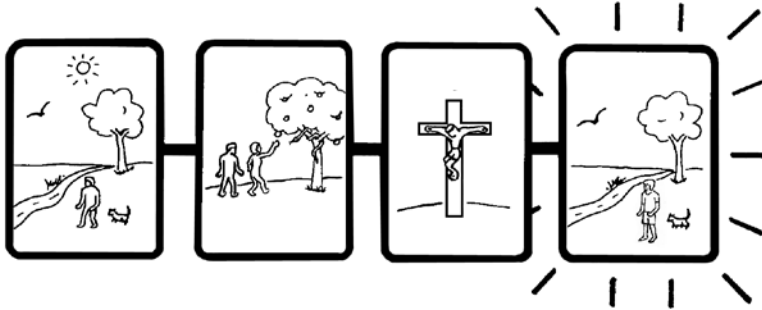


***THE STORY OF THE BIBLE***



***THE HISTORY OF SALVATION***



## INTRODUCTION

*The Story of the Bible – The History of Salvation* came about as an effort to teach a certain group of people who lived in the jungles of Papua (formerly Irian Jaya), Indonesia the story of the history of the salvation of man which is told by God in His Word, the Bible. *The Story of the Bible – The History of Salvation* is the first part of an extensive Bible Program set up for those who, after attending the preaching of God's Word, sought to be more systematically instructed in the awesome work of our most wonderful Creator God who not only created all things but also graciously works out a redemption of part of mankind after man chose to fall into sin in Paradise. *The Story of the Bible – The History of Salvation* highlights the story of how God was faithful and kept His promise of sending a Redeemer to Adam and Eve in Paradise throughout the generations, even though His chosen people were unfaithful time and time again. God sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth to take on human form in order to bear the burden of His wrath against the sin of man. Today, it is no longer the chosen Israelite nation who are God's chosen people but all those who by the power of the Holy Spirit believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour, repent from their sinful ways and strive to live God-honouring and God-glorifying lives who are God's chosen people. This story of the Bible, this history of salvation, is still in progress today for Christ is presently in heaven interceding for us and gathering in His chosen people on earth through His sent-out Spirit and preachers of His Word. It will culminate on that final Day when our Lord Jesus Christ will return to take up all those who believed His Gospel of Salvation and lived in its assurance to eternal glory!

*The History of Salvation* was written originally in the Indonesian language in 1986. It uses a simple question and answer format to help those who follow the program remember the highlights of the stories that were told. The illustrations reinforce highlights of each story. Each lesson is based on Scripture texts which are to be read and explained by the instructor and form the basis of the lesson. The questions and answers, although intended to be the basic memory material for the lesson, may also form a jumping board for more discussion.

While *The History of Salvation* highlights the story of how God was faithful to His promise of redeeming man from the curse of sin, the second part of the Bible course, *The Teachings of the Bible – The Simplified Catechism*, concentrates on the doctrines of God, as revealed to us in the Bible. Those who successfully followed the entire course (*The History of Salvation* and *The Simplified Catechism*), sincerely believed in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and committed their lives to the LORD were baptized and became living members of the church. Some also became instructors of this course. It was found that these books were not only beneficial for those who could not read very well or not at all, but also for those who were blessed with more education because the doctrines of Scripture were explained in simple day-to-day terms.

*The History of Salvation* and *The Simplified Catechism* have been translated into English in order to make them more widely available to others who may want to use it or translate it again into a different language to aid them in their teaching of the history of salvation and the doctrines of God's Word, albeit in a mission or outreach situation or in the home.

It is our hope and prayer that *The History of Salvation* may be helpful in the instruction of the awesome greatness of our Almighty God and His faithfulness to His covenant promises. May such instruction bring many to also seek instruction in the doctrines of salvation (*The Simplified Catechism*) and so come to faith in Jesus Christ. May His Name be praised, and His Works be proclaimed to the ends of the earth! To Him be the glory and honour!

Chatham, Ontario, Canada

July 2003

H. Versteeg (author)

R. Versteeg (illustrator)

second edition – July 2004 email: henderik.versteeg@gmail.com

## INTRODUCTION – *Second Printing*

Because we are making this booklet available for Timothy Project in the digital version, we would like to take the opportunity to add a ***Guide to Understanding the Page Layout***.

If this booklet is used in a teaching situation for young students or English as second language students, a practical teaching guide can be found in the introduction of the booklet *The Teachings of the Bible – The Simplified Catechism*.

This booklet is now available in a number of languages including English, Indonesian and Tok-Pisin (Papua New Guinea) languages.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
January 2019  
Henderik Versteeg (author)  
Rita Versteeg (illustrator)

# GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE PAGE LAYOUT

**Bible text references for this lesson**

Exodus 2:11-22  
Acts 7:23-29  
Hebrews 11:24-27


**Number & Title of lesson**

See: Table of Contents and Overview

**44 THE LIFE OF MOSES**

Who saw to it that Moses would be saved?

God saved Moses from the hand of Pharaoh.



Page number

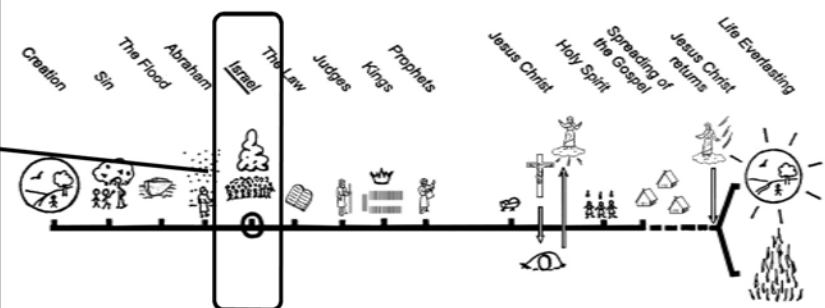
69

The page number is given in the **Table of Contents**

TABLE OF CONTENTS		page
<b>CREATION</b>		
1. The History of Salvation		1
<b>SIN</b>		
8. Sin		11
<b>THE FLOOD</b>		
<b>ABRAHAM</b>		
<b>ISRAEL</b>		
44. The Life of Moses		69

This story takes place during this time period in **THE STORY OF THE BIBLE – THE HISTORY OF SALVATION**

**THE HISTORY OF SALVATION**



## TEACHING THE LESSONS

The author encourages the teacher who uses this book to consider the following:

1. Before going to class, prepare well for teaching. This includes praying for God's guidance and carefully reading the Bible texts associated with the lessons you will teach. This will help you gain a good understanding of the Bible stories and the context from which these questions and answers come. Further, prepare for reading or telling the Bible texts and/or stories you will read or tell about at the beginning of your teaching session.
2. It is good to begin each lesson with Bible reading and prayer, after which each student should be given the opportunity to answer all the questions of the last lesson before you teach a new lesson (thorough oral review).
3. It is also good to do an additional quick oral review of the two lessons previous to the last lesson, asking questions to all the students in turn.
4. Thus, the teaching sessions would go as follows:
  - Day 1 - teach the new lesson for the day
  - Day 2 - thorough review of day 1's lesson and then teach the new lesson for the day.
  - Day 3 - quick review of day 1's lesson, then thorough review day 2's lesson, and then teach the new lesson for that day.
  - Day 4 - quick review of day 1 and 2's lesson, then thoroughly review day 3's lesson, and then teach the new lesson for that day.
  - Day 5 - quick review of day 2 and 3's lesson, then thoroughly review day 4's lesson, and then teach the new lesson for that day.

Day	quick review	thoroughly review	teach the new lesson
Day 1			Lesson 1
Day 2		Lesson 1	Lesson 2
Day 3	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3
Day 4	Lesson 1 and 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4
Day 5	Lesson 2 and 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Day 6	Lesson 3 and 4	Lesson 5	Lesson 6

5. It is of utmost importance to have frequent reviews. Through repetitively answering the questions, the student will retain the material well. The teacher will take into consideration the learning abilities of the participants of the class.
6. Professing one's faith is expressing one's faith in words and deeds. The catechism instruction is primarily concerned with expressing the doctrine of faith. Thus, the students need to personally answer the questions addressed to him/her.
7. It is good to stop and do a section review each time you have completed a certain section such as Abraham, Israel, The Law etc.
8. Refer frequently to the Timeline of *The Story of the Bible - The History of Salvation* with the students so that they can understand how this story shows how God was and is faithful in keeping His promise to Adam and Eve in Paradise of sending a Redeemer/Saviour. He was faithful throughout the generations until today, even though His chosen people were unfaithful time and time again.
9. The whole program can take up to two years. However, the result will be that the participants truly know and understand how God works in the hearts of His people from generations to generations. Those who truly know and understand the Word of God and why they believe His Word will become joyful Christians. The Holy Spirit strengthens faith through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Poor teaching leaves weak Christians and weak churches, and as the Lord said via Hosea *"through lack of knowledge My people are destroyed"* Hosea 4:6.

This method has proven to build strong churches under the gracious blessings of the Lord. May we teachers be faithful for as James wrote *"you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly"*, James 3:1. Nevertheless, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"*, Galatians 6:9.

May God bless the teaching of His Word for the furtherance of His Kingdom and glory to His Name!

Rev. H. Versteeg

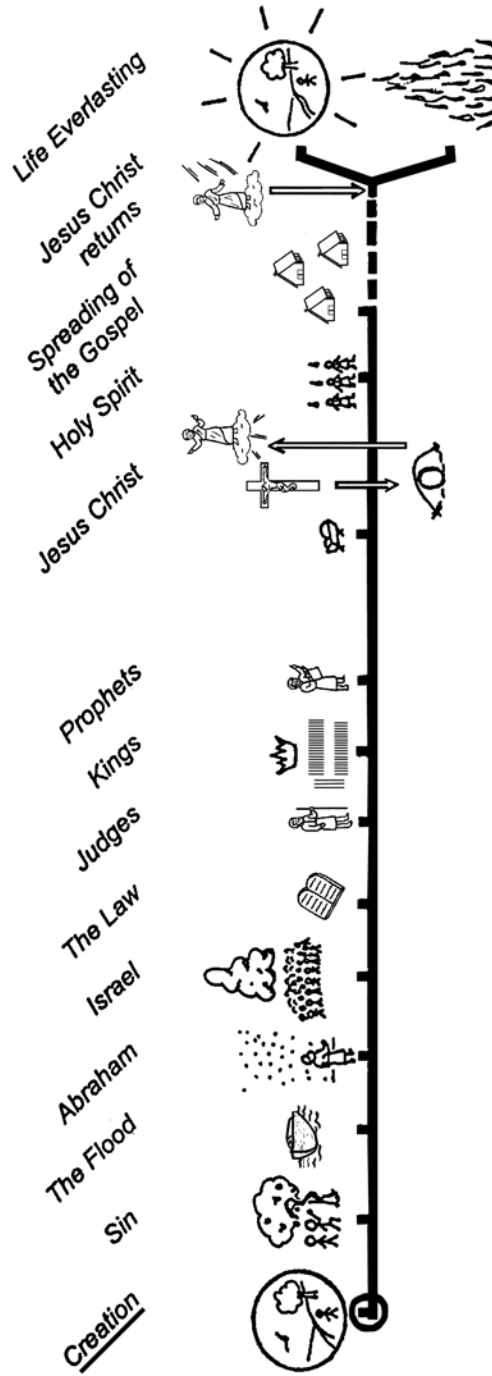
## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	page
Introduction	i
Guide to Understanding Page Layout	iii
Teaching the Lessons	iv
Table of Contents	vii
Timeline of The History of Salvation	
<b>CREATION</b>	
1. The History of Salvation	1
2. God	2
3. God is One God	4
4. The Creation of Heaven and Earth	5
5. The Creation of Man	7
6. The Garden of Eden	8
7. The Temptation	9
<b>SIN</b>	
8. Sin	11
9. Evil	12
10. Punishment – The Curse	13
11. The Promise	16
12. Cain and Abel	18
13. Before the Flood	19
<b>THE FLOOD</b>	
14. The Flood	21
15. After the Flood	23
16. The Tower of Babel	24
<b>ABRAHAM</b>	
17. The Time of Abram	27
18. God Calls Abram	28
19. Abram in Egypt	30
20. Abram and Lot Separate	31
21. Lot in the City of Sodom	33
22. God's Promise to Abram	35
23. Ishmael	36
24. The Covenant of God	37
25. Isaac	40
26. Abraham's Faith	42
27. The Death of Sarah	43
<b>ISRAEL</b>	
28. The Marriage of Isaac	45
29. The Children of Isaac	46
30. God Continues His Covenant	48
31. Jacob Lies	49
32. Jacob Goes to Haran	50
33. Jacob in Haran	51
34. The Children of Jacob	53
35. Jacob Returns to Canaan	54
36. Joseph Goes to Egypt	55
37. Joseph in Potiphar's House	57
38. Joseph in Prison	58
39. Joseph Becomes Governor	59
40. Jacob Goes to Egypt	62
41. Israel in the Land of Egypt	65
42. The Israelites Oppressed in Egypt	67



43. The Birth of Moses	68
44. The Life of Moses	69
45. God Calls Moses	70
46. The Ten Plagues	73
47. Passover	75
48. The Israelites Leave Egypt	77
49. Crossing the Red Sea	78
50. From Egypt to Canaan	79
<b>THE LAW</b>	
51. The Israelites at Mount Sinai	83
52. The Israelites Sin – The Golden Calf	86
53. The Ten Spies and Israel Sin	87
53. Moses Sins	90
55. The Israelites Enter Canaan	91
<b>JUDGES</b>	
56. The Judges	94
57. Samuel	97
<b>KINGS</b>	
58. King Saul	101
59. David	102
60. David as King of Israel	105
61. King David and The Temple	107
62. The Promise of God to King David	109
63. King Solomon	110
64. The Kingdom of Solomon Divided	113
65. God's Punishment – Exile	115
<b>PROPHETS</b>	
66. The Prophets	119
<b>JESUS CHRIST</b>	
67. The Lord Jesus Christ	122
68. The Life of the Lord Jesus	123
69. The Lord Jesus, a Nazarene	124
70. The Promise of Genesis 3:15 Fulfilled	125
71. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God	126
72. The Kingdom of God is Already on Earth	127
73. The People of the Kingdom of God	128
74. Entrance to the Kingdom of God	129
75. The Value of the Kingdom of God	130
76. The Death of the Lord Jesus	131
77. The Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord Jesus	133
78. The Great Commission	134
<b>HOLY SPIRIT</b>	
79. Pentecost – the Holy Spirit Sent	137
<b>SPREADING OF THE GOSPEL</b>	
80. Paul	140
81. The Gospel of Jesus Christ to Other Nations	141
82. The Offices of the Church – Elder	143
83. The Offices of the Church – Deacon	145
84. Guidelines for the Church of God	146
<b>JESUS CHRIST RETURNS</b>	
85. The Return of the Lord Jesus Christ	149
<b>LIFE EVERLASTING</b>	
86. Life Everlasting	152

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



Genesis 1-3  
John 3:16,36  
John 5:24  
1 Corinthians 8:6  
Revelation 21:6,7

## 1 THE HISTORY OF SALVATION

What is the name of this book and this course?

The Story of the Bible - The History of Salvation.

What is the story the Bible tells?

The Bible tells us the story of the  
history of the salvation of man.



Where does this story begin?

The story begins with the Garden of Eden (Paradise)  
when God created man.



Where does this story end?

This story ends in the new earth  
when those who believe receive  
a place where there is peace forever.

Who is central in this story?

This story is about the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only begotten Son of God.



*Isaiah 40:25-26*  
*Psalms 104*  
*John 4:24*  
*Genesis 1:2*  
*John 3:8*

## **2A GOD**

Who tells this story?

God Himself tells this story.

Who is God?

God is the One who  
created heaven and earth  
with all that is in it  
and still takes care of it.



What is God?

God is a Spirit.

What is a spirit?

A spirit is like a wind which  
we cannot see but we can feel.



1 John 6:16  
Psalm 139:7-10  
Psalm 19:1-4a  
Job 12:7-10  
Romans 1:20

## 2B GOD

Can we see God the Spirit?

We cannot see God the Spirit

but He is there and He does see us.

How do we know that God exists?

We know God exists

by His creation and His Word.



How can we see the power of God  
in creation today?

We can see plants grow.

We can hear the thunder.

We can feel earthquakes, etc.



*Matthew 3:16,17*  
*John 10:30*  
*John 14*  
*Deuteronomy 6:4*  
*Matthew 28:18-20*

### **3 GOD IS ONE GOD**

How can we describe God?

God is one God who has three persons:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

What is the work of God the Father?

God the Father created heaven and earth  
and He takes care of it.



What is the work of God the Son?

God the Son opens the way of salvation for us.



What is the work of God the Holy Spirit?

God the Holy Spirit works in our hearts.

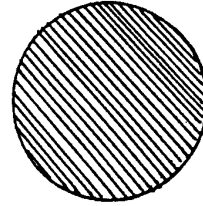
Even though each of these persons of God have their own work,  
what must we remember and believe?

We must remember and believe that, even though  
each of these three persons of God have their own work,  
God truly is one God.

## 4A THE CREATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

What did God use to create heaven and earth?

God did not use anything to create heaven and earth. There was nothing.



How did God create heaven and earth?

God only said, "Let there be ...".

And there was.



What did God create on the first day?

God created light.

What did God create on the second day?

God created the sky to separate the water.

The waters above the sky are called clouds.



What did God create on the third day?

God created land and plants and trees and seas.

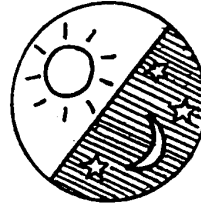


Genesis 1:14-31  
Genesis 2: 1-3  
Isaiah 45:18

## 4B

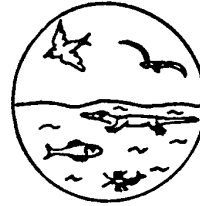
What did God create on the fourth day?

God created the sun, moon and stars.



What did God create on the fifth day?

God created the animals  
of the sea and the birds.



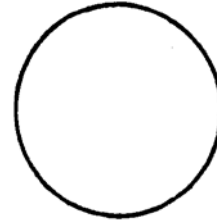
What did God create on the sixth day?

God created the animals  
on the ground and man.



What did God create on the seventh day?  
God did not create anything.

God rested from all His work.



What did God say when He saw all that He had made?

God said it was very good.



Genesis 1:26,27  
Genesis 2:18-25  
Ephesians 4:24  
Colossians 3:10

## 5 THE CREATION OF MAN

What did God use to create man?

God created man from  
the dust of the ground.



When God created man, whom did he look like?

God created man in His own image.

What is the name of the first man?

The name of the first man was Adam.



How did God create woman?

God created woman  
from one of Adam's ribs.



What is the name of the first woman?

The name of the first woman was Eve.



## 6 THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Where did God place Adam and Eve?

God placed Adam and Eve  
in the garden of Eden (Paradise).

Were Adam and Eve allowed to eat from the fruit  
of the trees in this garden?

God said: "You may eat from any tree  
in the garden. But there is one tree  
from which you must not eat."



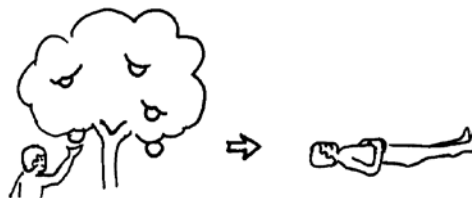
What is the name of that tree?

It is the tree of the knowledge  
of good and evil.



What would happen if man ate from this tree?

God said, "When you eat of this tree  
you will surely die."



## 7 THE TEMPTATION

Who is the tempter?

The tempter is the devil or Satan.

How did the devil disguise himself so that he could tempt the heart of the woman?

The devil entered the snake.



What did the devil do with the words God spoke to Adam and Eve about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

The devil twisted God's words.

He is a deceiver.

What did the devil say to the woman?

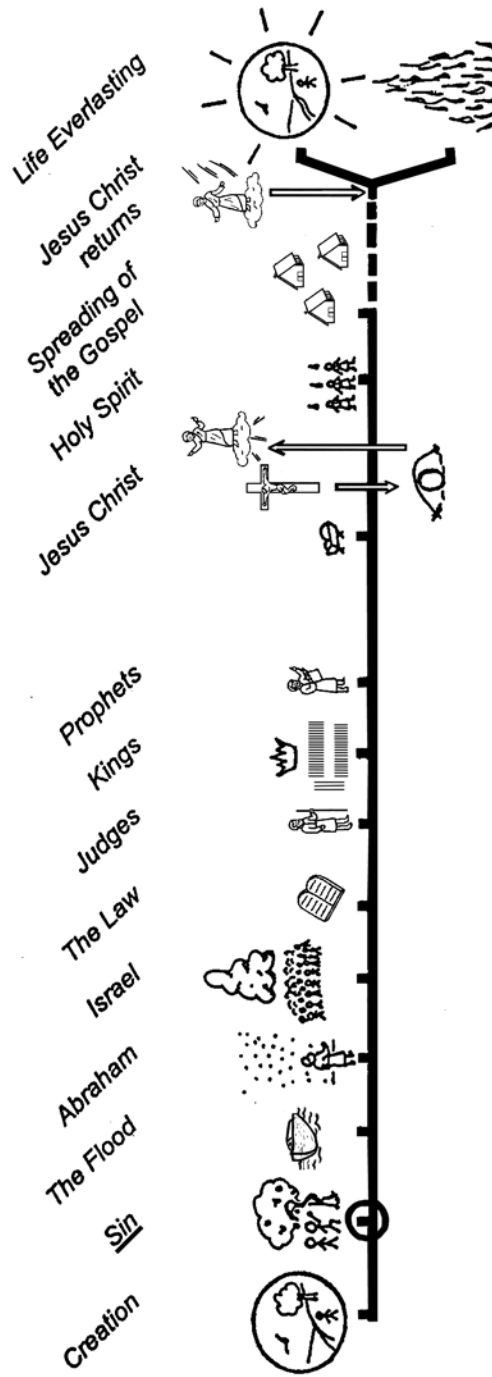
The devil said, "When you eat of the fruit of this tree, you will not die.

You will be like God."

Was this true?

This was not true at all.

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 8 SIN

Did the words of the devil about the fruit of the tree tempt the heart of the woman?

Yes, the heart of the woman was tempted.

She wanted to become like God.

Because of that, what happened?

Eve took the fruit of  
the tree of the knowledge of  
good and evil and ate the fruit.



What else did Eve do?

Eve gave a fruit to Adam  
and Adam also ate.



What was their sin?

Their sin was DISOBEDIENCE.

What is it that Adam and Eve did not obey?

Adam and Eve did not obey the command of God  
but followed their own will.

## 9 EVIL

What happened after Adam and Eve ate from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

After they ate their eyes were opened.

What is it that they saw?

They not only knew what was good,  
but now they also knew what was evil.

Why did they now know what was good and evil?

They knew this because they ate the fruit  
of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

What was the result of their sin?

1. They were ashamed.

They realized they were naked.



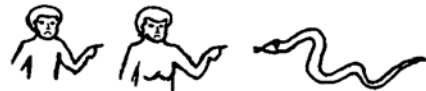
2. They were afraid.

They tried to run away from God.



3. Adam blamed Eve.

Eve blamed the snake.



## 10A PUNISHMENT - THE CURSE

Was God pleased with the sin of Adam and Eve?

God was not pleased and He punished them with curses.

Whom did God curse?

He cursed:

1. the snake



2. the woman



3. the ground



4. the man.



How did God curse the snake?

The snake must always crawl on his belly.



**10B**

How did God curse the woman?

1. The woman will suffer pain in pregnancy and in child birth.



2. The husband will rule over the wife.



How did God curse the ground?

The ground will produce thorns and thistles for the man.



How did God curse the man?

The man will eat of the fruit of the ground through hard work and sweat.





## 10C

What two punishments did both the man and his wife receive?

1. Mankind will die.



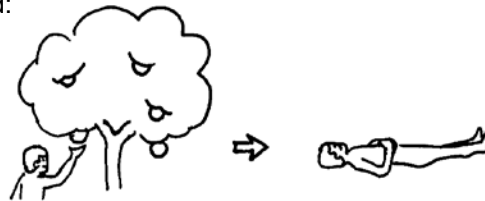
2. They must leave the Garden of Eden.



Why will man die?

Man will die because God had said:

“When you eat of this tree,  
you will surely die.”



How did God close the Garden of Eden?

God placed angels and a flaming  
sword flashing back and forth to guard  
the way into the Garden of Eden  
so they could not enter again.



How long will the Garden of Eden be closed?

The Garden of Eden is closed  
forever because of man's sin.

*Genesis 3:15*  
*Ephesians 2:1-2*  
*Romans 5:15-19*  
*John 12:31-32*  
*1 John 5:18*

## **11A THE PROMISE**

Since sin has entered the earth, who rules the earth?

The devil rules this earth.

When God cursed man, did He also give man hope?

Yes, even though God cursed man,

He also gave man hope.

What did God promise?

God promised that He would send

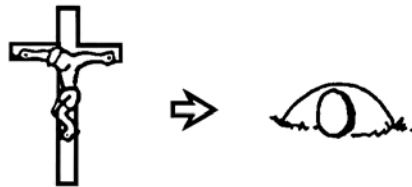
His son Jesus Christ to defeat the devil.

What makes one think that maybe the devil won?

One may think that the devil won

because our Lord Jesus Christ

was crucified and buried.



Does this show that the devil won the battle?

No, the devil did not win the battle because

it was God's will that Jesus Christ was crucified

so that man could be saved.

1 Corinthians 15:20-28  
Revelation 12:12-17  
Revelation 20:1-10  
Genesis 3:15

## 11B

Who really won the battle?

The Lord Jesus Christ won the battle.



How did the Lord Jesus Christ win the battle?

The Lord Jesus Christ won by rising from the grave. (The devil could not hold the Lord Jesus Christ in the grave.)



Did the Lord Jesus Christ immediately throw the devil into hell?

The Lord Jesus Christ has already won but He did not immediately throw the devil into hell.

When will He throw the devil into hell?

The Lord Jesus Christ will throw the devil into hell at the end of this world.



Therefore, what happens on this earth until that time?

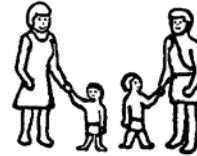
Until that time there will be hatred between those who follow the devil and those who follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Genesis 4:1-16  
Hebrews 11:4  
1 John 3:12  
1 John 5:14-15  
Psalm 145:17-20

## 12 CAIN AND ABEL

Did God give children to Adam and Eve?

Yes, in order to keep His promise of sending a Saviour, God gave Adam and Eve children.



What were the names of the children of Adam and Eve?

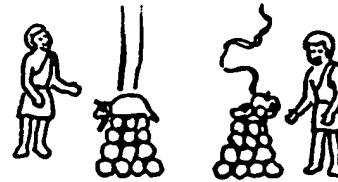
Cain and Abel were their first children.

Later Seth and a few more children were born.

What were the attitudes of Cain and Abel towards God?

Cain did not want to listen to God.

Abel did want to listen to God.

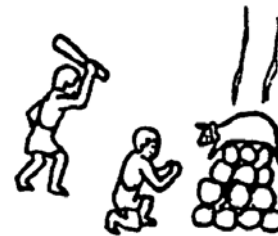


Why did God receive the offering from Abel but not the offering from Cain?

God did not receive Cain's offering

because his heart was not right.

Cain hated Abel and then killed Abel.



When we pray to God with a heart that is not right, will God hear our prayer?

God will not hear our prayer if our heart is not right.



### 13 BEFORE THE FLOOD

What was the situation on earth before the flood?

Man's wickedness had become great on the earth.

What did God say when He saw this?

God said that He would wipe man  
from the face of the earth with a flood.



Did God wipe all mankind from the earth?

No, God saved Noah and his family.



Why did God save Noah and his family?

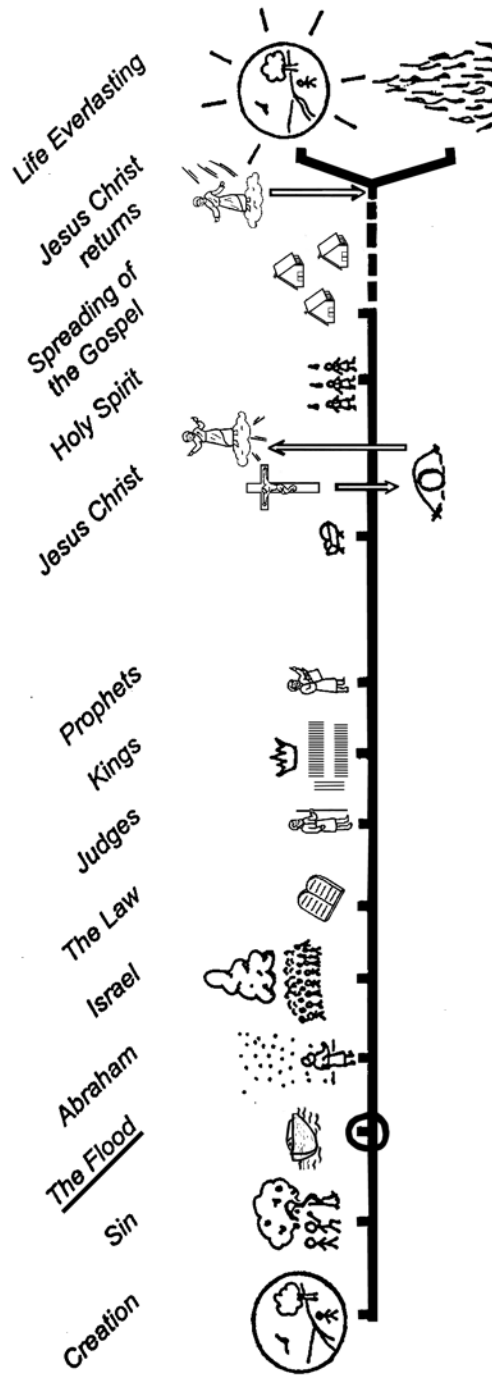
God saved them because Noah  
believed in God and did what was right.



What did the other people do?

All the other people on the earth  
forgot God and did evil all the time.

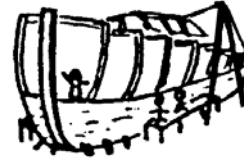
# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 14A THE FLOOD

What did God command Noah to make?

Noah was to build an ark  
that had three levels.



Who was to enter the ark?

Noah, his wife, their three sons  
and their wives; a total of 8 people.



What else was Noah to take along with him  
into the ark?

Noah took a male and a female  
from every living creature into the ark.

How would Noah feed them?

Noah was to take all kinds of food  
for themselves and the animals.

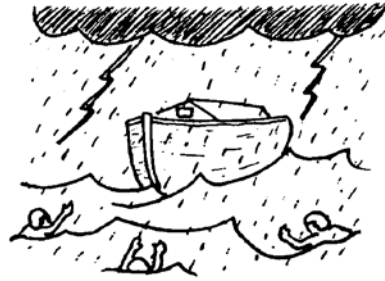


Genesis 7:10-24  
Genesis 8:1-14

## 14B

How long did it rain?

The rain fell for  
40 days and 40 nights.



How high did the water rise?

The water kept rising until it was  
about 7 meters above the tops of the mountains.

How did Noah check the situation on the earth?

Noah sent out a raven. It did not return.



Then he sent out a dove three times  
to see if the water had gone down  
before it also did not return.



How long did Noah stay in the ark?

One year and 10 days.



Genesis 8:15-22  
Genesis 9:1-17  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Psalm 51:1-6

## 15 AFTER THE FLOOD

What did Noah do as soon as he left the ark?

Noah built an altar and sacrificed  
to God because God had saved  
them from the flood.



What did God promise?

God promised that He would never again  
destroy all living beings with a flood.

Why?

Because God knew that  
the heart of man is evil from childhood.



What can this promise also be called?

A covenant. It is a relationship between God and His people.

What was the sign of this promise or covenant?

A rainbow in the clouds.



## 16A THE TOWER OF BABEL

What happened after the flood?

All the people stayed together and spoke one language,  
using the same words.

What did they plan to do?

They wanted to build a city  
with a tower that  
reached the heavens.



Why?

So that they would stay together  
in one place and not be scattered.

Why was God not pleased with their plans?

Because all men together would become haughty  
and not honour Him as God.

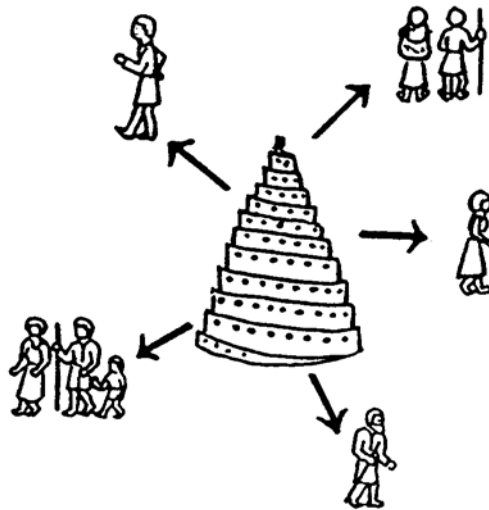
**16B**

How did God destroy their plans?

God caused them to speak many languages  
so that they could not understand each other.

What did the people do then?

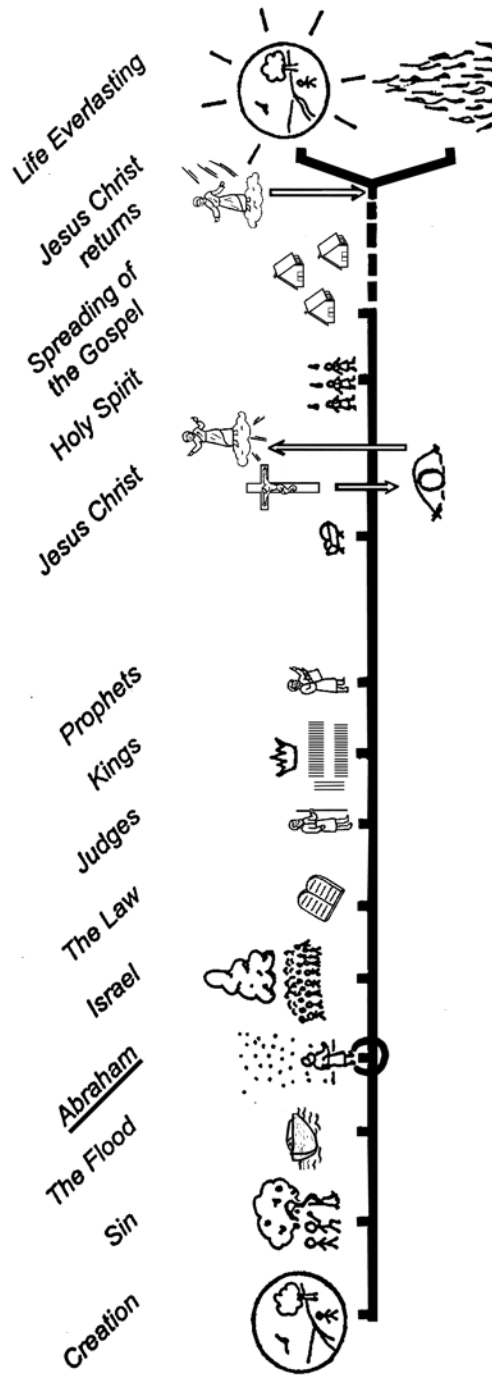
The people scattered over all the earth  
according to the language spoken.



What was this city they had built called?

Babel because God confused  
the language of the whole world.

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 17 THE TIME OF ABRAM

What was the situation on earth before God called Abram?

Men had forgotten God again  
and lived in much sin.

Did God also forget mankind?

No, God never forgets His promise.

Why will God not forget mankind?

Because God had promised that He would send  
His Son Jesus Christ to save us.



Who did God call so that His plan of salvation would be fulfilled?

Abram.

Genesis 12:4-6  
Hebrews 11:8-10

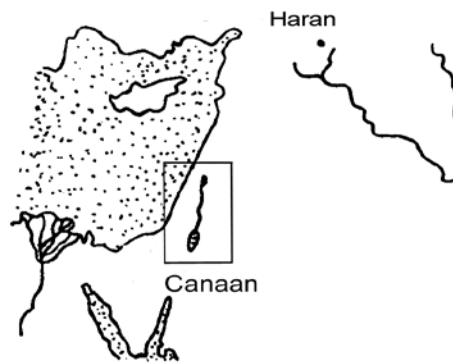
## 18A GOD CALLS ABRAM

From where did God call Abram?

From Haran.

To where did God call Abram?

To the land of Canaan.



Did Abram go alone?

No, Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all their wealth and the slaves they owned.



Did Abram and Sarai have any children?

No.

## 18B

Had Abram ever seen Canaan before?

Never. He did not know where he was going.

How did Abram know that he arrived in the land God had planned?

When Abram arrived at the appointed land,  
God Himself appeared to Abram and said,  
“This is the land I will give to your descendants”.



What was the first thing that Abram did in this new land?

Abram built an altar to God to thank and worship Him.



When a Christian moves to another place, what must he seek or do?

He must look for a place to worship God and thank God.

## 19 ABRAM IN EGYPT

Why did Abram and Sarai go to Egypt?

Because there was a famine in the land of Canaan.



Why did Abram tell Pharaoh that Sarai was his sister?

Abram was afraid that the Egyptians would kill him  
in order to take his wife Sarai who was very beautiful.



Was it good that Abram lied?

No.

What do we learn from this?

That a believer can sometimes lack in faith and trust in God.



## 20A ABRAM AND LOT SEPARATE

Why did Abram have to separate from Lot?

There was not enough pastureland for them  
to stay together because they had too many animals.



Did God plan this?

God plans all things or allows them to happen.

Why did God separate them?

God called Abram and not Lot.

God made His promise only with Abram.

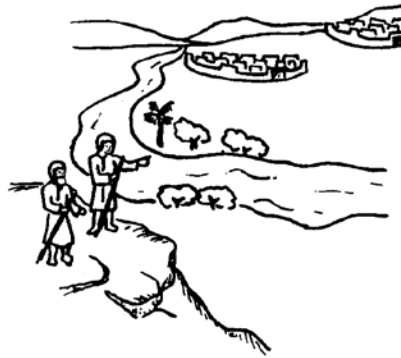


**20B**

Which land did Lot choose?

Lot chose the Jordan Valley because it had plenty of water.

There were two large cities near by, Sodom and Gomorrah.



Where did Lot live?

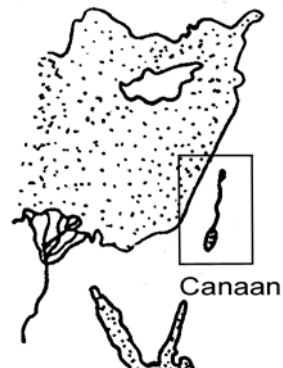
Lot pitched his tents near the city of Sodom.

Which land did Abram choose?

The land of Canaan.

Why did Abram choose the land of Canaan?

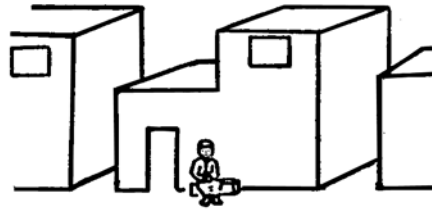
God had already promised the land of Canaan to the descendants of Abram.



## 21A LOT IN THE CITY OF SODOM

Did Lot stay in the valley?

No, the wealth of the city tempted Lot to move into the city of Sodom.



What was the situation in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah?

There was much wickedness and sexual sins.

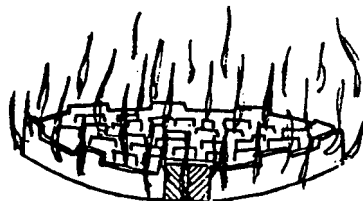


Because of the wickedness, what did God want to do?

God wanted to punish these cities.

How did God punish these cities?

God rained burning sulfur on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah  
and destroyed them and the whole valley,  
all the people and everything that grew on the land.



Genesis 19:12-29  
2 Peter 2:6-10

## 21B

Whom did God help escape this punishment?

Abram's relative Lot and his family.



Why?

God did not want to destroy the righteous people  
along with the wicked people.

What did the two angels of God say to Lot and his family  
once they led them out of the city?

“Run for your lives! Do not look back or stop!  
Run to the hills so that you will not be killed!”



Who disobeyed the angel of God?

Lot's wife looked back.

How did God punish her?

Lot's wife became a pillar of salt.



## 22 GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAM

Did Abram and Sarai have any children?

Not yet.

Was Abram pleased about this?

No, Abram wanted to have an heir.

Who did Abram think could be his heir?

Because God had not yet given them children, Abram suggested that his servant, Eliezer, be his heir.



Did God agree?

No. God said that only a true son of Abram could be Abram's heir.

What else did God say in His promise?

God said that Abram would not be able to count his descendants, just like he was not able to count the stars in the heavens.



*Genesis 16*  
*Genesis 17:1-9*

## **23 ISHMAEL**

Whose child is Ishmael?

Ishmael is the son of Abram and Hagar.

Who is Hagar?

Hagar is the maidservant of Sarai.



How old was Abram when Ishmael was born?

Abram was 86 years old.

Did Abram do the right thing when he took Hagar as his wife?

No. Abram should have waited for God Himself  
to give the promised child to Abram and Sarai.

What did it show that Abram did not wait for God?

It showed that Abram still had little faith.

## 24A THE COVENANT OF GOD

Why did God change Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah?

Because God promised that they  
would become the father and  
mother of many nations.



When God made this promise, what did God make with Abraham?

God made a covenant with Abraham.

What is a covenant?

A covenant is an agreement between two parties about something.

Give an example of a covenant in our lives.

The covenant of marriage is also an agreement  
between two parties about a marriage.



*Genesis 17:1-27*  
*John 8:31-47*  
*Acts 3:24-25*

## **24B**

Who are the two parties in the covenant with God?

1. God
2. Abraham and his descendants

Who are Abraham's true descendants today?

All believers are Abraham's true descendants.

Who are the two parties in the covenant with God today?

1. God
2. Believers and their children

How many parts are there in the covenant of God?

- There are two parts: 1. Promise
2. Demand.



Genesis 17:1-27  
Galatians 3:26-4:7  
Colossians 2:6-12  
Colossians 3:1-17

## 24C

What does God promise to us in this covenant?

God promises that He will be a Father to us and our children.

God also promises to us and our children

that Christ will save us and

that the Holy Spirit will work faith in our hearts

when we listen to His Word.



What does God demand from us in this covenant?

God demands that we obey

His Word as true children of God.



If we do not obey His word and reject God, is God still our Father?

No.

What is the sign of the covenant in the Old Testament?

Circumcision.

What is the sign of the covenant in the New Testament?

Baptism



Genesis 21:1-7  
Hebrews 11:11-12

## 25A ISAAC

Whose child is Isaac?

Isaac is the son of Abraham and Sarah.



How old were Abraham and Sarah when Isaac was born?

Abraham was 100 years old.

Sarah was 90 years old.

Can old people get children?

No, God did a miracle with Isaac's birth.

What is not possible for man is possible for God.



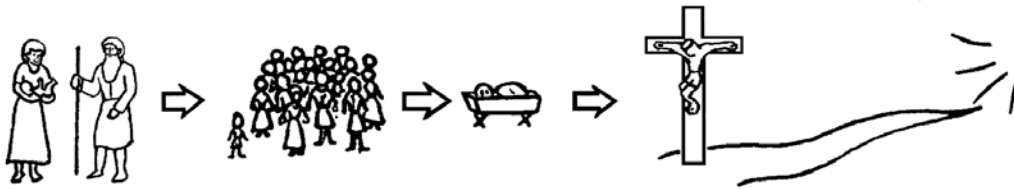
## 25B

Why did God give a child to Abraham and Sarah when they were old?

God wanted Abraham to wait and believe  
that what God has promised will surely take place.

Why is the birth of Isaac important in the history of salvation?

The Saviour was to be born from the descendants of Isaac.  
Because of this, even though Abraham and Sarah were very old,  
God gave the promised child.



*Genesis 22:1-14*  
*Hebrews 11:17-19*  
*James 2:20-24*

## 26 ABRAHAM'S FAITH

When Isaac had grown, what did God ask Abraham to do?

God told Abraham to take Isaac, his only son,  
and sacrifice him as a burnt offering to God.



Why did God tell Abraham to sacrifice Isaac?

God wanted to test Abraham's faith.

Did Abraham obey God's command?

Yes, Abraham was obedient to God.

Abraham took Isaac up a mountain  
to sacrifice Isaac to God.

How did God reward Abraham's faith?

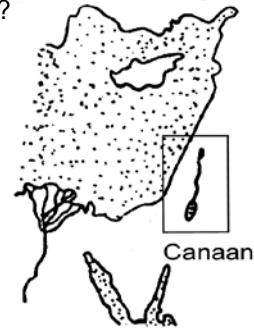
God provided a ram for the offering  
instead of Isaac.



## 27 THE DEATH OF SARAH

Which land did God promise to Abraham and his descendants?

God promised them the land of Canaan.



Did Abraham own a part of the land of Canaan?

No, Abraham was still a foreigner in the land of Canaan.

When Sarah died, what did Abraham do?

Abraham asked to buy a section  
of land from the Canaanites  
in order to bury Sarah.



Why did Abraham want to pay for the land even though  
the owner of the land wanted to give Abraham the land?

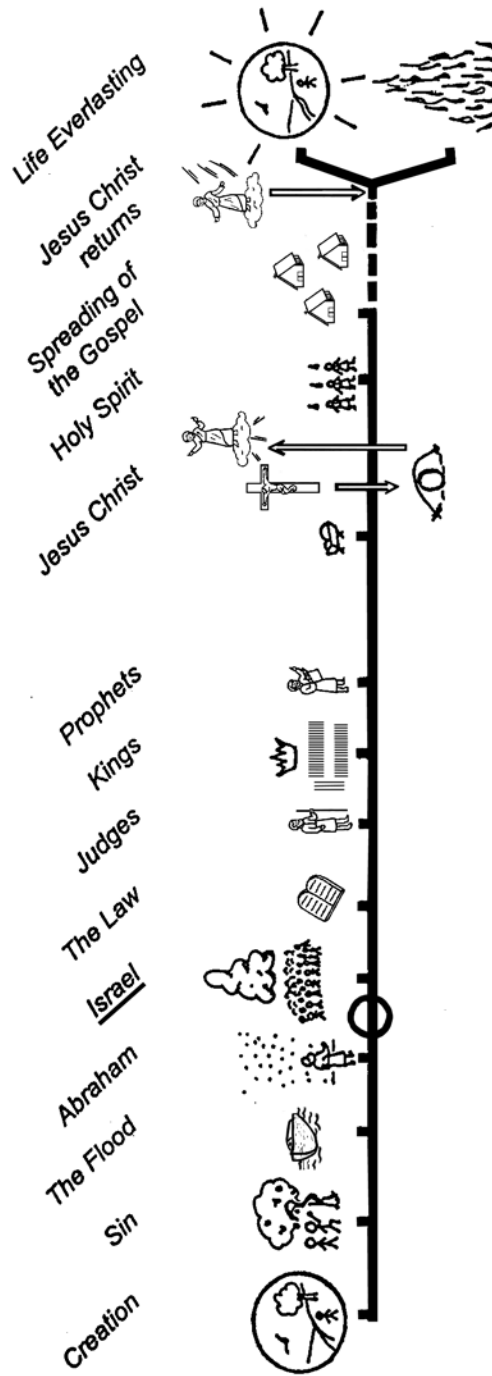
Abraham had a strong faith that  
this land would belong to his descendants.

When Abraham died, where did Isaac and Ishmael bury their father?

They buried Abraham in the promised land,  
the same place Abraham had buried Sarah.



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 28 THE MARRIAGE OF ISAAC

Where did Abraham look for a wife for Isaac?

Abraham sent his servant, Eliezer,  
to Abraham's family in Haran  
to look for a wife for Isaac.

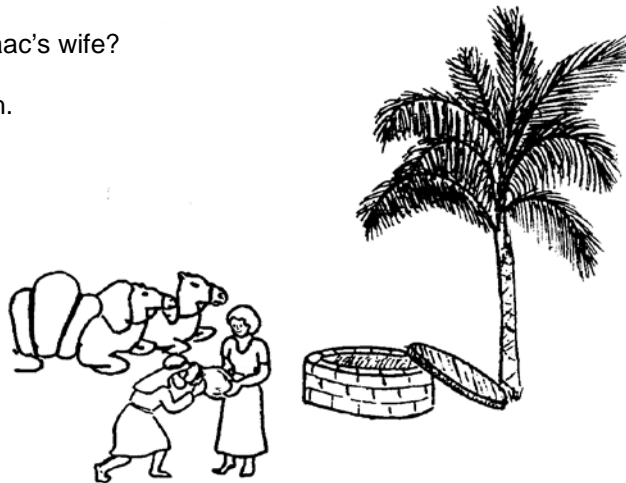


Why did Abraham not look for a wife for Isaac  
from among the Canaanites?

Because the Canaanites worshipped other gods.

Who became Isaac's wife?

Rebekah.



Were Isaac and Rebekah able to have children?

They had to wait 20 years before God gave them children.

Genesis 25:19-26  
Genesis 12:1-3

## 29A THE CHILDREN OF ISAAC

Why did Isaac and Rebekah have to wait a long time to receive children?

God wanted to test Isaac to see  
if he believed the promise of God.

What was this promise of God?

The promise that the descendants of Abraham  
would become a great nation.



What did Isaac do when he saw that he and Rebekah did not receive children?

Isaac prayed to God  
and asked God for a child.



Did God answer Isaac?

Yes, God gave them twin boys,  
Esau and Jacob.





## 29B

Who is the oldest child?

Esau.

What is the inheritance right or birthright of the oldest child?

When the father dies, the oldest child  
would receive two parts of the inheritance.



But who received the birthright?

Jacob.

How did Esau give away his birthright to Jacob?

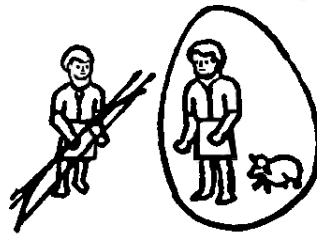
Esau sold his birthright to Jacob  
for a bowl of soup when he was hungry.



With whom did God choose to continue His covenant?

God chose to continue His covenant with Jacob.

God had told Rebekah that the older would serve the younger.



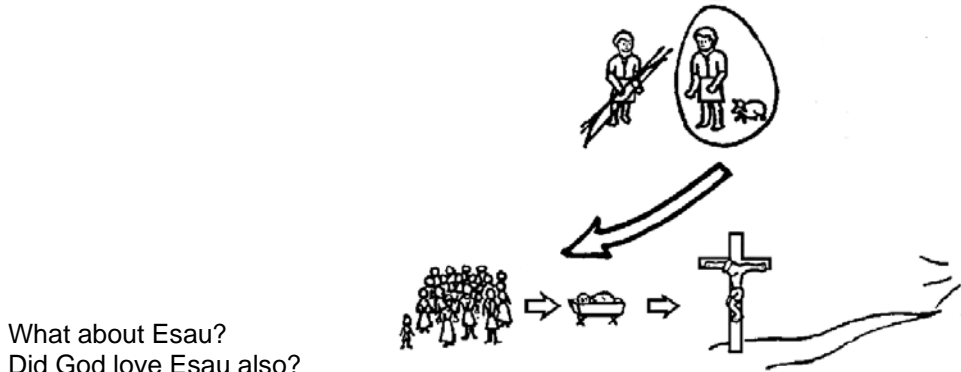
Romans 9:1-21  
Hebrews 12:14-17  
Psalm 115,116

### 30 GOD CONTINUES HIS COVENANT

Did God follow the customs of birthrights?

No, God chose Jacob to be His covenant child.

The Saviour would be born from Jacob's descendants.



What about Esau?  
Did God love Esau also?

No, God rejected Esau.

Is this fair?

It is fair because God can reject  
every person because of his sins.

If God only chooses some people to be His children, what must we do?

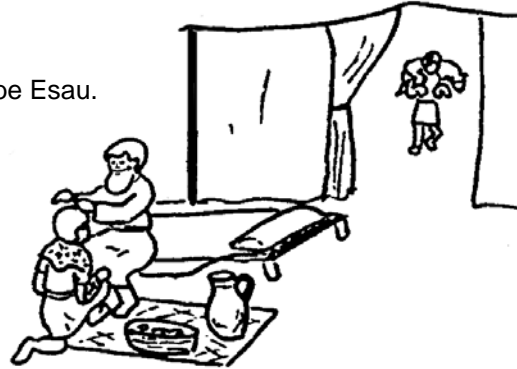
We can only be thankful to God and praise Him  
when He chooses us because  
He does not choose all people.



### 31 JACOB LIES

What did Jacob do so that he would receive the blessing of the first born, the birthright, from his father?

When Isaac was very old and blind,  
Jacob lied to him and pretended to be Esau.



Was it right of Jacob to do this?

No, Jacob sinned.

What does this show about Jacob's faith?

It showed that Jacob had little faith.

Why did Jacob have little faith?

Because Jacob followed his own desires  
and was afraid that God would give  
the blessing of the birthright to his brother Esau.

What attitude should a child of God show?

A child of God should be patient and wait  
until God Himself fulfills His promise.

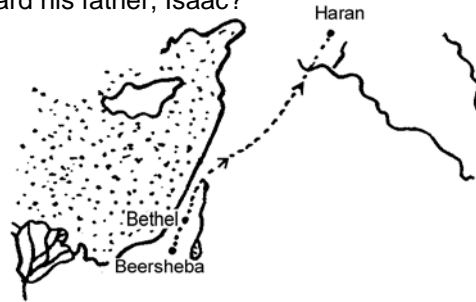
### 32 JACOB GOES TO HARAN

Was God pleased with Jacob's attitude toward his father, Isaac?

No.

How did God punish Jacob?

Jacob had to flee to Haran  
because Esau wanted  
to kill him.

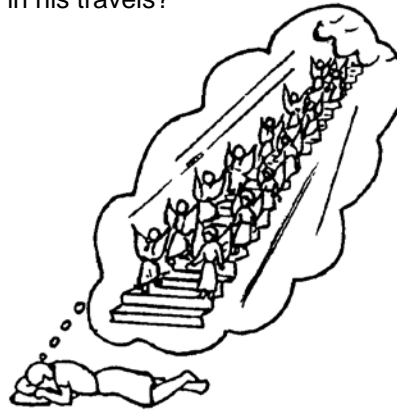


Did God forget Jacob because he sinned?

No.

How did God show that He would be with Jacob in his travels?

God spoke to Jacob in a dream  
and said that He would be with Jacob  
and watch over him wherever he went.



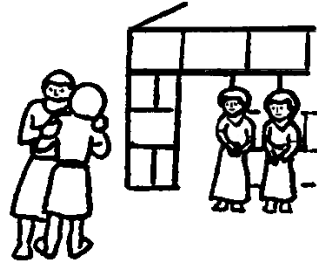
Why?

God never forgets  
the covenant He made with Abraham.

### 33A JACOB IN HARAN

Where did Jacob stay in Haran?

He stayed with his uncle Laban.



How many years did Jacob stay in Haran?

He stayed 20 years.

Then God told Jacob to go back to Canaan.

How many wives did Jacob have?

He had 2 wives: Leah and Rachel.



Genesis 29:1-30  
Genesis 2:20b-24  
Matthew 19:4-6  
1 Corinthians 7:2

### 33B

What dowry did Jacob have to pay for his two wives?

He worked 7 years and Laban gave him Leah.

He worked 7 more years for Rachel.



Was it good that Jacob had two wives?

No.

1. In Genesis 2, we learn that God gave only one woman to Adam and said that the two shall become one.



2. In the New Testament, Jesus also quotes from Genesis 2.

3. In 1 Corinthians 7:2, we read that each man should have his own wife and each woman should have her own husband.



### 34 THE CHILDREN OF JACOB

How many children did Jacob receive while he was in Haran?

He received eleven boys and one girl.



Which promise of God to Abraham and Isaac was fulfilled during the lifetime of Jacob?

The promise that Abraham would have many descendants was fulfilled. Abraham would become the father of many nations.



Which nation did Jacob's children become?

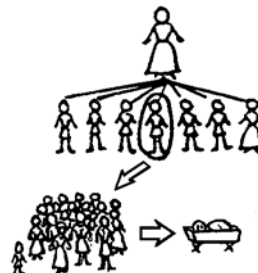
The nation of Israel.

Who was the first-born child?

Rueben, son of Leah, was Jacob's first-born child.

From whose descendants would the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, be born?

The Lord Jesus would be born from the descendants of Judah, Leah's fourth child.



Genesis 32,33  
Genesis 35:9-10  
Genesis 37:1-4

### 35 JACOB RETURNS TO CANAAN

What new name did God give to Jacob as Jacob returned to Canaan?

God named Jacob Israel because he struggled with God and with men and “survived”.



When Jacob met Esau, was Esau still angry with Jacob?

No, God had promised that He would protect Jacob. God blessed Esau with so much that Esau was no longer angry with Jacob.



Why did Jacob love Joseph more than his other children?

Joseph was the first born child of Rachel and Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.



Is it good that Jacob loved one child more than the other children?

No, this causes much trouble.





### 36A JOSEPH GOES TO EGYPT

Which dreams did God give to Joseph?

1. The brother's sheaves of grain bowed down to Joseph's sheaf of grain.
2. The sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to Joseph.



What was God revealing through these dreams?

Joseph would rule over his father and brothers.



What was God's plan?

Jacob and his family would move to Egypt.



Why?

Because the children of Jacob had already begun to mix with the heathen nations of Canaan.

(for example Dinah, Judah - *Genesis 34*; *35:2-4*; *Genesis 38*)

Genesis 37:12-36  
John 3:15  
Genesis 45:5; 50:20  
Galatians 3:10

### 36B

How did Joseph go to Egypt?

Because Joseph's brothers hated him,  
they sold Joseph to Ishmaelite merchants  
who took him to Egypt.



Was it good that Joseph's brothers did this?

No, God says in the Law:  
You shall not kill or hate.



If Joseph's brothers acted wrongly, why does God use their bad deeds?

Sometimes God uses the works of evil men  
in order to fulfill His plan.

Does that mean that God is pleased with people who do evil?

No, God will punish all evil.



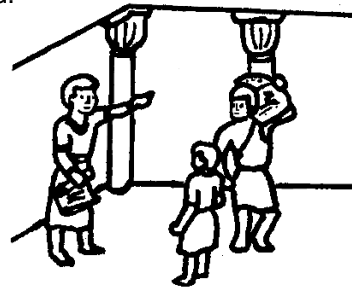
### 37 JOSEPH IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE

To whom did the Ishmaelites sell Joseph?

The Ishmaelites sold Joseph to Potiphar,  
the captain of Pharaoh's guards/one of Pharaoh's officials.

What was Joseph's position in Potiphar's house?

Joseph became Potiphar's personal servant,  
in charge of Potiphar's house and all he owned.



Was Potiphar pleased with Joseph?

Yes, Potiphar was pleased with Joseph.  
God blessed Potiphar's household because of Joseph.

Was Potiphar's wife pleased with Joseph?

No, because Joseph refused  
to go to bed with her or be with her.



*Genesis 39:7-23*  
*Acts 7:9-10*

### **38 JOSEPH IN PRISON**

Why would Joseph not go to bed with Potiphar's wife?

Joseph did not want to sin against God.

What happened?

Potiphar's wife lied and told her husband  
that Joseph insulted her.

Potiphar put Joseph in prison.



If God was with Joseph, why did God allow this to happen?

God was testing Joseph's faith.

Why did God test Joseph's faith?

It is easy to forget God when one has a high position.

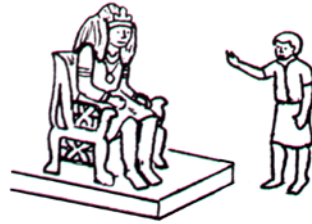
Therefore, God tested Joseph  
so that he would not forget God  
when he became governor.



### 39A JOSEPH BECOMES GOVERNOR

How did Joseph get out of prison?

Pharaoh called Joseph to come before him  
so that Joseph could interpret the dreams  
God had given to Pharaoh.



Which two dreams did Pharaoh receive from God?

1. Seven skinny cows ate seven fat cows.

Yet, the skinny cows remained skinny.



2. Seven thin heads of grain swallowed up

seven full heads of grain.



Genesis 41:1-36  
Psalm 105:16-22

### 39B

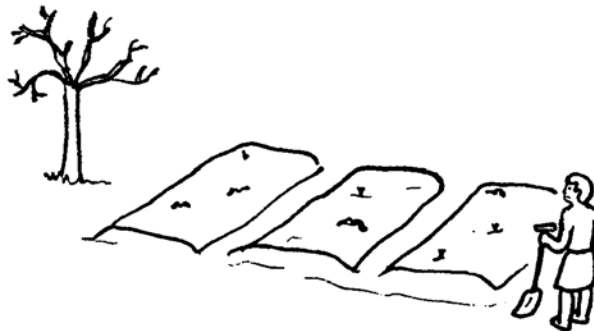
What did Joseph say that God was telling Pharaoh  
with the seven fat cows and the seven full heads of grain?

Joseph said that God was showing Pharaoh that  
there would be seven years of plenty in the land of Egypt.



What did Joseph say that God was telling Pharaoh  
with the seven skinny cows and the seven thin heads of grain?

Joseph said that God was showing Pharaoh  
that seven years of famine would follow the seven years of plenty.



### 39C

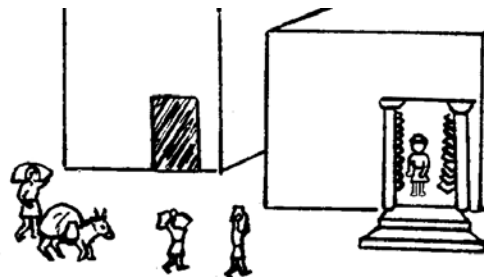
Did Pharaoh believe Joseph's interpretation?

Yes. Pharaoh even appointed Joseph to be the governor of Egypt.



What did Joseph do in the seven years of plenty?

Joseph collected one fifth of all the harvest during those seven years. He put the grain in storehouses he had built.



What did Joseph do in the seven years of famine?

Joseph sold the grain from the storehouses to the Egyptians.



Was the famine only in Egypt?

No, there was famine in the whole world; also in Canaan.

Genesis 42-45  
Acts 7:12-16

## 40A JACOB GOES TO EGYPT

Who also came to Joseph to buy grain?

Jacob sent ten of Joseph's brothers  
to Egypt to buy grain.



Why did Joseph keep Simeon in prison?

Joseph kept Simeon in prison so that  
his brothers would return again to Egypt.



Whom did Joseph want his brothers to bring to Egypt?

Joseph ordered his brothers  
to bring Benjamin with them  
when they returned to buy food again.





**40B**

Why did Joseph want to meet Benjamin again?

Joseph wanted to meet Benjamin  
because Benjamin and Joseph were brothers  
from the same mother, Rachel.

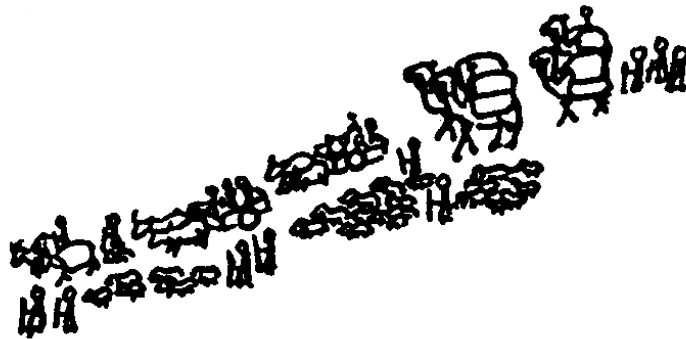


Why did Joseph not immediately tell his brothers who he was?

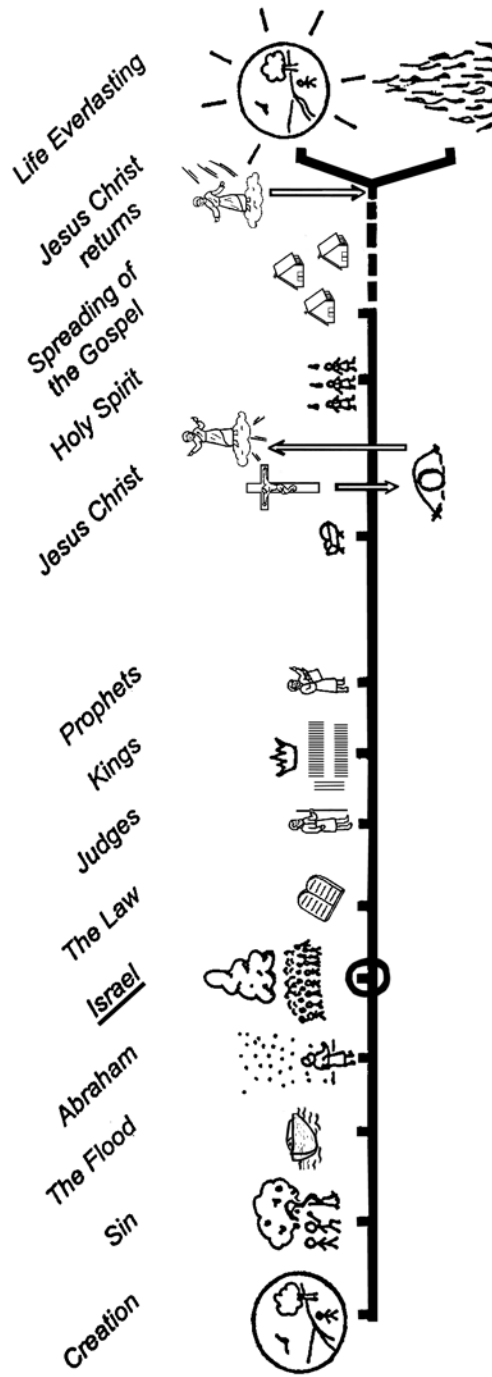
Joseph wanted to test the hearts of his brothers  
to see if they had repented from the wrong they had done to him.

When Joseph told his brothers who he was, what did Joseph do?

Joseph sent for his father Jacob  
and all his family to move to Egypt.



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION

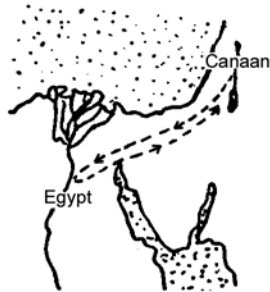


## 41A ISRAEL IN THE LAND OF EGYPT

Before Jacob moved to the land of Egypt, what did God promise?

God said to Jacob: "Do not be afraid to go to Egypt because:

1. I will make you into a great nation.
2. I will go down to Egypt with you.
3. I will surely bring you back again."



Will Jacob himself return to the land of Canaan?

No, Jacob was 130 years old.

He will die in Egypt.



How long will the children of Jacob live in Egypt?

The children of Jacob lived in Egypt for 430 years  
until they became a great nation.



**41B**

Which land did Pharaoh give to Jacob?

The land of Goshen.



Did the Israelites also begin to mix with the Egyptians as they did in Canaan?

No.

Why?

Because the Egyptians thought  
that shepherds were detestable  
and would have nothing to do with them.



## 42 THE ISRAELITES OPPRESSED IN EGYPT

Why were the Israelites oppressed in Egypt?

Because after many years,  
a new king who did not know about Joseph  
began to rule in Egypt.



Why was this new Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites?

Because the number of Israelites had grown  
and they had become a large, strong nation.

How did Pharaoh oppress the Israelites?

The Israelites were forced into  
hard labour.



Did this make the Israelite nation weak?

No, they only increased in number  
and became stronger.



What did Pharaoh order when he saw this?

Pharaoh ordered that all boy babies  
born to the Israelites be thrown  
into the Nile River.



Exodus 2:1-10  
Acts 7:20-22  
Hebrews 11:24-27

### 43 THE BIRTH OF MOSES

Did the Egyptians really kill all the boy babies born to the Israelites?

Yes, many baby boys  
were drowned by the Egyptians.



Who was not drowned?

Moses

How was Moses saved from Pharaoh's command?

Moses' mother made a basket of reeds  
and covered it with tar. She put Moses in  
it and put the basket among the reeds  
in the river. Pharaoh's daughter saw  
the basket and found the baby.



Did Pharaoh's daughter want to drown Moses according to the command of Pharaoh?

No, she felt sorry for the baby  
and wanted to take care of it.



## 44 THE LIFE OF MOSES

Who saw to it that Moses would be saved?

God saved Moses from the hand of Pharaoh.

Why?

So that Moses would later lead  
the people of God  
out of the land of Egypt.



Why did Moses flee to Midian?

Because Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses  
because Moses had killed an Egyptian.



How long did Moses stay in Midian?

Moses stayed in Midian for 40 years  
until God called him.



*Exodus 2:23-3:12*  
*Acts 7:30-38*

## **45A GOD CALLS MOSES**

How did God call Moses?

God called Moses from  
the flames of a burning bush.



What was strange about the burning bush?

The fire did not burn the bush.

For what task did God call Moses?

God called Moses to lead the people  
out of the land of Egypt.



Why did God call Moses at this time?

God heard the prayers and cries for help  
from His people, the Israelites.



Did Moses agree to lead the Israelite nation?

Moses did not agree.



## 45B

Why did Moses not agree?

Moses felt that he was a poor speaker  
and that he was not capable  
of doing what God commanded.



Why did Moses feel this way?

Because the Israelites  
were a large and strong nation.



Did God relieve Moses of this task?

No, but God said that He would be with Moses  
and make him capable of doing this task.

God would help him speak and teach him what to say.

How did God help Moses speak?

God told Moses that his brother, Aaron,  
would be his mouth and help him.

Moses would tell Aaron what to say.



Exodus 3:13-4:17  
Psalm 105:26-27

## 45C

Which two signs did God use to show that He would be with Moses?

1. Moses' walking stick became a snake.



2. Moses' hand became leprous.



What must Moses ask of Pharaoh?

Moses was to ask Pharaoh to allow  
the Israelites to take a three day journey  
to the desert to offer sacrifices to God.



Was Moses lying?

Moses was telling the truth.

God was testing Pharaoh.

Later, what would Moses ask of Pharaoh?

Moses would ask Pharaoh  
to let the Israelites go out of Egypt.



## 46A THE TEN PLAGUES

List the ten plagues with which God punished the Egyptians when Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the Israelites go?

1. water turned into blood



2. frogs



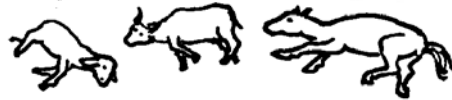
3. gnats



4. flies



5. disease that killed the animals



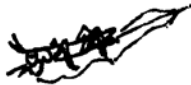
6. boils



7. hail



8. locusts



9. three days of darkness



10. death of all first born sons  
and the first born of all cattle



**46B**

Which plagues could the Egyptian magicians also do?

1. water turned into blood
2. frogs

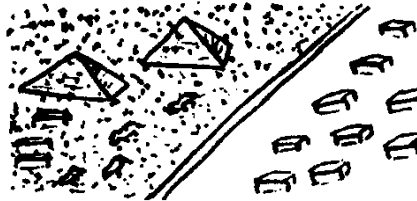
But with the rest of the plagues,  
the magicians said, "This is the finger of God."



Which plagues affected the Israelites?

The first three plagues affected the Israelites.

The other plagues only affected the Egyptians.



Would God have been able to kill the Egyptians with one plague?

Yes, God is Almighty.

Why did God send ten plagues?

1. So that the Israelites would know that God is Almighty and that He is able to lead them through the desert.
2. So that the descendants of the Israelites in the years to come would know that God is Almighty.
3. So that all the world would know that God is Almighty.

*Exodus 12:1-28*  
*Deuteronomy 16:1-8*  
*Hebrews 11:28*

## **47A PASSOVER**

On the same night the angel of God killed all the first-born sons of the Egyptians, which feast did the Israelites celebrate?

The Passover Feast.



What does Passover mean?

The angel of God will pass over the houses  
that have blood on the doorframe.

The blood of the sacrificial lamb  
took the place of (saved) the first-born sons of Israel.



What did God command the Israelites to do every year?

They must remember to celebrate the Passover Feast every year.

Exodus 13:1-16  
John 1:29  
1 Corinthians 5:7  
1 Peter 1:18-19

## 47B

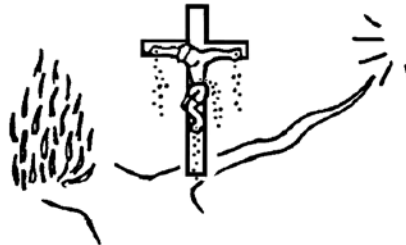
Why must the Israelites celebrate the Passover every year?

By celebrating the Passover Feast,  
God wants the Israelites to remember  
that God saved them through  
the blood of a lamb.



How long was the Passover Feast to be celebrated?

Until the blood of Jesus Christ, as the Passover Lamb,  
was shed to save us  
from our sins.



Therefore, what do we now remember on Good Friday?

We remember the greatest work of God  
when His Son, Jesus Christ, was crucified  
to save us from our sins.

Exodus 12:29-42  
Exodus 13:17-4:9  
Psalm 78:13-14  
Psalm 105:37-39

## 48 THE ISRAELITES LEAVE EGYPT

When did Pharaoh give the Israelites permission to leave Egypt?

When Pharaoh saw that his first-born son  
and all the first-born sons of the Egyptians were dead.



How did God lead the Israelites?

By day God lead them with a pillar of cloud  
and by night with a pillar of fire.



Were the Israelites able to leave peacefully?

Pharaoh told the Israelites to go,  
but later he changed his mind again  
and chased the Israelites.



*Exodus 14:10-31*  
*Psalm 77:13-20*  
*Hebrews 11:29*

## **49 CROSSING THE RED SEA**

How did God save the Israelites?

God sent a strong east wind,  
which drove the sea back and  
turned it into dry land  
so that they could walk to the other side.



What did the Egyptians do?

All Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen  
followed the Israelites into the sea.

What happened once they were in the sea?

God made the wheels of their chariots  
get stuck and come off .



What happened when the Israelites  
arrived on the other side of the sea?

God made the sea return to its place.  
All the Egyptians were swept into the sea  
and drowned.



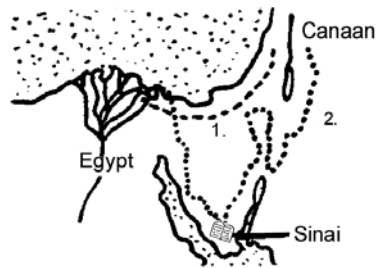
## 50A FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN

How long was the journey from Egypt to Canaan?

There are two routes:

1. the short route (about one week)
2. the long route (about one month)

Because the nation was so large, the Israelites would probably have needed three to four months to travel the long route.

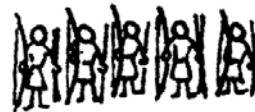


Which route did the Israelites take?

God led the Israelites on the long route.

Why?

1. Because the short route would take them through enemy country so there would be many wars to fight.
2. Because God wanted to make Himself known to His people at Mount Sinai.



*Numbers 14:26-39*  
*Nehemiah 9:9-21,31-32*  
*Psalms 106:1-33*  
*Hebrews 3:7-19*

## 50B

Why did the Israelites walk in the desert for 40 years?

Because God punished His people  
so that one generation would not enter  
the land of Canaan.



Why did God punish the Israelites?

Because the Israelites kept grumbling and rebelling  
and did not trust in God alone.

If the Israelites always rebelled, why did God not choose  
another people to become His chosen people?

God is very patient because  
He is faithful to His covenant,  
which He had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



## 50C

List some of the wonders God did to show that He cared for His people.

God gave them:

1. manna – every day
2. quails – one night
3. water – a number of times.



Did the Israelites receive manna seven days per week?

No. God sent manna six days per week.

They did not receive manna on the Sabbath Day.

What did the Israelites eat on the Sabbath Day?

God gave them twice as much manna  
as they needed on the sixth day  
so that they could gather enough for the Sabbath Day also.

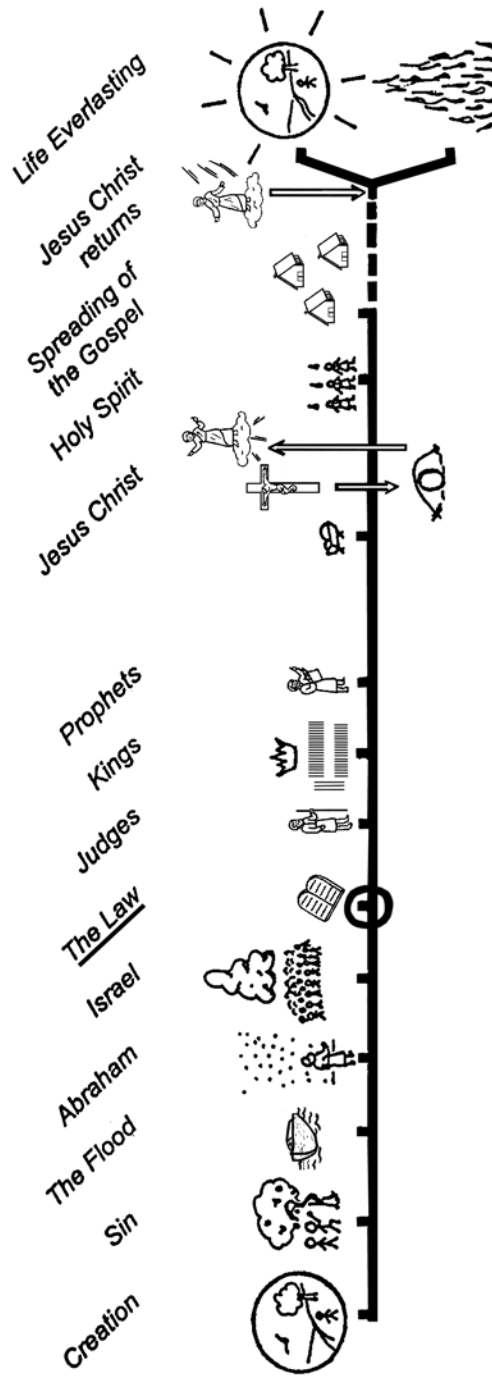


What can we learn from this?

God is pleased when we prepare for the Sunday  
by getting and buying what we need for the Sunday  
on the day before. God said this day is a day of rest  
set apart to honour God.



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 51A THE ISRAELITES AT MOUNT SINAI

What did God do at Mount Sinai?

God made Himself known  
to His people, the Israelites.



As Whom did God make Himself known?

God revealed Himself  
as the God of the Covenant,  
which He had made with  
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



What did God remind Moses and the Israelites?

That as God's covenant people,  
they were His treasured possession,  
His chosen people.

How did God confirm His covenant with the nation of Israel?

God confirmed His covenant by giving them  
the Ten Words of the Covenant, the Law of God,  
as a guide by which to live.



Exodus 20:1-17  
Deuteronomy 5-6  
Matthew 22:34-40

## 51B

List the Ten Words of the Covenant of the LORD our God.

1. Worship the LORD alone.
2. Worship the LORD according to His Word.
3. Honour the Name of the LORD.
4. Honour the day of the LORD.
5. Honour your father and mother.
6. Do not kill.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not covet or oppose God's commandments.



What are the two parts of the Ten Words or Commandments of God?

1. Love the LORD.
2. Love your neighbour.

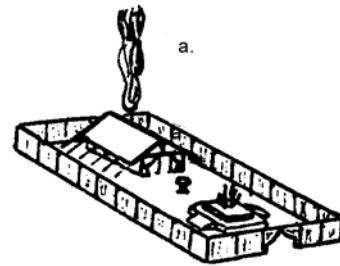


## 51C

What else did God give to the Israelites?

1. Laws and ceremonies of worship about:

- a) the tabernacle and the temple
- b) priests
- c) offerings
- d) festivals



2. Social laws about:

- a) justice
- b) inheritance
- c) health
- d) attitude in war



Why did God give all these laws to the Israelites? (*Deuteronomy 5:22-6:25*)

So that Israel, as a large nation, would live  
faithfully and peacefully before God and all people  
when they enter the land of Canaan.

What did God promise if the Israelites walked in the way God commanded?

That all would go well with them  
and they would live long in the promised land.

Exodus 32,34  
Deuteronomy 9:7-10:11  
Psalm 106:19-23  
Acts 7:37-43

## 52 THE ISRAELITES SIN – THE GOLDEN CALF

How did the Israelites sin at Mount Sinai?

The Israelites made an idol  
in the shape of a golden calf.



What is an idol?

An idol is an image made of  
wood, stone, metal or clay  
which a person worships  
as if it was a god.



Does an idol have power?

No, an idol is something that man makes,  
just like a table or a chair, etc.

What sin did the Israelites commit when they made this idol?

They sinned against the second commandment:

Worship the LORD according to His Word.



How did God punish the Israelites?

On God's command, the Levites killed about 3000 people  
and God sent a plague to punish the Israelites.



### 53A THE TEN SPIES AND ISRAEL SIN

How did Moses explore the land of Canaan?

Moses sent twelve spies to explore  
the situation in the land of Canaan.



How did Moses choose these men?

God told Moses to send one leader  
from each of the tribes of Israel.



Who brought back a good report?

Only two men, Joshua and Caleb  
brought a good report about the land.



What did the other ten spies report to Moses?

They did not bring a good report.  
They reported that the people in Canaan  
were stronger and bigger than the Israelites.



**53B**

To whom did the Israelites listen?

They listened to the ten spies  
who brought the bad report.  
They rebelled against God  
and wanted to return to Egypt.



Was God pleased with the Israelites?

No.



Why was God not pleased with the decision of the Israelites?

The Israelites did not believe in the power of the LORD their God  
even though God had shown His power  
to them many times.



Exodus 14:20-38  
Deuteronomy 1:34-40  
Psalm 106:24-27  
Hebrews 3:7-19

## 53C

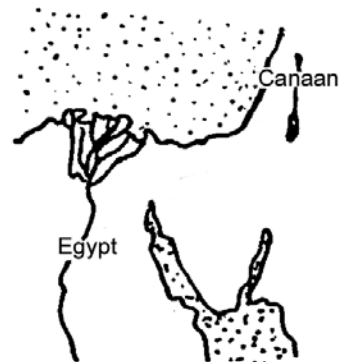
How did God punish the Israelites?

The Israelites must wander in the desert  
for forty years until the generation  
that chose to rebel had died.



What did this mean for those who rebelled?

They will not see or enter  
the promised land of Canaan.



Who may enter the land of Canaan?

Joshua and Caleb, because they  
believed and trusted the power  
of the LORD their God.



*Numbers 20:1-13*  
*Numbers 27:12-23*  
*Deuteronomy 32:48-52; 34*  
*Psalm 106:32-33*

## 54 MOSES SINS

Did Moses enter the land of Canaan?

No, because Moses also sinned.

What was Moses' sin?

In the desert of Zin, when  
there was no water for the Israelites,  
God commanded Moses to speak to the rock  
so that water would come out.

But Moses was angry at the people  
and also hit the rock with his staff.



How did God show His mercy even though Moses disobeyed Him?

God allowed Moses to see the promised land  
from a high mountain.



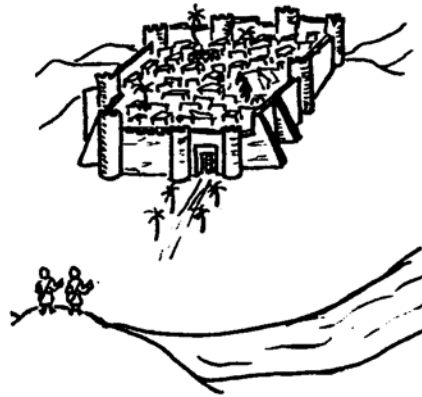
## 55A THE ISRAELITES ENTER CANAAN

Who led the Israelites into the land of Canaan?

Joshua.

How did Joshua explore the land on the other side of the Jordan River?

Joshua sent two spies to the city of Jericho.



What did the people of Jericho do when they saw foreigners in their city?

The people of Jericho wanted to kill them.

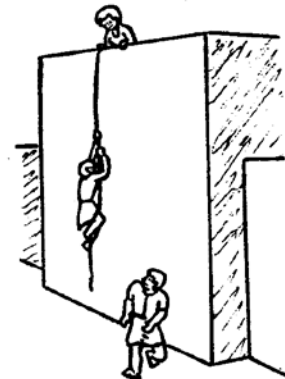


How did they escape?

Rahab hid the two spies on the roof of her house which was part of the city wall.

What report did the spies bring to Joshua?

They said, "The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands. All the people are terrified of us."

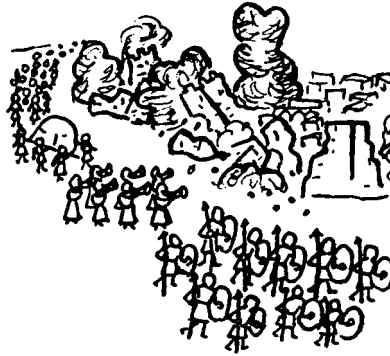


Joshua 5:13-6:27  
Joshua 13:22  
Hebrews 11:30-31

## 55B

When the Israelites conquered Jericho, whose lives did they save?

Rahab and all those in the house with her were saved because she had hidden the spies.



What did God command the Israelites to do with all those in the city of Jericho?

The Israelites must destroy every thing in the city. Everything made of gold, silver, bronze and iron must be set apart for God's treasury.

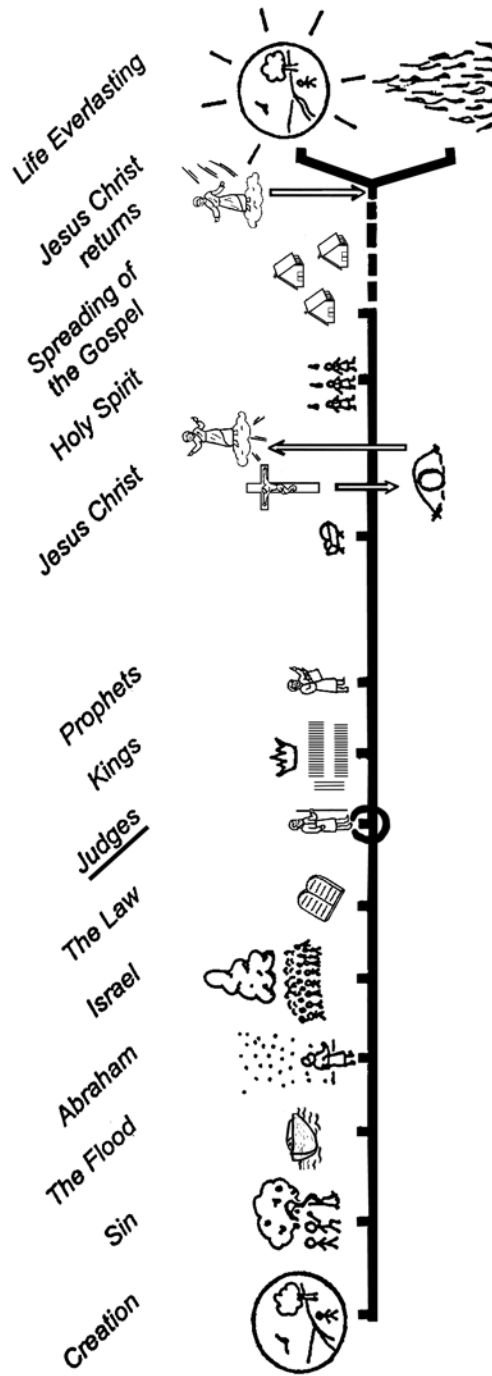


After the Israelites conquered all of Canaan, what did Joshua do?

Joshua divided the land of Canaan among the tribes of Israel.



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 56A THE JUDGES

Who became leader of the Israelites after Joshua?

There was no leader.

The Israelites did not need an earthly leader  
because they were in the promised land.

Who led the Israelites?

God in heaven Himself

is the leader of the Israelites.

How did God lead the Israelites?

With the Ten Words of the Covenant  
and the other laws.



Of which two commands of God did Joshua remind  
the Israelites before he died?

1. Honour the LORD your God  
and serve Him faithfully.  
Do not worship other gods.
2. Do not associate with the Canaanites and  
the LORD will help you drive out all the nations.



## 56B

List some of the gods of the Canaanites?

Baal, Asherah, Ashtoreth, Dagon, etc.



Did the Israelites obey the command of God?

No.

1. They forgot the LORD their God  
and worshipped the gods of the Canaanites
2. They did not drive out the nations  
but began to associate with them.



Because of this, how did God punish them?

God allowed the Canaanite nations  
whom Israel did not drive out  
to conquer and defeat the Israelites.



How badly did the Canaanite nations oppress the Israelites?

The Israelites were in great distress.

Then they cried to God  
and repented from their sins.



**56C**

Did God help the Israelites again?

Yes, God gave the Israelites judges who saved them from the hands of their enemies.



What was the task of the judges?

To turn the hearts of the Israelites to the LORD their God.



What happened when the judge died?

Each time a judge died, the Israelites returned to their evil ways and worshipped other gods.



How many judges did God give the Israelites?

15 judges.



List some of the well-known judges.

Gideon, Deborah, Samson, Samuel



## 57A SAMUEL

Who were Samuel's parents?

They were Elkanah and Hannah.

Was Hannah able to have children?

For many years Hannah had no children  
until God answered her prayers.



What promise did Hannah make to God in her prayers?

Hannah promised that  
if God would give her a son,  
she would give the child to God.



What did she mean by this?

Hannah would give up her son, Samuel,  
to serve in the temple of God for the rest of his life.

What did Samuel become?

Samuel became a judge  
and a prophet.



**57B**

When Samuel was old, for what did the Israelites ask?

The Israelites asked for a king  
to lead them as all the other nations had.



Was God pleased with this request?

God was not pleased with this request  
because He was the King of Israel  
and they rejected Him.

Does that mean that God did not give them a king?

No, God gave an earthly king to Israel.



Why?

Because of the hardness of the hearts  
of the Israelites.

**57C**

How was the king of Israel different from the kings of other nations?

1. The king of Israel was anointed by God Himself.



2. The king of Israel was the representative of God on earth.



3. The king of Israel ruled Israel according to the law of God.

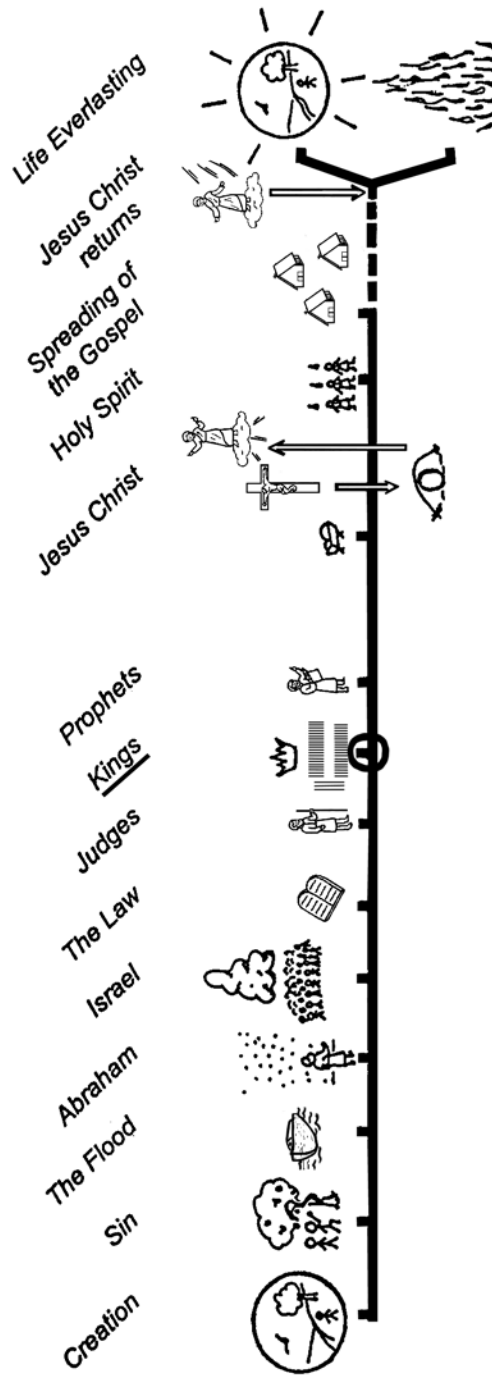


Name three kings who ruled over all of Israel.

1. Saul
2. David
3. Solomon



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 58 KING SAUL

What did Samuel do to Saul?

On God's command, Samuel  
anointed Saul's head with oil.



What was the purpose of this ceremony?

With this sign, God appointed Saul to be  
a representative king of God on earth.



Was Saul a king who represented God well on earth?

No. Saul ruled Israel according to his own desires;  
not according to the law of God.

Give an example of Saul's disobedience.

God ordered Saul to destroy all the Amalekites  
but Saul allowed the king of Amalek to live.

How did God punish Saul?

God rejected Saul as king.



## 59A DAVID

Who would replace Saul?

David, who was anointed by Samuel,  
even though Saul was still king.



What was David's task in his father's house?

David was a shepherd.

Once Samuel anointed David as king of Israel,  
did David become king immediately?

No, David had to be patient  
until Saul died.



After Samuel anointed David, what task did David receive?

David became one of Saul's amour bearers  
and played his harp for Saul to calm him.



Did Saul know David would replace him as king?

Not at that time.



**59B**

Why did David get a task in Saul's palace?

In this way, God taught David  
about his future task as king.

Did David work in Saul's palace until Saul died?

No. Saul became jealous of  
David's victories over their enemies  
and that God was with David,  
so he wanted to kill David.



Did Saul kill David?

That was not possible  
because God was with David.

Show how was God with David?

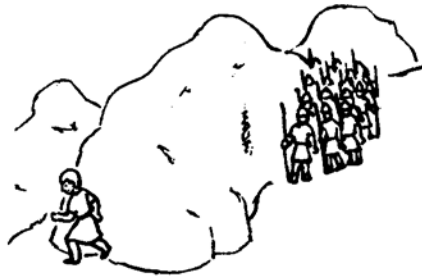
With power from God, David  
killed Goliath who mocked God.  
Because God was with him,  
David won many battles.



## 59C

What was David's life like while Saul was still alive?

David's life was very difficult  
and he suffered much because  
he had to keep running  
away from Saul.



Why did God allow this to happen?

So that David would learn  
to depend completely on God.



Why must David learn this?

So that he would not follow his own desires  
when he became king, as Saul did.

How did Saul die?

Saul killed himself during  
a battle with the Philistines.



## 60A DAVID AS KING OF ISRAEL

Did David become a king who represented God well on the earth?

Yes, David was a good king

but he also sinned greatly during his life.



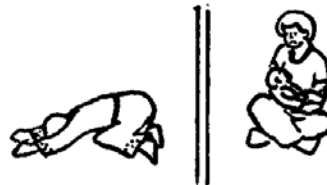
How did David sin?

1. He committed adultery with Bathsheba and killed her husband, Uriah.
2. David took a census of Israel.



How did God punish David's sin with Bathsheba?

1. The first child of Bathsheba died.
2. David experienced many difficulties in his family.



2 Samuel 13-24  
1 Kings 1:5-53

## 60B

What are some of the difficulties David experienced in his life?

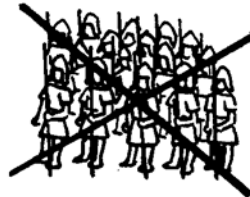
1. Two of David's children,  
Amnon and Absalom, were killed.



2. Two of David's sons, Absalom and Adonijah,  
conspired to become king.

Why was David taking a census considered a sin?

The king of Israel must trust  
in the power of God  
and not in the numbers  
or strength of his army.



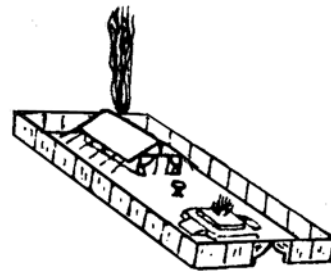
## 61A KING DAVID AND THE TEMPLE

What did David want to build?

David wanted to build a temple,  
a house for the LORD God.

Why did David want to build a temple?

David said, "Here I am, living  
in a palace of cedar, while  
the ark of God remains in a tent.



What is the ark of the Covenant of God?

The ark of God is the holy chest  
which was made according to God's directions.



What was in the ark of the Covenant of God?

1. manna



2. rod of Aaron



3. the two tablets of the law of God



2 Samuel 7:1-17  
1 Chronicles 28:1-21  
Hebrews 9:4-5

## 61B

What was the purpose of the ark of the covenant of God?

That Israel would remember  
that God was among them.



Why did God not agree that David build a temple for God?

Because David was a soldier  
and had shed blood.



Who was chosen by God to build the temple?

God chose Solomon, David's son,  
to build the temple.  
Solomon was a peaceful king.



What did David make that we still use?

David wrote many psalms  
during his lifetime which  
we still sing today.



2 Samuel 7:11-17  
Psalm 89:1-37  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Rom. 9:1-8; 10:1-13  
1 Peter 2:9-10  
Philippians 2:9-11

## 62 THE PROMISE OF GOD TO KING DAVID

What did God promise to King David?

1. The family of David will remain forever.
2. The kingdom of David will remain forever.
3. The throne of David will be established forever.



What does it mean that the family of David will remain forever?

There will always be descendants of David until the Lord Jesus Christ is born of the descendants of David.

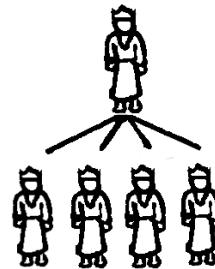


What does it mean that the kingdom of David will remain forever?

The kingdom of Israel will remain forever because the Lord Jesus will raise a new Israel, which includes all those who believe.

What does it mean that the throne of David will be established forever?

The Lord Jesus will become King of the new Israel forever. Jesus is the King of all kings.

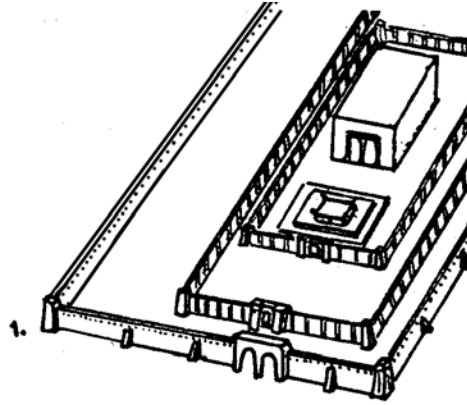


1 Kings 3-8  
2 Chronicles 1-9

### 63A KING SOLOMON

What did Solomon build?

1. the temple of God in Jerusalem
2. a palace for himself
3. a wall around Jerusalem



What did Solomon put in the temple?

The ark of the covenant of God.



For what did Solomon ask when God said,  
“Ask for whatever you want Me to give to you.”?

Solomon asked for wisdom and knowledge  
to lead the nation of Israel.



Did Solomon ask this wisdom for himself?

No, he asked for wisdom to help him  
rule as king and judge of Israel.

Did God agree to give Solomon wisdom?

God blessed Solomon so that  
he was wiser than any other man.





## 63B

What else did God give King Solomon?

1. Riches
2. Honour
3. A long life as long as Solomon obeyed God and kept His laws.



Why did God give Solomon more than he asked?

- Because Solomon showed a good character.
- He did not ask for anything for himself, only what he needed for his task as king.



Was Solomon faithful to God and His law?

- No. Solomon did not keep the law of the LORD his God.

How did Solomon sin?

1. Solomon took many foreign women as wives and concubines.



2. Solomon worshipped the gods of his wives.



1 Kings 9:1-9  
1 Kings 11:9-13  
1 Kings 11:26-40

### 63C

How did God punish King Solomon?

The kingdom of Solomon would be divided.

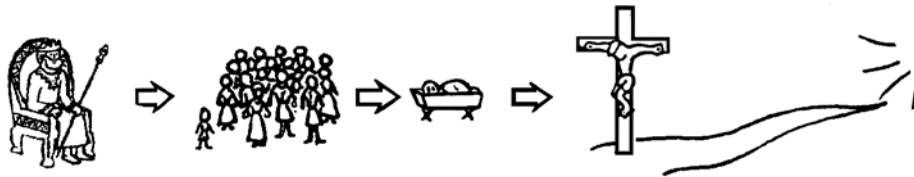


When would this division take place?

During the reign of  
Solomon's son, Rehoboam.

Why did God allow Solomon's son to become king?

Because God remembered  
the covenant He made with David  
that the Lord Jesus would be born  
of the descendants of David.



## 64A THE KINGDOM OF SOLOMON DIVIDED

Into how many parts was Solomon's kingdom divided?

Two parts:

1. Kingdom of Israel,  
the northern kingdom.
2. Kingdom of Judah,  
the southern kingdom.

How many tribes were part of the Kingdom of Israel?

Ten tribes, Ephraim,  
Gad, Manasseh, etc.



Were the kings who ruled the Kingdom of Israel good kings?

No. Jeroboam, the first king,  
made two bull calves of gold  
and placed them in Bethel and in Dan  
so that all could worshipped them.



What kind of kings reigned Israel after Jeroboam?

All the kings after Jeroboam  
followed Jeroboam in his sin.

1 Kings 16:29-22:34  
2 Kings 9-10

## 64B

Name some of the evil kings.

Ahab, Jehu, etc.

Which sin did King Ahab commit  
in addition to the sin of Jeroboam?

Ahab brought the Baal and Asherah idols  
into Israel and Israel worshipped them.



What did Jehu do?

Jehu destroyed the Baal worship  
in Israel but not the worship  
of the golden calf. He continued  
in the sin of Jeroboam.

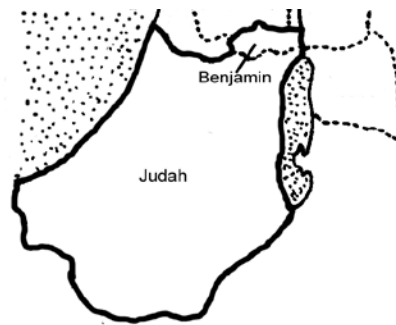


Which tribes were part of the Kingdom of Judah?

Two tribes, Judah and Benjamin.

Were the kings who ruled the Kingdom of Judah  
good kings?

There were good kings  
but there were also many kings  
who worshipped idols.



2 Kings 17:6-23  
2 Chronicles 36:11-20  
Nehemiah 9:22-31  
Psalm 106:11-20

## 65A GOD'S PUNISHMENT – EXILE

How did God punish these two kingdoms?

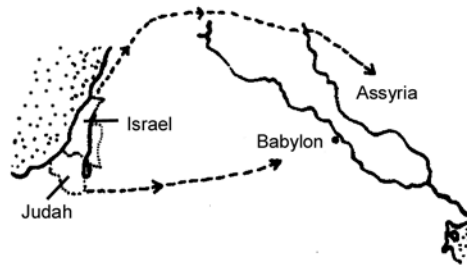
God punished them by allowing them  
to be brought into exile by enemy nations.



To where were they exiled?

The people of Israel were exiled to Assyria.

The people of Judah were exiled to  
Babylon, the country close to  
Abraham's birthplace.



Did any of the people return to their country?

Yes, a small number of faithful people of Judah returned to Judah.



Why?

Because God is faithful to His covenant  
which He made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and David.

2 Chronicles 36:20-23  
Jeremiah 25:1-14  
Daniel 1-6  
Ezra 1-2  
Esther

## 65B

Were the people of Judah able to hold to their faith while they were in exile?

There were those who remained faithful  
but it was very difficult and they suffered much.



Which stories tell about the life of the people of Judah in exile?

There are stories about:  
Daniel and his three friends,  
Esther and Mordecai, etc.



How long did the people of Judah live in exile?

70 years.

After the 70 years, who gave them permission to go back to Judah?

King Cyrus, king of Persia, said that  
God told him to allow the people of Judah  
to go and build a temple for God in Jerusalem.



## 65C

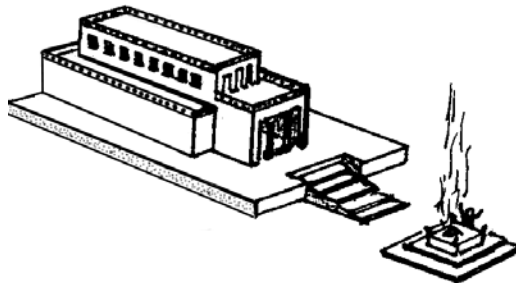
Who led the people of Judah back to their country?

Zerubbabel led the first return to Judah.



What was the first thing the people of Judah did when they returned?

They built an altar and a temple  
so they could worship God.



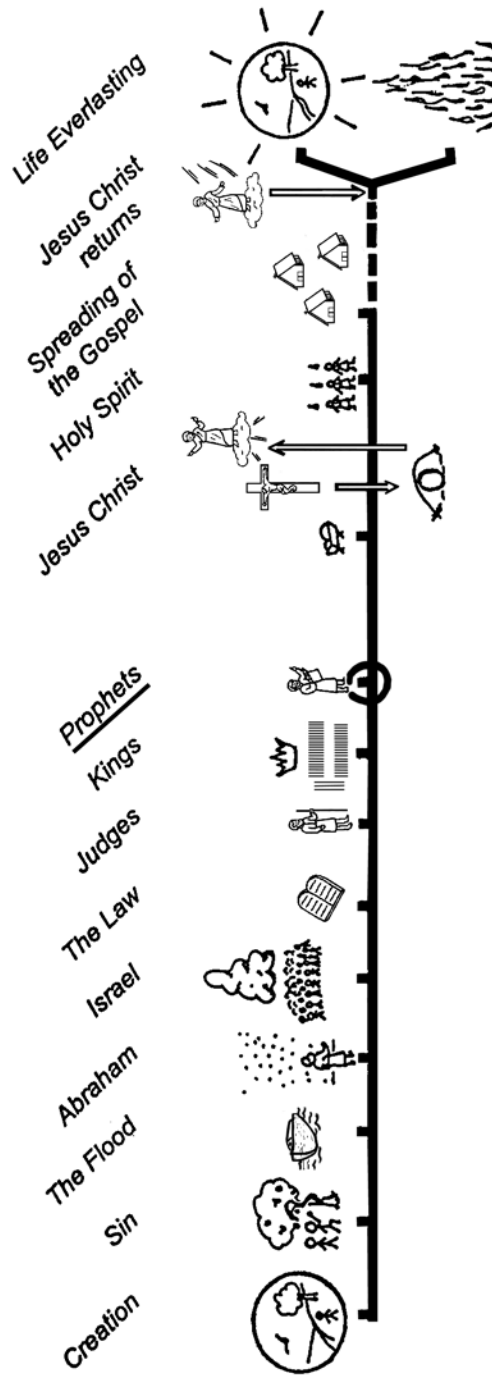
Who later also led more people of Judah back to their country?

1. Ezra, a priest and a teacher of the Law of Moses,  
led the second group of people.

2. Nehemiah, led the third group back.

Under Nehemiah, the wall of Jerusalem  
was rebuilt in 52 days.

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION





## 66A THE PROPHETS

During the time when Israel first lived in the land of Canaan, who called the Israelites back to the ways of God?

The judges.



During the time of the kings and the exile, how did God speak to the Israelites?

God spoke to them via the prophets.

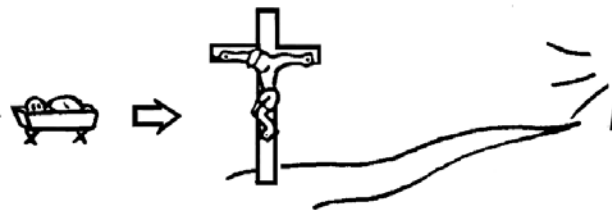
What are the tasks of the prophets?

1. Explain the will of God for the present time.
2. Proclaim the will of God for the future.



Many prophets prophesied about the same special message for the future. What special prophesy or message was this?

The prophesy about the coming of the Messiah,  
the Lord Jesus Christ, who would save mankind.



Malachi 3-4  
Luke 3:1-18

## 66B

Who was the first prophet?

Samuel.



Who was the last prophet?

John the Baptist who called Israel  
to prepare themselves  
for the coming of the Lord Jesus.



List the name of some of the prophets.

Nathan, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah,  
Jeremiah, Daniel, Malachi.

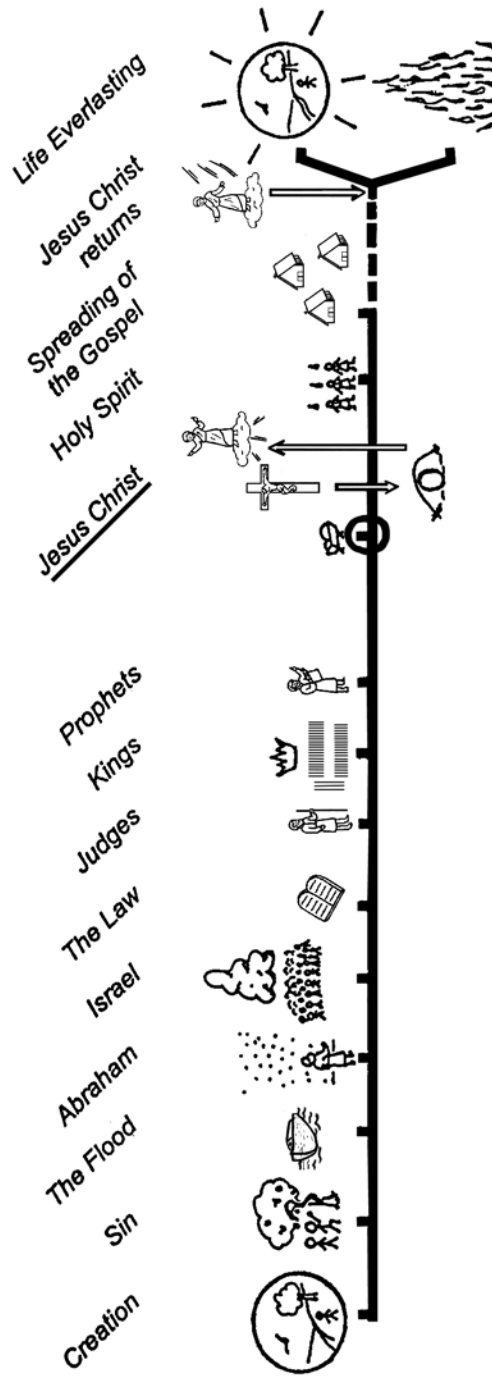


Who was the greatest prophet?

The Lord Jesus Christ.



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



Matthew 1:18-25  
Luke 1:26-38  
John 3:16  
2 Corinthians 5:21

## 67 THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Who were the parents of Jesus?

Joseph and Mary.

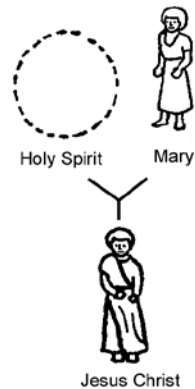


Was Joseph the real father of Jesus?

No, he was the adopted father.

Who is the real Father of Jesus?

The Spirit of God.



Why did God arrange it this way?

So that the Lord Jesus would become  
true and righteous man.

That means that Jesus was a man who did not sin.

Why must the Lord Jesus be a true and righteous man?

Because only one who does not sin can save man who sins.

Luke 2:1-7  
Micah 5:2  
Jeremiah 33:14-26



## 68 THE LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS

Where was the Lord Jesus born?

In a stable in Bethlehem.



Why was He born in a stable for animals?

Because a census was taking place,  
and all the inns were full.

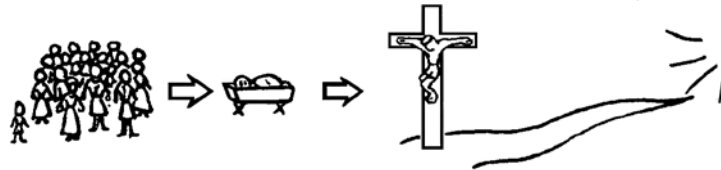
The Lord Jesus was born in a humble place.



Why was the Lord Jesus born in Bethlehem?

Because He was a descendant of David.

The prophet Micah had prophesied 700 years earlier  
that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.



What did God remember with this act?

His promise to David years ago that  
the family, kingdom and throne of David  
would remain forever. (see page 109)

Matthew 2:13-23  
John 1:45-46

## 69 THE LORD JESUS, A NAZARENE

Was the Lord Jesus considered a Bethlehemite?

No, He was called a Nazarene.

Why?

Because Nazareth was the town his parents lived  
and where Jesus grew up.



What did people think about Nazareth?

That nothing good could come from Nazareth.

Before Joseph and his family returned to Nazareth,  
where did they go?

They had to flee to Egypt because  
King Herod wanted to kill the child Jesus.



Why did King Herod want to kill the child Jesus?

Because he had heard that  
a king of the Jews was born in Bethlehem.

Genesis 3:15  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Matthew 27:33-66  
Matthew 28:1-15  
Acts 1:1-11  
Hebrews 2:9-18

## 70 THE PROMISE OF GENESIS 3:15 FULFILLED

When king Herod wanted to kill the child Jesus, what do we remember?

The enmity between the devil and Christ, which God spoke of in Genesis 3:15.



Where else do we remember this enmity?

1. When the devil tempted the Lord Jesus in the desert.
2. When the Lord Jesus was crucified.



Who won the battle?

The Lord Jesus Christ.

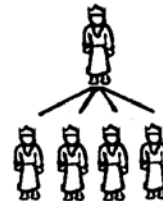
How do we know that the Lord Jesus Christ won?

Because He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.



Why did the Lord Jesus Christ win the battle?

So that He could truly become our Saviour and the King above all kings.



Luke 7:21-23  
Matthew 12:22-28  
John 11:1-44  
Luke 8:26-39  
John 9

## 71 THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

What was the daily work of the Lord Jesus on this earth?

1. He proclaimed the  
Gospel of the Kingdom of God.
2. He healed people of many diseases  
and cast out evil spirits.



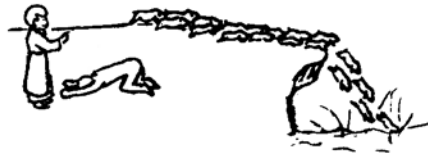
What did the Lord Jesus reveal as  
He healed the sick and cast out evil spirits?

The Lord Jesus showed:

1. the love of God
2. that He had power over the devil and death.

Give some examples of the healings of the Lord Jesus that  
show the love of God and His power over the devil and death.

1. the raising of Lazarus from the dead.
2. the healing of a  
demon-possessed man.
3. the healing of people  
who are blind, lame, lepers, etc.





## 72 THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ALREADY ON EARTH

Is the Kingdom of God only in heaven?

No, the Lord Jesus said,  
“the Kingdom of God is within you.”



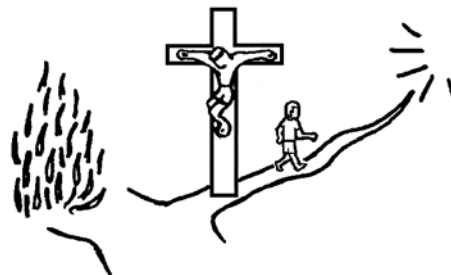
How is the Kingdom of God within you?

The Kingdom of God is within those  
who become people of the Kingdom of God,  
that is, those who are true Christians.



What is the Gospel of the Kingdom of God?

“For God so loved the world  
that He gave His one and only Son,  
that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish  
but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)



Mark 4:33-34  
Matthew 5-7, 18  
Luke 10, 12, 18

## 73 THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

How did the Lord Jesus teach the people about the Kingdom of God?

The Lord Jesus always taught by using parables,  
which are stories that have a meaning, a teaching.



What is the character of those who belong to the Kingdom of God?

One who belongs to the Kingdom of God:

1. always forgives others whole-heartedly,

(Parable of the unmerciful servant)

*Matthew 18:21-35*



2. always loves others as him/herself and shows mercy,

(Parable of the Good Samaritan)

*Luke 10:25-37*



3. always fully trusts in God alone,

(It is difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.)

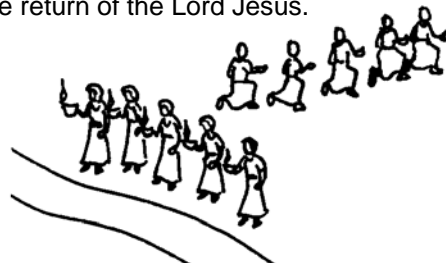
*Luke 18:18-27*



4. is always prepared or ready for the return of the Lord Jesus.

(Parable of the Ten Virgins)

*Matthew 25:1-13*



## 74 ENTRANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

How will the Kingdom of God become increase?

Through hearing the Gospel and  
truly believing in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
people become part of the Kingdom of God.



How are people able to understand and believe?

Only through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Does everyone who hears the Word of God understand and believe?

No, only a small number understand and truly believe.

(Parable of the Sower)

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*



Why is this?

Because the devil also works hard  
and wants to destroy the Kingdom of God.

(Parable of the Weeds)

*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*



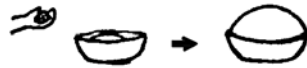
## 75 THE VALUE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Does that mean that the Kingdom of God is only small?

Even though a Christian might feel that this is so,  
the Kingdom of God will become very large.

(Parable of the mustard seed and the yeast)

*Matthew 13:31-35*



What is the value of the Kingdom of God for the person who looks for it?

It is of such great value that one is willing  
to give up all he/she has for it.

(Parable of the Hidden Treasure  
and the Pearl)

*Matthew 13:44-46*



Who will enter the Kingdom of God at the end of time?

The angels will come and separate  
the wicked from the righteous people.

(Parable of the Net)

*Matthew 13:47-52*



Luke 3:23  
Matthew 16:21-28  
Matthew 20:17-19  
Matthew 26:1-5, 17-30  
John 17:1-6  
Isaiah 53

## 76A THE DEATH OF THE LORD JESUS

How long did the Lord Jesus preach and teach?

He was 30 years old when He began His ministry.

He taught for about 3 years.

Did the Lord Jesus know He was going to die?

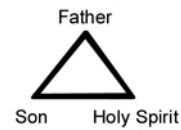
Yes, He prophesied that He would go to Jerusalem to suffer and die.



How did He know this?

The Lord Jesus was the Son of God.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God.



Did others know?

The prophets prophesied that the Messiah would suffer and die to save man from their sins.



*Matthew 27:32-56*  
*Galatians 3:13*  
*Ephesians 2:11-22*

## 76B

What do we remember on Good Friday?

The Lord Jesus Christ was crucified at Golgotha.



Does it have a special meaning that the Lord Jesus died on a cross?

By dying on a cross, which is cursed by God,  
the Lord Jesus removed the curse  
that laid on us because of our sins.



When the Lord Jesus died, the curtain of the temple tore in two.  
What did this mean?

1. The Old Testament sacrifices for sin are  
no longer necessary because the Lord Jesus  
paid for our sins by dying on the cross.
2. By His death the Lord Jesus opened  
the way to God for all who believe  
(not just for the Israelites).

Matthew 27:62-28:10  
John 2:18-22  
John 20:19-31  
Luke 24

## 77 THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF THE LORD JESUS

What do we remember on Resurrection Sunday?

That the Lord Jesus rose from the grave  
as He said He would.



What did Lord Jesus do after His resurrection?

He appeared to His disciples and others at different times.

Why did He appear to them?

1. To comfort His followers.
2. To prove that He really did rise from the dead  
and that He was alive.



What do we remember on Ascension Day?

The Lord Jesus went to heaven  
to His Father in Heaven.

When did this take place?

40 days after His resurrection.



Luke 6:12-16  
Matthew 26:14-25,47-53  
Matthew 27:1-10  
Acts 1:12-26

## 78A THE GREAT COMMISSION

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, who did He train to teach and preach about the Kingdom of God?

The Lord Jesus had chosen  
12 disciples to follow Him.



Name some of the disciples of the Lord Jesus?

Peter and Andrew, James and John,  
Thomas and Matthew, Judas, etc.

Did Judas remain a disciple of the Lord Jesus?

No, Judas killed himself because  
he sold the Lord Jesus  
to evil men who killed Him.



Who replaced Judas?

Matthias was chosen to replace Judas.  
He also witnessed the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.



What were the disciples of the Lord Jesus also called?

The apostles.  
Apostle means one who is sent.



*Matthew 10  
Matthew 28:18-20  
1 Peter 2:9-12  
Luke 24:45-53*

## **78B**

To whom did the Lord Jesus send the disciples while He was alive?

He sent them to preach  
the Gospel of the Kingdom of God  
to the people of Israel who did not believe in Him.



Just before He ascended to heaven,  
to whom did the Lord Jesus send the apostles?

The Lord Jesus commanded  
the apostles to bring  
the Gospel of the Kingdom of God  
to all nations.



Is this only a task for apostles?

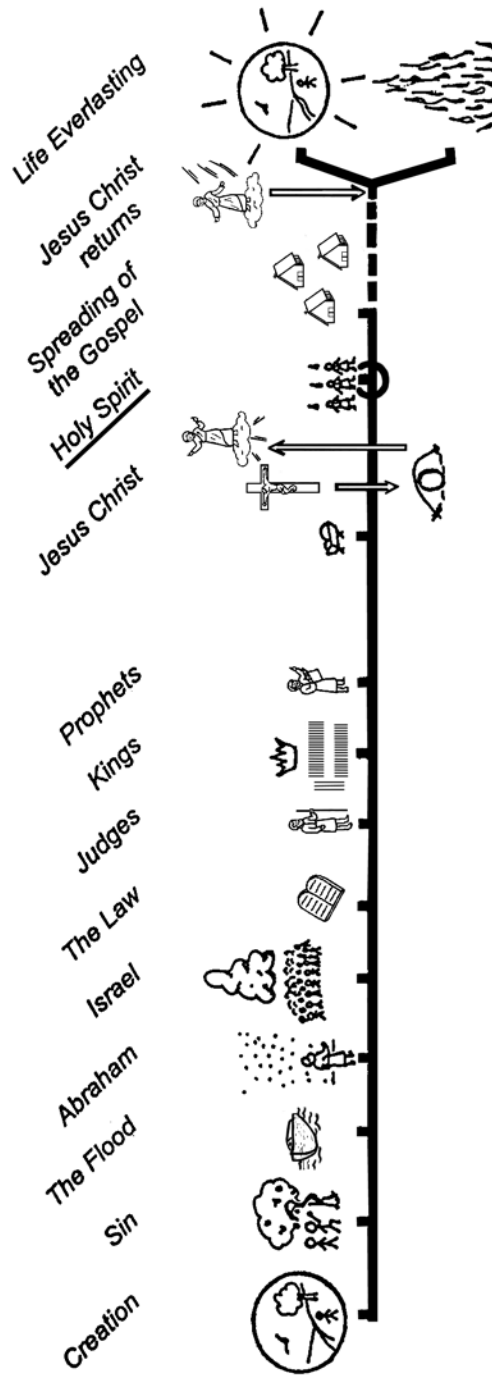
No, it is also a task for all Christians.



What else did the Lord Jesus say  
before He ascended to heaven?

That the apostles must stay in the city until  
they had received what He had promised to send them.

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 79A PENTACOST – THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT

What did the Lord Jesus promise to the apostles and to all Christians before He ascended to heaven?

He promised to send them the Holy Spirit.

When did the Holy Spirit come?

The Holy Spirit came 50 days after the Lord Jesus rose from the dead, 10 days after He ascended into heaven.

How did the Holy Spirit come?

The Holy Spirit came with a sound like the blowing of a violent wind and with tongues of fire which rested on everyone present.



Did the tongues of fire burn anyone?

No. The tongues of fire were signs that the Holy Spirit entered the hearts of the believers.

What did the believers who had tongues of fire on their heads do?

They spoke in different languages as the Holy Spirit moved them to do.

John 14:15-27  
Acts 2:14-47  
1 Corinthians 2:6-14

## 79B

How does the Holy Spirit help people bring the Gospel?

The Holy Spirit helps by showing what is truth and helps people to become brave in giving a witness about the Lord Jesus Christ.



Does the Holy Spirit still help us in our task of spreading the Gospel?

Yes, the Holy Spirit still helps us to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



What are the other tasks of the Holy Spirit?

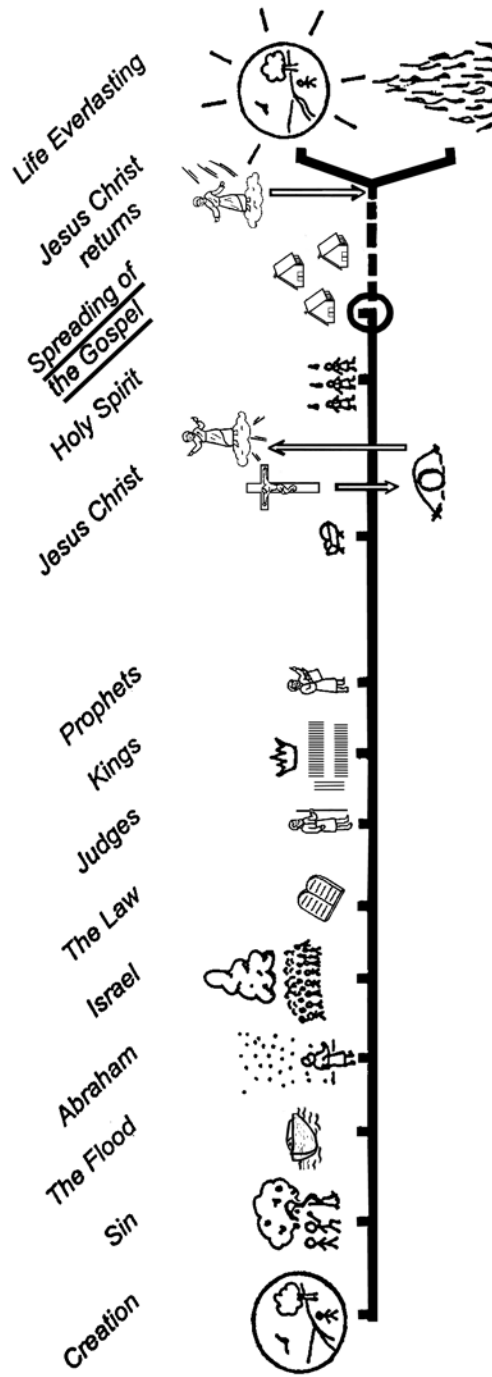
1. The Holy Spirit works faith in the hearts of people.
2. The Holy Spirit guides, helps, and comforts every one who believes.



How many people believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost?

3000 people.

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



Acts 6-8:3  
Acts 9:1-9

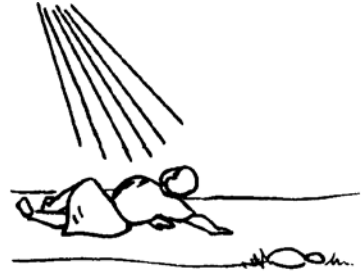
## 80 PAUL

Was Paul, who was formerly called Saul,  
also one of the twelve apostles of the Lord Jesus?

No.

How did Paul become an apostle of the Lord Jesus?

The Lord Jesus called Paul  
in an extraordinary way.



What is it that Paul used to do?

Paul looked for Christians and  
threatened to kill them because  
they believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.



Whose murder did Paul approve?

Paul approved of the stoning of Stephen  
who was a deacon in the church of Jerusalem.

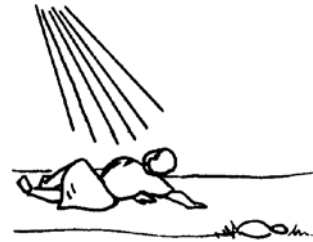


Acts 9:1-19  
Acts 15:6-19  
Acts 8:26-40  
Acts 10

## 81A THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO OTHER NATIONS

How did the Lord Jesus call Paul?

When Paul was on the way to Damascus to find and arrest the Christians there, the Lord Jesus called Paul from heaven and changed his heart.



For what task did the Lord Jesus call Paul?

To bring the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to other nations.



What does this mean?

That not only the Israelites are the children of God but by faith we also can become children of God.



Give some examples that show that people of other nations are received into the church of God and baptized.

1. Philip baptized an Ethiopian.



2. Peter baptized the family of Cornelius, a centurion in the Roman army.



Acts 8:1-4; 11:19-21  
Revelation 5:9  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17  
Hebrews 3:7-19

## 81B

How was the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread to other nations?

1. Because of the persecution, many believers scattered throughout the known world.
2. Paul and the other apostles also visited these believers and spread the Gospel further.

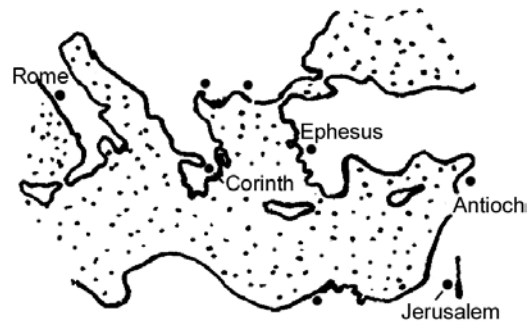


What was the result of the spreading of the Gospel?

The Lord Jesus Christ by His Holy Spirit gathers all those who believe to form His Church.

Name some of the churches that were established.

Jerusalem and Ephesus,  
Corinth and Rome, etc.



When the churches were established, was the work of the apostles finished?

No. Believers are still sinful people.  
They need to be reminded of the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ again and again.



Acts 20:17,28-31  
Ephesians 4:11-13  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
Ephesians 5:23

## 82A THE OFFICES OF THE CHURCH – ELDER

Who leads the Church of God?

According to the Word of God,  
elders are to be chosen  
to lead the Church of God.



Who is head of the Church of God?

The Lord Jesus Christ is  
head of the Church, which is His body.  
But He is pleased to govern  
His church by the elders.



What is the task of the elder?

The elders are to guide the members  
of the congregation in all spiritual matters.



1 Timothy 3:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:1-8

## 82B

Who may become an elder?

An elder must be a person who follows  
the example of Jesus Christ in godly living  
and gives a strong Christian witness.



Are there also special elders?

Yes, there are special elders  
called ministers who:

1. preach the Word of God,
2. administer the sacraments,
3. and shepherd the congregation  
together with the other elders.



3.

How many offices are there in the Church of God?

- Three: 1. Minister  
2. Elder  
3. Deacon

## 83 THE OFFICES OF THE CHURCH – DEACON

Why did the twelve apostles feel the need to have deacons?

So that they could use all of their time  
to pray and to teach the Word of God.



How were the first deacons chosen?

They were chosen by the congregation  
and installed into office by the apostles.



What is the task of the deacon?

Deacons primarily take care of the physical needs  
of the members of the congregation.

For which people must the deacons specifically care?

1. the poor
2. people who have long term illnesses
3. widows and widowers
4. orphans



*Ephesians 3:1-21*  
*2 Peter 1:12-21*  
*2 Timothy 1:8-14*

## **84A GUIDELINES FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD**

How did the elders in the young Christian Church know how to lead the congregations?

They received help from the apostles.

How did the apostles help those young churches?

By praying for them, writing letters to them,  
and visiting them once in a while.



Do these letters still exist?

Yes. We find these letters  
in the New Testament section of the Bible.



Why were these letters included in the Bible?

Because God wants to guide and lead us,  
His Church, by these letters.



Does God only guide us with these letters?

No. God guides us by the whole Word of God,  
the Bible, as He has revealed since the beginning of the world.

**84B**

How important is it that we do not add or take anything away from the Word of God?

It is just as important today  
as it was in the Old Testament times  
to follow the complete Word of God  
as we find it in our Bible.

What happens if we add or take away from the Word of God?

God will punish us and  
take away our salvation



In which writing do we find a summary of the teachings of the apostles?

In the Apostles' Creed



Which three Reformed Confessions summarize and explain the teachings of the Bible?

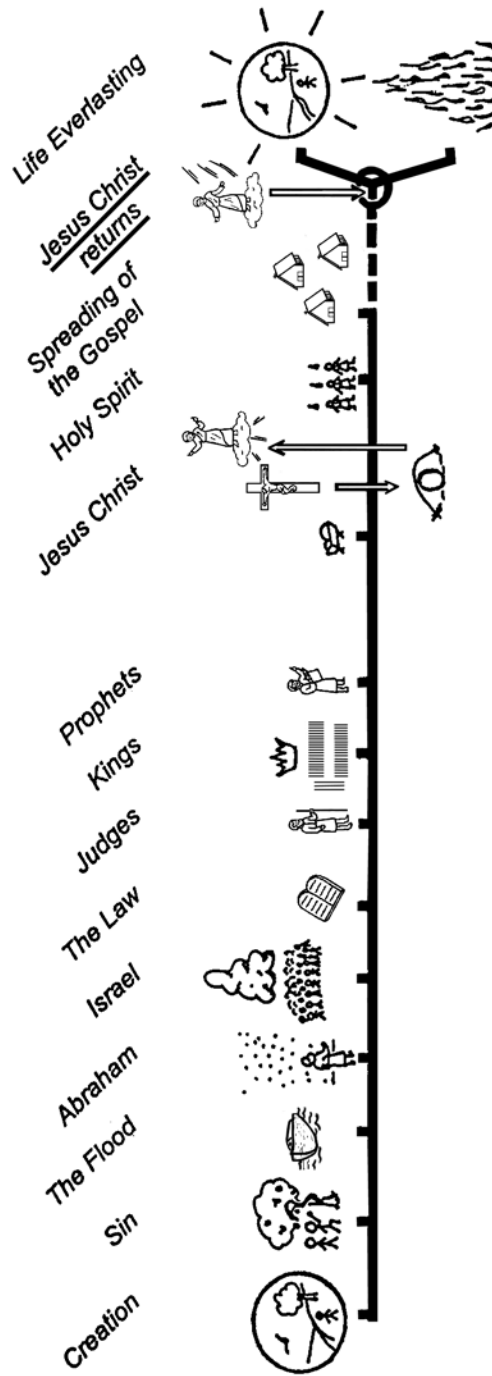
1. Heidelberg Catechism,
2. Belgic Confession,
3. Canons of Dort.



In which book does the Church of God summarize the guidelines for governing the Church according to the Word of God?

In the Church Order.

# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



## 85A THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

To what does the Christian Church look forward?

To the return of the Lord Jesus Christ  
at the end of time.



How do we know that Jesus Christ will return?

1. The prophets prophesied this.



2. The Lord Jesus Himself foretold this.



3. The angels told the apostles  
at the ascension of the Lord Jesus.



What will happen before the Lord Jesus returns?

1. There will be wars and rumours of wars.
2. There will be famines and earthquakes.
3. Love will grow cold.
4. The Gospel will be preached to the entire world.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17  
Matthew 24:36-51  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Revelation 20:11-15

## 85B

Why will these terrible things happen?

The devil is still angry at God  
and at those who love God.  
He tries to prevent people from  
believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

When will the devil stop persecuting believers?

When the Lord Jesus Christ returns  
at the end of times and throws the devil  
into the eternal fire of hell.



When will the Lord Jesus Christ return?

No one knows the day or moment.

What will happen when the Lord Jesus Christ returns?

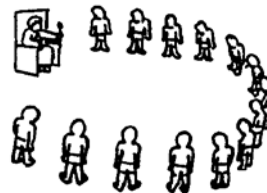
The Lord Jesus will come with a loud command  
and the trumpet call of God.

He will raise all true Christians to Himself.



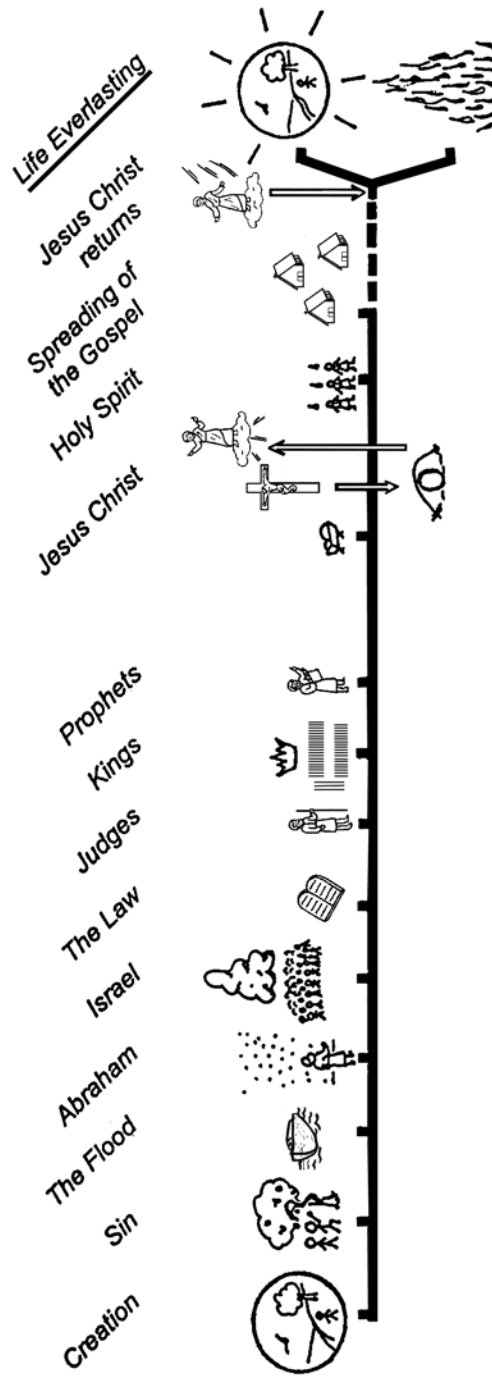
What will happen after that?

All people will be judged.





# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION



2 Thessalonians 1:3-12  
Matthew 13:37-43  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-18  
Revelation 21:1-8  
Revelation 22:7-21

## 86 LIFE EVERLASTING

What will happen to all those who truly believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour?

They will be with God in His glorious dwelling  
place, heaven, and praise God forever.



What will happen to those who do not believe?

They will be punished  
in the eternal fire of hell.



Will there be any suffering in heaven?

No. Heaven is a place  
of perfect joy and happiness.

What are true Christians encouraged to do?

To stand firm in their faith and hold on to the  
teachings of God. He will strengthen us.



What does the Lord Jesus promise us in Revelation 22?

That He is coming soon.

What is the last word in the Bible?

Amen which means  
that it is true and certain.



# THE HISTORY OF SALVATION

