

The Bible's Big Story

Revelation 4 verse 11
 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things..."

James 2 verse 10
 "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it"

OLD TESTAMENT →

God Makes Everything

God Judges Sin

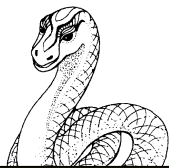


Genesis

Adam & Eve



2,000 BC



Noah



God Chooses Abraham

Isaac & Jacob (=Israel)

Sin Spoils Everything

- ① Creation
- ② Fall
- ③ Israel
- ④ Jesus
- ⑤ Church
- ⑥ Last Day
- ⑦ Age to Come



① God is an all-powerful, loving person – *do I know him?*
 ② God made everything
 ③ God made people 'in his image', to live for him
 ④ God invented families: husband and wife (and children)

① We were made to obey God
 ② Sin is not obeying God (which is saying we know better than God!)
 ③ Sin makes us guilty and frightened, hurting each other
 ④ God is good, his word is true, his warnings real – *don't be fooled!*

① Sin always grows and spreads
 ② Sin leads to death
 ③ When people get worse it shows that God is already judging them
 ④ Terrible judgment is coming, with only one safe place to escape it.
Am I ready?

Romans 6 verse 23:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Galatians 3 verse 9

“So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.”

Exodus 6 verses 6-7:

“I will free you from being slaves, & I will redeem you. I will take you as my own people, & I will be your God”

Jeremiah 29 verse 11:

“For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you & not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future.”

2Timothy 2 verse 8:

“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel...”

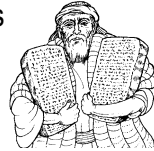


Joseph



Moses

The Law



📖 Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

God Rescues His People

Gideon, Samson...

📖 Judges

📖 Ruth

David

God Gives His People a King

EGYPTIAN

1,500 BC

PHILISTINES etc..

1,000 BC

Jacob's Sons
(= the twelve tribes of Israel)



📖 Joshua

God Gives His People a Home



📖 1&2 Samuel



- ❶ God acts first to rescue people
- ❷ God makes promises... and keeps them!
- ❸ God chose Abraham's family in order to bless all nations
- ❹ Abraham responded by trusting God and obeying him - *so must I!*

- God rescues a people... (*Am I one?*)
- ❶ from a desperate slavery
 - ❷ by a deliverer & a blood sacrifice
 - ❸ to know him & obey his good laws
 - ❹ that he might live amongst them
 - ❺ so as to reveal his great power, kindness, judgments and glory.

- ❶ God's people still often sin...
 - ❷ ...but God is still good to them, and keeps all his promises
 - ❸ God will finally defeat all enemies, and give his people true rest in a 'Promised Land'
- Will I be there, or am I God's enemy?*

- ❶ Until people are ruled by a God-given king, they will sin as they please, and suffer judgment
 - ❷ God gives his people a king: first David, but above all, Jesus
- Am I trusting Jesus to forgive me, and obeying him as my king?*

Romans 8 verse 7

"The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so"

1John 4 verse 14:

"...the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world"

John 14 verse 6:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me"

1Corinthians 15 verse 3 & 4:

"...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures... he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."



NEW TESTAMENT



OLD TESTAMENT



God Sends a Rescuer



Solomon

Sin Spoils Everything - Again

📖 *Amos, Hosea
Jonah*

**Northern
Kingdom
Exiled!**

Elijah & Elisha

📖 *Ezekiel,
Daniel*

ASSYRIAN

BABYLONIAN

500 BC

PERSIAN

GREEK

ROMAN

BC / AD

**Kingdom
Splits into
Israel (N)
& Judah (S)**

📖 *1&2 Kings, 1&2Chronicles*

📖 *Joel,
Isaiah,
Micah*

📖 *Zephaniah
Nahum,
Habakkuk,*

**Southern
Kingdom
Exiled**

📖 *Jeremiah,
Lamentations,
Obadiah*

**Return
From Exile**

📖 *Ezra,
Nehemiah,
Esther*

📖 *Haggai,
Zechariah, Malachi*



**Jesus – Wise,
Powerful, Kind**

📖 *Matthew,
Mark, Luke
& John*

- ❶ God is good, but people disobey him, and prefer other gods (idols)
- ❷ God keeps his threat to judge sin ...but he also shows mercy
- ❸ People can never change till God gives them a new heart to love and obey him. *What about me?*

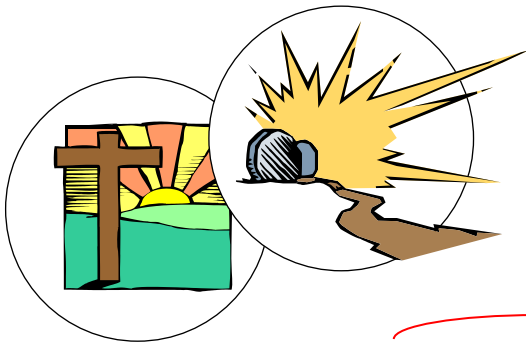


📖 *Job, Psalms, Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*

(spanning from Moses to after the exile!)

- ❶ God sent his Son Jesus to rescue his people and to be their King
- ❷ Jesus is fully God, and yet he has also become fully human.
- ❸ There is only one God – yet both Jesus and his Father are God!
God has come! Have I come to him?

- ❶ Jesus was a wise teacher, bringing good news of eternal life
- ❷ Jesus had power over nature, illness, death and the devil
- ❸ Jesus was kind and welcomed sinners (even children!)
I must listen & come, trust & obey



Romans 8 verse 16:
 "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

Matthew 28 verses 19-20:
 "...go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Daniel 12 verse 2:
 "Multitudes who sleep... will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt"

Revelation

Jesus Dies For Sins and Rises Again

The Good News of Jesus Spreads

The Day of Judgment

HEAVEN



HELL

THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

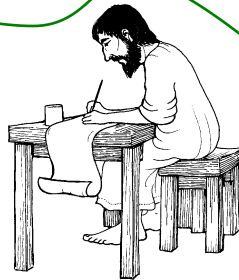
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Peter, Paul

God Sends the Holy Spirit

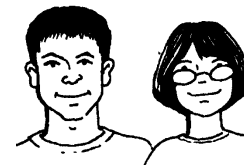
Acts



Romans, 1&2Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2Thessalonians, 1&2Timothy, Titus, Philemon

Hebrews, James, 1&2Peter, 1&2&3John, Jude

you are here



Jesus Will Come Again

❶ In God's plan, Jesus was crucified by wicked men, in the place of his people, to pay for their sins
 ❷ On the third day, God raised Jesus to life, never to die again!
I must confess my sin, trust in Jesus' death, and follow him as Risen Lord!

❶ Just as Jesus was a friend to his disciples, so the Holy Spirit is with all Christians, to help them
 ❷ By his Spirit, Jesus continues to convict and convert people
 ❸ Father, Son and Holy Spirit are together the one, true God

❶ The Lord Jesus commands his people to spread the gospel, and he promises to be with them
 ❷ Those who respond are to be baptised, join the church, and live lives of obedience to Jesus
Am I a Christian? Am I telling others?

❶ One day Jesus will return to judge the world and rescue his people
 ❷ All God's people will be raised to live with him, in a perfect, happy world, forever free from sin
 ❸ All others will face God's burning anger, and eternal remorse