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The Character of God's Redemptive Plan (1-5)

The Means of God's Redemptive Plan (6-10)

The Fulfillment of God's Redemptive Plan (11-14)

The Design of Creation

The Work of Christ

The Satisfaction of Salvation

Since God is the Creator of the scriptures, we should anticipate that the core message—the redemptive message, often called the Gospel in the New Testament—is consistently mentioned throughout the Bible, His Word.

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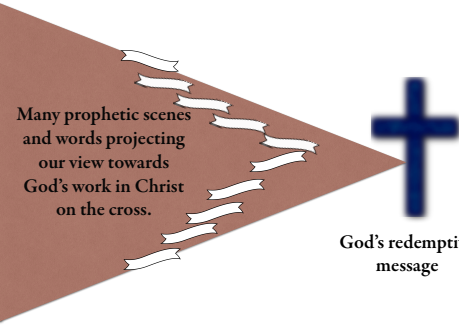
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God's redemptive message



Prophecies in Time



Purpose of Prophecies

- God uses prophecies to intensify our curiosity.
- Clarifies, defines, and confirms God's redemptive plan.
- Reminds us of God's eternal plan.
- Declares the inadequacy of man's ability to reach God's goals on his own terms.
- Stir our hearts to live in full appreciation of His gift of Christ (John 3:16).



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A Biblical Overview (Luke 24:44)

“These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be **fulfilled**” (Luke 24:44).



THE OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW CANON

"For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will" (Hebrews 2:2-4).

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1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

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The Prophets (Nebhiim)

A. Former Prophets

- 1. Joshua
- 2. Judges
- 3. Samuel
- 4. Kings

B. Latter Prophets

- 1. Isaiah
- 2. Jeremiah
- 3. Ezekiel
- 4. The Twelve

The Writings
(Kethubim or Hagiographa)

A. Pentateuch Books

- 1. Psalms
- 2. Proverbs
- 3. Job

B. Five Rolls (Megillot)

- 1. Song of Songs
- 2. Ruth
- 3. Lamentations
- 4. Esther
- 5. Ecclesiastes

C. Historical Books

- 1. Daniel
- 2. Ezra-Nehemiah
- 3. Chronicles

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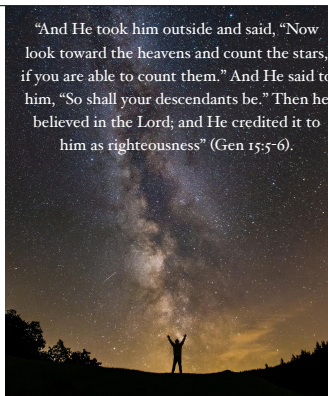
- God's plan was revealed both in the Prophets and Moses.
- God's plan centered on Christ's suffering (i.e. death), His resurrection from the dead and proclamation of the gospel to all peoples around the world.

- Works-based religious systems fail.
- Self-centered human philosophies fail.
- Cults mislead people, keeping them from God's redemptive plan.
- Only faith in Christ's righteousness satisfies God's wrath.



- Adam vs Last Adam (Christ) (Gen 2; 1 Cor 15:45).
- Abraham's seed fulfilled in Christ (Gen 12-18; Rom 4; Gal 3:16). By faith.

"And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." Then he believed in the Lord; and He credited it to him as righteousness" (Gen 15:5-6).



- Joseph & David (both rejected) point to the Messiah's kingship, suffering (Psalm 22:1), and glory.
- Melchizedek foreshadows Christ's priesthood (Gen 14:18; Psa 110:1-4).
- Picture of sacrifices (Mt. Moriah)

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Light and Christ

His light projects hope, order and life in the chaos of darkness (Gen 1:3)

- Lampstand in the temple (Exo 25:31-40)
- Jesus, the light of the world (John 1:5, 8:12)
- God's light in Christ: "the Lord God will illuminate them; and they will reign forever and ever" (Rev 22:5).

"And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it." (John 1:5)

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An Overview of Redemption

Problems requiring redemption	Provision for redemption	Purpose for redemption
Disobedience to God's Word	Sacrificial (blood)	God's Word
Sin and Rebellion	The altar	Sanctification
Judgment	The suffering (betrayal, pain, cross)	The Kingdom of God
Death	The promised Messiah - Jesus the Christ	Priesthood of believers
	The King	Wisdom and Truth
	The Priests	A heart for God
	The Temple	Joint work with Him
		Two conclusions: 1) Through Bible 2) Through Redemption

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The Powerful Cross

"The astonishing thing is that people can become religious without being converted. That is, they join churches and start reading the Bible and doing religious things with no change in the foundation of their happiness: It is still themselves. They are the ground of their joy." ~John Piper

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Respond to His Call

"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 **who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,** 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (2 Tim 1:8-10).

- The Lord "Saved us"
- "Called us", "not according to our works"
- "But according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity" (2 Tim 1:9)

“You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me; and you are unwilling to **come to Me**, that you may have life” (John 5:39-40).

Scriptures => bear witness of Christ

“Come” leads us to know Jesus Christ and find reconciliation with God.

Life refers to the constant increase of our faith in knowing Christ in His fullness.

- In light of this study, is it good to accept the plurality of religions? Aren't there many ways to God? Why or why not?

- What biblical theme impresses you the most?
- Share about something special that you wanted, bought, and the price you paid for it.



The next (last) session identifies what He saves us for.

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