

The Story of Redemption

A Three Week Bible Study

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Revelation 21-22

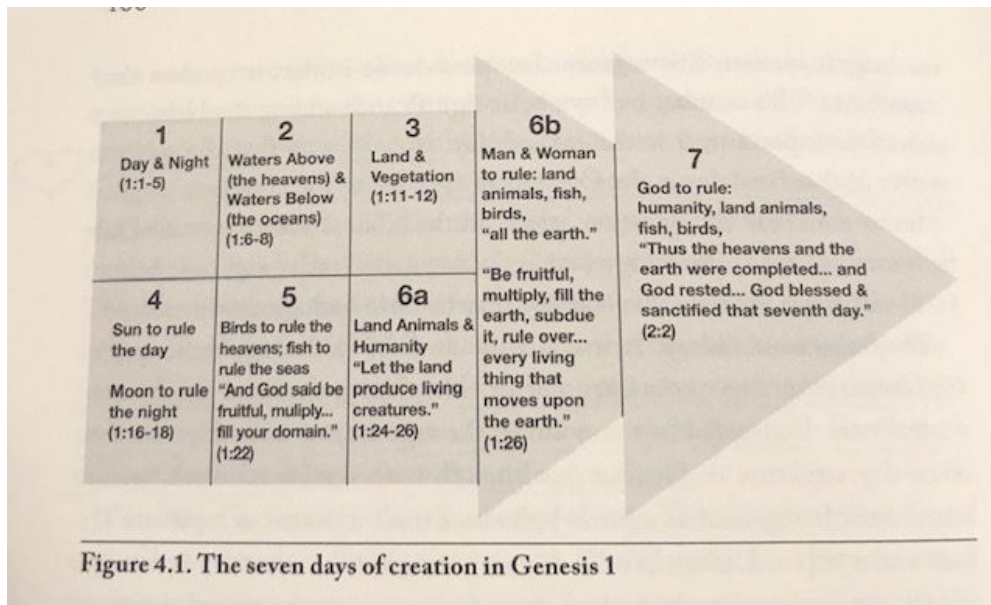
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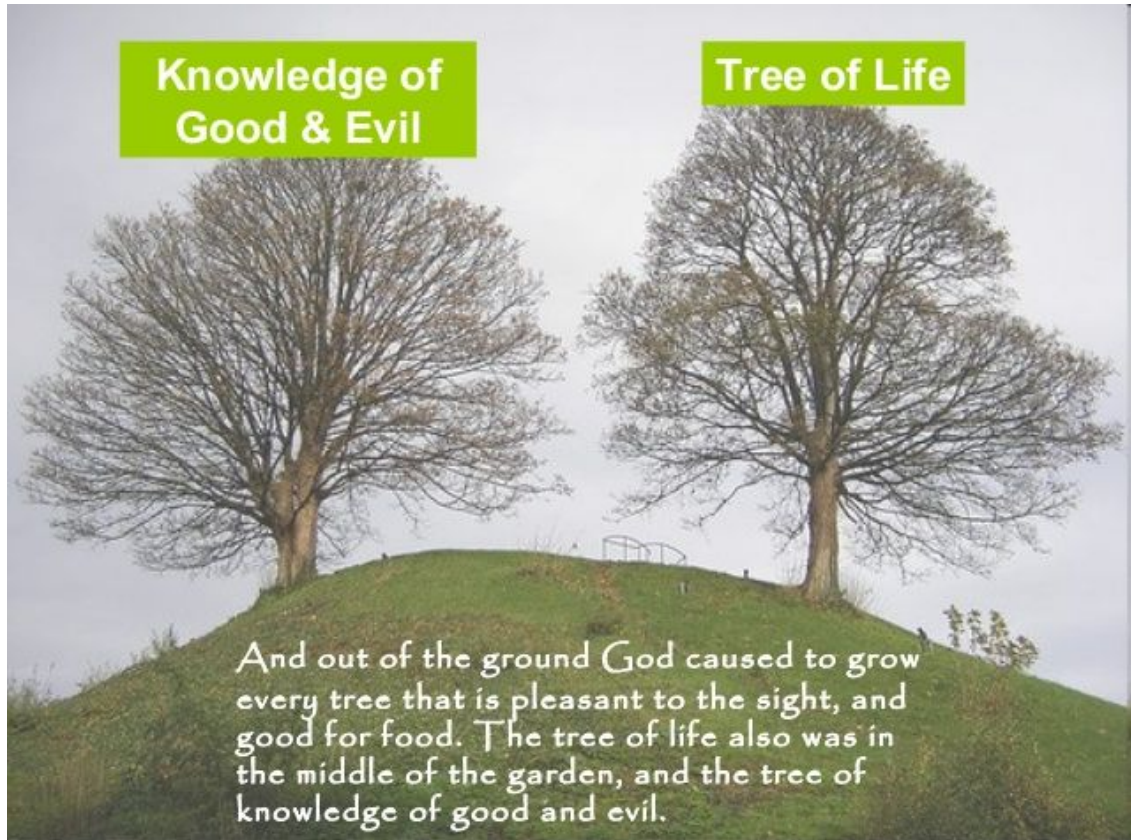
WEEK ONE

Let us begin with Genesis and God's original plan and intent for humanity.

- 1) Read Genesis 1:1 - Genesis 2:3
 - a) Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 serves as an introduction to our faith
 - b) Use the chart below to help understand Genesis 1:1-2:3



- 2) Read Genesis 2:4-25
 - a) Adam and Eve equal co-regents ruling the earth under the authority of God
 - b) God's authority designated and represented by law of the trees



3) Read Genesis 3:1-6

- a) Who is the serpent? Look up Revelation 20:2, Revelation 12:9, 1 John 5:19, and John 8:44.
- b) Where did the serpent come from? Look up Genesis 1:4, Job 1-2, Luke 10:18-19.
- c) What did the serpent do?
- d) How did the serpent do it?
- e) Why did the serpent do it?

4) Read Genesis 3:7-24

- a) What happened in Genesis 3:7
- b) Why could they now see that they were naked? Look up Psalm 104:2 and 1 Timothy 6:15-16. What is God recorded as being clothed in?
- c) Let's fast forward to the days of Jesus when He was here in the flesh. Look up and read John 1:1-5, John 3:19-21, John 8:12, John 12:35-36, John 12:46, Matthew 5:16, Matthew, 6:22, and Matthew 17:1-5. Do these verses support the possibility that Adam and Eve were clothed in light?
- d) Look at Genesis 3:8. How did Adam and Eve respond to God's presence?

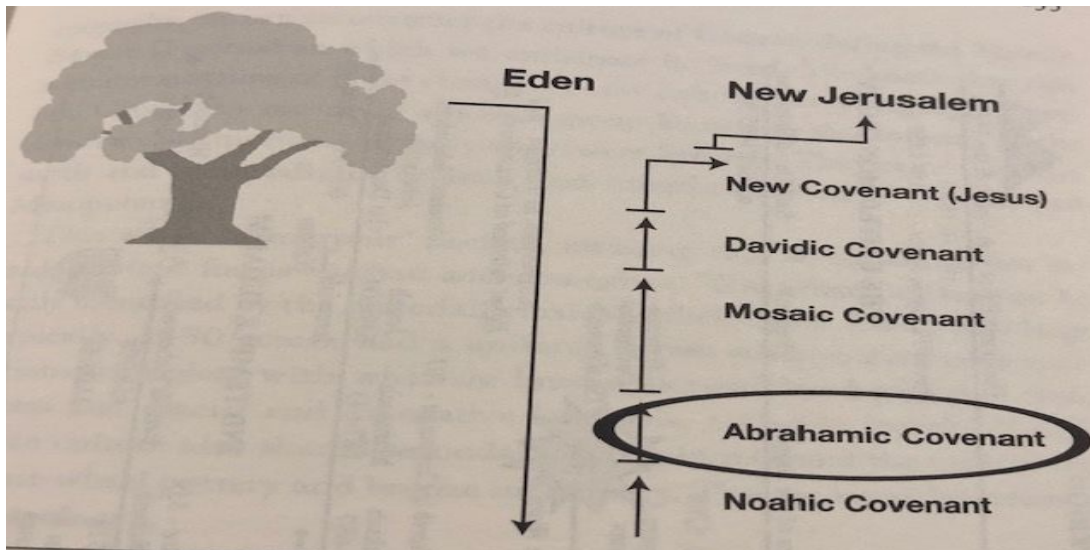
- e) Look back at Genesis 2:17. What was the consequence of eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.
- f) How did Adam and Eve die?
- g) Did God give them any hope?

5) Read Genesis 4 - 6:8

- a) Recall what we learned about who the serpent is. How does what we read in Genesis 4 - 6:4 illustrate his dominion over the earth?
- b) What happens in Genesis 4:8-11?
- c) Look up Romans 8:19-23. What do these verses teach us about the earth and death?
- d) Look at Genesis 4:26. What is happening in this verse?
- e) Why do you think people would be calling on the name of the Lord?
- f) How does God respond to the cry of the people according to Genesis 6:3?

6) Read Genesis 6:9: - Genesis 9:19

- a) How does God respond to the wickedness of the world?
- b) How long did it take Noah to build the ark?
- c) How long did God warn the people that judgment was coming? Look up and read Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5, and Jude 1:12-16.
- d) Read Genesis 9:1-7. What are the laws for humanity's second chance?
- e) Read Genesis 9:8-17. What covenant does God establish with Noah and all of his descendants as well as every living creature?



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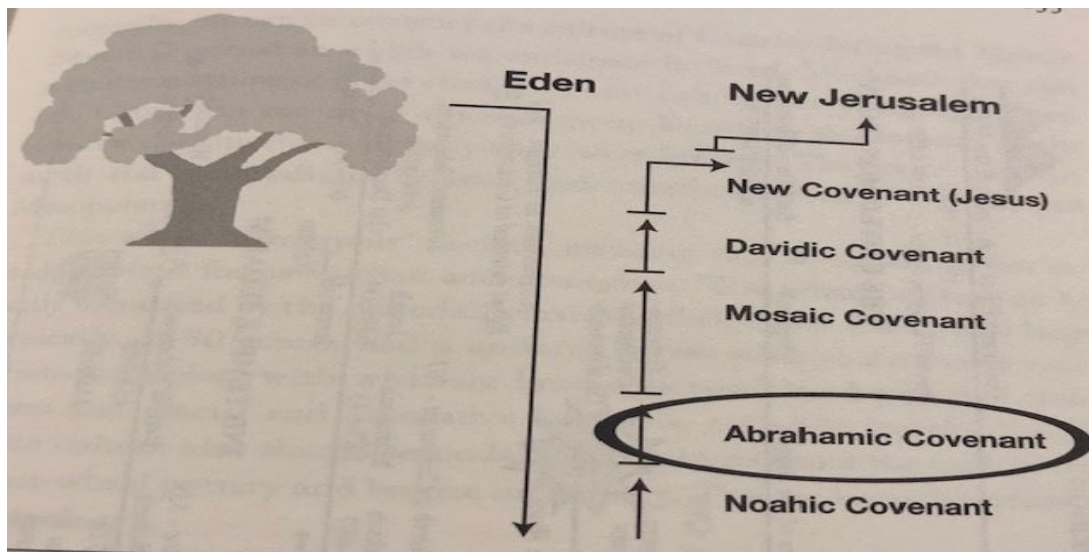
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WEEK TWO

This week our focus will be to watch the story of redemption unfold through the covenants of God.



1) What is a covenant?

- The word covenant is “berith” in the Hebrew. It comes from the root word [barah](#) (in the sense of cutting (like [bara](#))); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh). It is an alliance, pledge, a promise, a solemn binding agreement between the makers of it that supersedes all other relationships
- The first time the word covenant is used is in Genesis 6:18
- The last time the word covenant is used is in Revelation 11:19
- The word covenant is “diathéké” in the Greek. It is a set-agreement having *complete terms* determined by the *initiating party*, which also are fully affirmed by the one entering *the agreement*.
- Some covenants are conditional. Some covenants are unconditional.

2) Why a covenant?

- a) The Creator met His creation in their culture (Genesis 3:8, John 1:14, Hebrews 2:14)
- b) It is based on the keeping of the word (Hebrews 11:3, 2 Peter 3:3-7)

3) Look up the following verses and list the laws, promises, and/or covenants made.

- a) Genesis 2:15-17
- b) Genesis 2:23-25
- c) Genesis 3:14-16
- d) Genesis 3:17-19
- e) Genesis 6:18
- f) Genesis 9:8-17
- g) Genesis 12:1-3
- h) Genesis 15:1-22
- g) Genesis 31:43-54
- i) Exodus 2:24
- j) Exodus 19:1-9
- k) Exodus 24:1-11
- l) Joshua 9:3-21
- m) 1 Samuel 12:1-25

4) Who watches over covenants? Why is this important to know?

5) God uses covenant to move the children of Israel into the kingdom of Israel. He does so without nullifying any of His previous covenants. Look up and Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

- a) How does this passage let you know that God already knew that the children of Israel would want a king?
- b) What does this passage instruct a king to do?

6) The next two big covenants we want to look at is a covenant between the first King's son and the future king. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5, 1 Samuel 20, 2 Samuel 9, and 1 Kings 12.

- a) When the kingdom of Israel divided what two tribes stayed with the son of David?
- b) How does this reinforce the solemn binding agreement of a covenant?

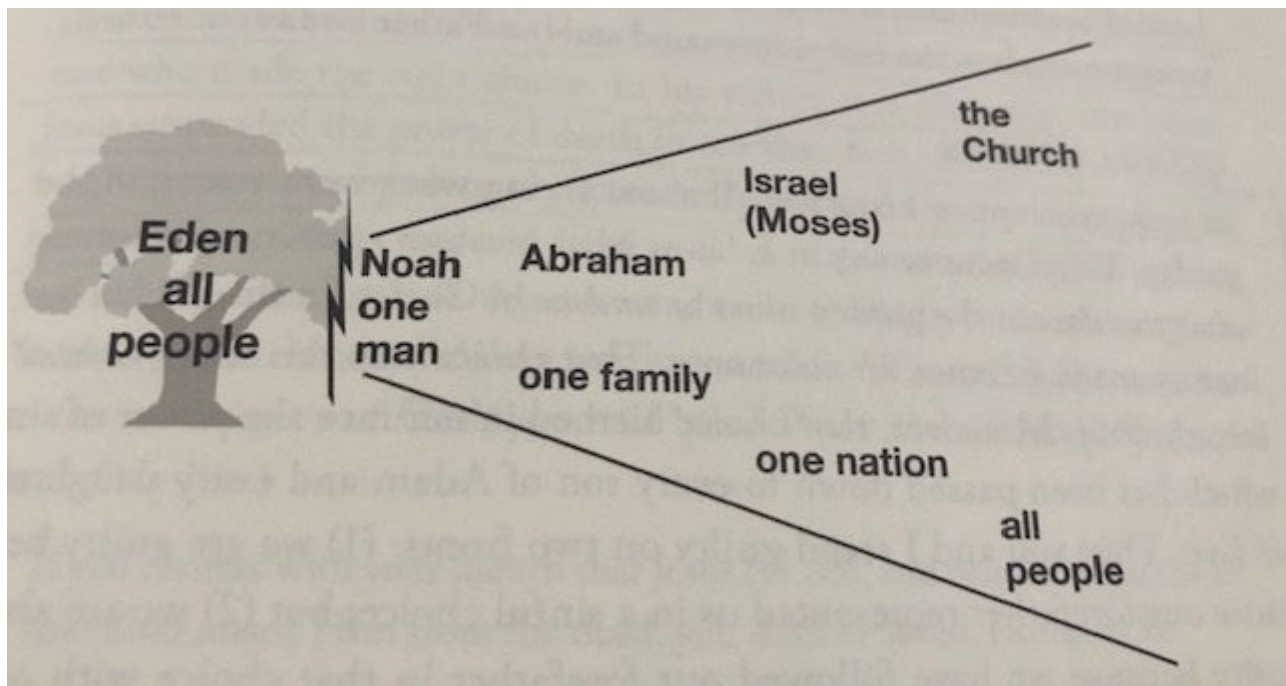
7) The last covenant that we want to look at this week is what is called the Davidic Covenant. Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17.

- a) What promise does God make David?

8) Now let's look back at the promise of Genesis 3:15 and look at the covenants to see how God uses the covenants He makes to both narrow His promise and broaden it at the very same time.

Genesis 3:15 (God promises that Eve would have a seed that would crush the serpent)

- > Genesis 4:25-26, 5 (Seth chosen to carry the promise)
- > Genesis 6 (Noah chosen to carry the promise)
- > Genesis 9:26-27, 11:10-32 (Shem chosen to carry the promise)
- > Genesis 12:1-3, 17:1-7 (Abraham chosen to carry the promise)
- > Genesis 17:21 (Isaac chosen to carry the promise)
- > Genesis 28:13-15 (Jacob chosen to carry the promise)
- > Genesis 50:10, Psalm 78:68 (Judah chosen to carry the promise)
- > Psalm 78:70, 2 Samuel 7:12-13 (David chosen to carry the promise)
- > Luke 1:26-48, Galatians 3:16 (Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise. He is the seed promised to Eve)



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WEEK THREE

This week we will follow the story of redemption from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant all the way to the New Heaven and Earth.

- 1) Read Hebrews 1:1-3. Who has God spoken through?

- 2) God has spoken to us through the prophets and through His Son and we listen because the hope of redemption has been planted in all of our hearts. Look up the following scripture references and take note of what you learn from them.
 - a) Job 19:23-27
 - b) Ecclesiastes 3:11
 - c) Psalm 49

- 3) Now consider every other form of religion. Does not every religion have in it the hope of life after death in some form or fashion? We were not created for death and deep within our soul we know this. God has placed eternity in our hearts and not just eternity, but the desire and hope that in the second chance we will be better.

- 4) The Davidic Covenant was the last covenant God made concerning the promise of the seed. After this covenant God continued to use prophets to keep pointing the nation of Israel to the fulfillment of the promise. Here is a helpful link with the top 40 prophecies that were fulfilled concerning Jesus as the Messiah:
<https://jewsforjesus.org/answers/top-40-most-helpful-messianic-prophecies/>

- 5) The last covenant that God made with mankind would be the new covenant. This covenant was promised in the Old Testament during a time that the nation of Israel was in rebellion to God. Look up the following scripture references.
 - a) Isaiah 61:1- 62:2
 - b) Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - c) Ezekiel 36:22-27

- 6) Look up and read Luke 22:14-20.
 - a) What did Jesus say about the cup?
 - b) Cross-reference with 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- 7) Look up and read Hebrews 8 - 10:25.
 - a) What do you learn about the old covenant (or first covenant)?
 - b) How was the Mosaic covenant insufficient to save us?
 - c) What was the purpose of the first covenant?
 - d) Who is the mediator of the new covenant?
 - e) Why is the new covenant the better covenant?

- 8) In Hebrews 10:25 we read that we are not to forsake the assembling together, but are to encourage one another as we see the day draw near. What day is the writer of Hebrews referring to?
 - a) Read Hebrews 9:28
 - b) Read Act 1:11
 - c) Read Matthew 25:31
 - d) Revelation 19:11-16

- 9) Look up and read Revelation 20:9 - 21:5.
 - a) What happens to the devil?
 - b) What happens to the heaven and earth?
 - c) What happens to death?
 - d) What happens to all those whose names are not found in the book of life?

- 10) Look up and read Revelation 21:22 - 22:7
 - a) What is no longer on the new earth?

- b) Why is there no temple needed on the new earth?
- c) What is found on the side of the river?

11) From Genesis to Revelation the Bible takes us on a journey through the story of our redemption, and what a beautiful story it is. Our God lovingly takes measures to make ways to meet with us and from one covenant to the next He redeems His people and His creation. He never gave up on us. He came for us and He is coming for us still.



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Summary Conclusion

In the beginning all was good. God dwelt with us in the garden. Then the serpent deceived Eve and Adam sinned. Sin brought separation from God. Sin brought death. Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden and kept from the tree of life. Yet, they were cast out with a promise that Eve would have a seed that would crush the head of the serpent that deceived.

Sin and death would reign as it bore fruit in the earth until one day the LORD saw that enough was enough and chose Noah to preserve the promise. From Noah would come Abram whom God would call out to become a great nation. From this nation would come David whom God would call out to become a great king and from this king would come Jesus the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

God would begin His creation dwelling with man. The fall would separate man from God. However, in and through Jesus, God would not just dwell with man, He would dwell in man, never to be separated from us again.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”
(Ephesians 1:3-6)

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