elijah exited out of the land through the Jordan River and into the wilderness where Yahweh provided him meat and bread (1 Kings 17:2-6).

Elijah delivered the gentile woman in Phoenicia (1 Kings 17:7-24).

Yahweh defeated Ba'al by sending lightning from heaven (1 Kings 18).

Yahweh sent Elijah to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19).

Elijah quit being a prophet and disobeyed Yahweh (1 Kings 19:14-19).

Yahweh judged Elijah by taking him away in the whirlwind (2 Kings 2).

Elijah's failure showed that he was not the awaited messiah.

Elijah's failure to continue his purpose led to a violent massacre led by Jehu (2 Kings 9-12).

The Rejection of Israel

“And Yahweh said, ‘Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.’” (Hosea 1.9)

All of Israel had failed and fallen short of the glory of Yahweh.

Yahweh rejected His covenant people in judgment.

The Shekinah glory of Yahweh left Israel (Ezekiel 10).

Yahweh handed Israel over into exile (2 Kings 17; 25).

Yahweh returned the people to the land through Ezra and Nehemiah.

However, Yahweh's glory did not return.

The kings and the throne of Israel were no more.

The prophets dwindled and went silent.

Israel was given over to their own will.

The Hope of the Messiah

“And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People, ‘You are my people;’ and he will say, ‘You are my God.’” (Hosea 2:23)

Yahweh promised that He would restore Israel.

Israel was in timeout, but Yahweh would not abandon His people or forget His unconditional promises.

Through the prophets Yahweh promised that one day He would make a new covenant with Israel.

This covenant would give them a new spirit and new hearts so that they could obey and love Yahweh.

*“‘However, in the future I will allure her [Israel]; I will lead her back into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. From there **I will give back her vineyards to her**, and turn the ‘Valley of Trouble’ into an ‘Opportunity for Hope.’ There she will sing as she did when she was young, when she came up from the land of Egypt.’ ‘At that time,’ declares*

Yahweh, ‘you will call me, ‘My husband;’ you will never again call me, ‘My master.’ For I will remove the names of the Ba’al idols from your lips, so that you will never again utter their names!’” (Hosea 2:14-17)

*“‘Indeed, a time is coming,’ says Yahweh, ‘when **I will make a new covenant** with the people of Israel and Judah. It will not be like the old covenant that I made with their ancestors when I delivered them from Egypt. For they violated that covenant, even though I was like a faithful husband to them,’ says Yahweh. ‘But I will make a new covenant with the whole nation of Israel after I plant them back in the land,’ says Yahweh. **‘I will put my law within them and write it on their hearts and minds.** I will be their God and they will be my people. People will no longer need to teach their neighbors and relatives to know me. For all of them, from the least important to the most important, will know me,’ says Yahweh. **‘For I will forgive their sin** and will no longer call to mind the wrong they have done.’” (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*

*“After all of **this I will pour out my Spirit on all kinds of people.** Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your elderly will have revelatory dreams; your young men will see prophetic visions. Even on male and female servants I will pour out my Spirit in those days.” (Joel 2:28)*

*“Therefore say: ‘This is what the sovereign Yahweh says: When I regather you from the peoples and assemble you from the lands where you have been dispersed, I will give you back the country of Israel.’ When they return to it, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. **I will give them one heart and I will put a new spirit within them;** I will remove the hearts of stone from their bodies and I will give them tender hearts, so that they may follow my statutes and observe my regulations and carry them out. **Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.** But those whose hearts are devoted to detestable things and abominations, I hereby repay them for what they have done, says the sovereign Yahweh.’” (Ezekiel 11:17-21)*

This covenant would be established by the awaited Messiah who is God and would atone for their sins (Isaiah 52:13-53:12).

“For a child has been born to us, a son has been given to us. He shoulders responsibility and is called: Extraordinary Strategist, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His dominion will be vast and he will bring immeasurable prosperity. He will rule on David’s throne and over David’s kingdom, establishing it and strengthening it by promoting justice and fairness, from this time forward and forevermore. Yahweh’s intense devotion to his people will accomplish this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” (Daniel. 7:13-14)

The sign of the messiah and New Covenant:

- Grain = life
- Wine = abundance and joy of life
- Olive Oil = spiritual life (Holy Spirit)

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; the nations will obey him. Binding his foal to the vine, and his colt to the choicest vine, he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be dark from wine, and his teeth white from milk.” (Genesis 49:10-11)

“Yahweh responded to his people, ‘Look! I am about to restore your grain as well as fresh wine and olive oil. You will be fully satisfied. I will never again make you an object of mockery among the nations.’” (Joel 2:19)

“The threshing floors are full of grain; the vats overflow with fresh wine and olive oil.” (Joel 2:24)

“They will come and shout for joy on Mount Zion. They will be radiant with joy over the good things Yahweh provides, the grain, the fresh wine, the olive oil, the young sheep and calves he has given to them. They will be like a well-watered garden and will not grow faint or weary any more.” (Jeremiah 31:12)

Jesus the Son of God

Jesus is the prophet like Moses.

Pharaoh and Herod killed the Hebrew boys; only Moses and Jesus are saved (Exodus 1:22–2:10; Matthew 2:13-18).

Moses fled Egypt for safety (Exodus 2:15; 7:6-7);
Jesus went to Egypt for safety (Matthew 2:13-21).

Moses went through the Red Sea (Exodus 14:1-31);
Jesus was baptized (Matthew 3:13:17).

Both Moses and Jesus fasted for forty days (Exodus 34:28; Matthew 4:1-12).

Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:3);
Jesus gave a new law from a mountain (Matthew 5:1-7:29).

Moses wrote five books; Jesus gave five sermons.

Jesus is the true descendant of Adam, Abraham, Judah, and David.

Jesus Christ is the awaited Messiah, the true Son of God.

Jesus, as God, came down to dwell with humanity.

“This is the record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1)

“[Jesus] was the son of Adam, the son of God.” (Luke 3:38)

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” (Mark 1:1)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. The Word was with God in the beginning. All things were created by him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. And the light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it. A man came, sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was created by him, but the world did not recognize him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not receive him. But to all who have received him—those who believe in his name—he has given the right to become God’s children—children not born by human parents or by human desire or a husband’s decision, but by God. Now the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We saw his glory—the glory of the one and only, full of grace and truth, who came from the Father.” (John 1:1-14)

*“After God spoke long ago in various portions and in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, in these last days He has spoken to us in **1** a son, **2** whom He appointed heir of all things, and **3** through whom He created the world. **4** The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of His essence, and **5** He sustains all things by His powerful word, and **6** so when He had accomplished cleansing for sins, **7** He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Thus He became so far better than the angels as He has inherited a name superior to theirs.” (Hebrews 1:1-4)*

“You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross! As a result God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow – in heaven and on earth and under the earth – and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:5-11)

Jesus is the Word of God who has come to dwell in the midst of humanity as human Himself.

Jesus gave up the right to exploit His Godhood over creation in order to relate to and suffer for humanity.

Jesus has come to atone for the sins of all humanity.

Therefore, Jesus will be exalted to the right hand of Yahweh for His faithful obedience.

He will meet the requirements of the Law, reflect the image of God onto creation, and expand the garden in a way that Israel never could.

“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on

him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:13-17)

John, the prophet of the old covenant, anoints Jesus, the prophet of the New Covenant.

Yahweh approves of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. The tempter came and said to him, 'Since you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:1-11)

The question is "what kind of Messiah is Jesus?"

In the wilderness Jesus was tried, tested, and proved to be the true and perfect Son of God.

"On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water;' so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.' What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." (John 2:1-11)

Abundance of wine is the sign of the Messiah.

Jesus connected wine to the cleansing of sins.

Jesus is the bridegroom who has come to redeem Israel, His bride.

"But he said to his disciples, 'Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." (Luke 9:10-17)

Abundance of grain is the sign of the Messiah and the blessing of Yahweh.

"Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, 'Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk?' But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said to the paralyzed man, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God." (Luke 5:17-26)

Jesus as the God-man has authority to forgive sins.

“One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. Some of the Pharisees asked, ‘Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.’” (Luke 6:1-5)

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, the Law, and creation.

“About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning...

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.’ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.” (Luke 9:28-36)

Jesus is the Shekinah glory of Yahweh.

“They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples!’ ‘I tell you,’ he replied, ‘if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.’” (Luke 19:35-40)

Jesus is the glory of Yahweh returned to Israel.

“The Jews then responded to him, ‘What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’ They replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?’ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.” (John 2:13-22)

Jesus is the temple of Yahweh that will be destroyed and rebuilt.

“Do not let your hearts be distressed. You believe in God; believe also in me. There are many dwelling places in my Father’s house. Otherwise, I would have told you, because I am going away to make ready a place for you. And if I go and make ready a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that where I am you may be too. And you know the way where I am going.” (John 14:1-4)

Jesus’ death will give humanity total access to Himself as the temple of Yahweh.

“And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’” (Luke 22:19-20)

Jesus' life and death initiate the new covenant, which atones for humanity's sins.

“And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.” (Matthew 27:50-53)

Jesus is the substitutionary sacrifice for humanity's sins.

“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said. Come and see the place where he was lying. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there.’ Listen, I have told you!’” (Matthew 28:5-7)

Jesus' resurrection conquered death and the grave for all humanity (Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:20).

“Then Jesus came up and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.’” (Matthew 16:24)

“You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:15)

Jesus is the trinity and has all authority.

Christians are to bear His image and to be fruitful and multiply.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” (Acts 2:1-5)

The Spirit is the glory of Yahweh and anoints all people (olive oil).

We have become the temple of Yahweh because we dwell in Jesus, the true and living Temple.

Redeemed from Law and Sin

No one can meet the requirements of the Law, thus all are condemned under the Law (Romans 1-3).

Jesus did not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill the Law (Matthew 5:17).

Jesus met the righteous requirements of the Law (Romans 3:21-26).

Jesus became the justice and grace of Yahweh (Romans 3:25).

We become righteous through our faith in Him, not by our obedience (John 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-9).

We are transformed and led by the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-2).

We are given the power to obey Christ (Romans 12:1-2).

Therefore, we are no longer under the Law (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 10:4; Galatians 3:23-26; Hebrews 8:6-13).

“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” (Romans 3:21-26)

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For God achieved what the law could not do because it was weakened through the flesh. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous requirement of the law may be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1-4)

“For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17)

“For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

“Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice – alive, holy, and pleasing to God – which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God – what is good and well-pleasing and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

The People of the Covenant

We have been chosen and adopted to be the people of Yahweh.

We are the new chosen people.

We are the temple of Yahweh.

We are to expand the kingdom of Yahweh by reflecting the image of God onto creation and by making disciples.

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery leading again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom

we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God's children. And if children, then heirs (namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ) – if indeed we suffer with him so we may also be glorified with him." (Romans 8:14-17)

"...who [believers] have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood." (1 Peter 1:2)

"So as you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but chosen and priceless in God's sight, you yourselves, as living stones, are built up as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood and to offer spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ..."

*But you are a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people of his own**, so that you may proclaim the virtues of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. You once were not a people, **but now you are God's people**. You were shown no mercy, **but now you have received mercy.**" (1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-10)*

The New Covenant

Requirements

- Obey all the commands of Jesus (John 14:15-17)
- Make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20)

Blessings

- Forgiveness of sins (John 3:16)
- Indwelling by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-5)
- Free from the penalty of the Law (Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 9:15)
- Chosen people, royal priesthood, holy nation (1 Peter 2:9)

—The sign is the bread, wine, and olive oil (Luke 22:14-20; John 6:54).

—The covenant is unconditional (John 3:16).

"So pray this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored, may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." (Matthew 6:9-13)

We are the image of God who are to reflect Yahweh's image upon creation and expand His kingdom.

The Church and Israel Together as One People

“I ask then, they [Israel] did not stumble into an irrevocable fall, did they? Absolutely not! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make Israel jealous. Now if their transgression means riches for the world and their defeat means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full restoration bring?” (Romans 11:11-12)

Israel are still the people of Yahweh, and it is through them that the world is blessed.

“Now if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them and participated in the richness of the olive root, do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. Then you will say, ‘The branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.’ Granted! They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but fear! For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. Notice therefore the kindness and harshness of God—harshness toward those who have fallen, but God’s kindness toward you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. And even they—if they do not continue in their unbelief—will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree? For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: A partial hardening has happened to Israel until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved.” (Romans 11:17-26)

The church has been grafted into the nation and promises of Israel as the chosen people.

Israel will be restored one day as the chosen people of Yahweh.

“Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh—who are called ‘uncircumcision’ by the so-called ‘circumcision’ that is performed on the body by human hands—that you were at that time without the Messiah, alienated from the citizenship of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who used to be far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, the one who made both groups into one and who destroyed the middle wall of partition, the hostility, when he nullified in his flesh the law of commandments in decrees. He did this to create in himself one new man out of two, thus making peace, and to reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by which the hostility has been killed.

“And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, so that through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household, because you have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:11-22)

CONSUMMATION

The story of Yahweh's promise to restore what was lost and make things new again. How things *will* be.

The Lamb Opens Heaven

“Immediately I was in the Spirit, and a throne was standing in heaven with someone seated on it! And the one seated on it was like jasper and carnelian in appearance, and a rainbow looking like it was made of emerald encircled the throne. In a circle around the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on those thrones were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white clothing and had golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came out flashes of lightning and roaring and crashes of thunder. Seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, were burning in front of the throne and in front of the throne was something like a sea of glass, like crystal.” (Revelation 4:2-6)

Yahweh sits on His throne as He did in the First Testament.

Yahweh is sovereign over creation, and no sin or chaos are in heaven.

Israel and the Church are before the throne of Yahweh.

“Then I saw in the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne a scroll written on the front and back and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a powerful angel proclaiming in a loud voice: ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?’ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or look into it. So I began weeping bitterly because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has conquered; thus he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’ Then I saw standing in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders, a Lamb that appeared to have been killed. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then he came and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne, and when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders threw themselves to the ground before the Lamb. Each of them had a harp and golden bowls full of incense (which are the prayers of the saints). They were singing a new song: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals because you were killed, and at the cost of your own blood you have purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You have appointed them as a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.’” (Revelation 5:1-10)

Jesus is the lamb (sacrifice) and lion (king) who has redeemed the title deed to creation and all humanity with His own blood.

A Return to Home

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist, and the sea existed no more. And I saw the holy city – the new Jerusalem – descending out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: ‘Look! The residence of God is among human beings. He will live among them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist any more—or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist.’”
(Revelation 21:1-4)

“Now I saw no temple in the city, because Yahweh God—the All-Powerful—and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light and the kings of the earth will bring their grandeur into it. Its gates will never be closed during the day (and there will be no night there).” (Revelation 21:22-25)

The blood of Jesus redeems the sky and the earth and returns the earth to its original garden (good) state.

The kingdom of Yahweh comes down to earth.

Yahweh and Jesus dwell with humanity in a good relationship.

Therefore, there is no more chaos, sin, death, or suffering.

Jesus is the light of the world.

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life—water as clear as crystal—pouring out from the throne of God and of the Lamb, flowing down the middle of the city’s main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life producing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month of the year. Its leaves are for the healing of the nations. And there will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him, and they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, and they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever and ever.” (Revelation 22:1-5)

Heaven and earth have been rejoined, and the garden has been restored.

The image of God has been fully restored in humanity, and they are now to expand the kingdom of Yahweh in His image once again.

There is no fear of being cast out of the garden again for Yahweh through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit has redeemed and renewed us as full Sons and Daughters of God.

Bible Timeline

<p>Beginnings (?-2100 BC)</p>	<p>Creation Fall Flood Tower of Babel</p>
<p>Patriarchs (2100-1800 BC)</p>	<p>Abraham Isaac Jacob Judah and Joseph</p>
<p>Deliverance (1800-1406 BC)</p>	<p>400 Years of Slavery The Exodus (1446) Moses Tabernacle (1444)</p>
<p>Conquest (1406-1100 BC)</p>	<p>Joshua The Judges Boaz and Ruth</p>
<p>United Kingdom (1100-970 BC)</p>	<p>Samuel Saul David</p>
<p>Divided Kingdom (970-586 BC)</p>	<p>Solomon First Temple (966) Kingdom Split (930) Kings and Prophets Israel's Exile (722) Judah's Exile (586)</p>
<p>Restored Kingdom (586-6 BC)</p>	<p>Daniel The Return (536) Second Temple (515) 400 Silent Years</p>
<p>Fulfillment (6 BC-35 AD)</p>	<p>John the Baptizer Jesus Christ Death and Resurrection Pentecost</p>
<p>Church Era (35-? AD)</p>	<p>Peter Paul Missionary Journeys The Church</p>
<p>Consummation (? AD)</p>	<p>Final Judgments Christ's Return New Jerusalem</p>