

The Story of Mankind

Everything is out of God (1 Cor 8:6; Rom 11:36)

God is operating all in accord with the counsel of His will (Eph 1:11)

God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1)

Adam is formed from the soil & is given the breath of life (Gen 2:7)

Adam is tempted & sins, bringing mortality/death to all mankind (Gen 2:17)

"Thus death passed thru into all mankind, on which all sinned" (Rom 5:12)

Cain kills Abel (Gen 4:8)

God sees that "much is the evil of humanity" (Gen 6:5)

The Flood (Gen 7)

The form of the human heart is evil from its youth (Gen 8:21)

Men build the Tower of Babel; God scatters mankind (Gen 11)

God chooses Abraham, thru whom all people will be blessed (Gen 12:3)

God chooses Jacob thru whom all people will be blessed (Gen 28:14)

Jacob is renamed "Israel" (Gen 32:28)

Jacob/Israel's family become captives in Egypt (Exodus 1)

Descendants of Jacob/Israel are now "the Israelites" (Exodus 1:6)

[God now working thru the "nation" of Israel, to bless all people]

Thru Moses the law is given **to the Israelites** (Exodus 20)

Forty years of wandering in the desert due to unbelief/disobedience (Deuteronomy)

Joshua leads the Israelites into the Promised Land (Joshua)

Fighting between the tribes of Israelites (Judges 20)

David becomes king ... the kingdom grows (2 Samuel)

Solomon becomes king ... the kingdom flourishes (1 Kings)

Solomon dies ... the kingdom divides (1 Kings 12)

Israel (northern kingdom) is exiled to Assyria due to sin (2 Kings 17)

Judah (southern kingdom) is exiled to Babylon due to sin (2 Kings 25)

The prophets promise restoration of the kingdom (Is, Jer, Ezek, Hos, Joel, Zeph)

"The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord" (Hab 2:14)

The Lord will return to reign (Zechariah)

The Day of the Lord is coming (Malachi)

Exiles return to rebuild the Temple (Ezra)

Exiles return to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah)

As Matthew opens Israel is back in her land but under Roman rule, awaiting the restored kingdom

John the Baptist proclaims **to Israel**, "Repent, the kingdom is near" (Matt 3:2)

Jesus proclaims **to Israel**, "Repent, the kingdom is near" (Matt 4:17)

Jesus goes only **to the lost sheep of Israel** (Matt 15:24)

Jesus commissions disciples to go **to lost sheep of Israel** ... "Repent, kingdom near" (Matt 10:6)

But the scribes & Pharisees are “locking” the kingdom to the people (Matt 23:13)
Jesus (the King) laments: “You knew not the era of your visitation” (Luke 19:44)
Jesus (the King) is crucified
The Resurrection
Disciples ask: “Will the kingdom now be restored to Israel?” (Acts 1:6)
Peter: “Repent & Christ Jesus will return ... restoration will come” (Acts 3:19)
The kingdom message is rejected by Israel (Acts 28:23)
“*To the nations was dispatched this salvation of God*” (Acts 28:28)
[God no longer working thru Israel as His instrument to bless all people]

PAUL’S EVANGEL ... THE BODY OF CHRIST

[God had worked thru Israel to bless all nations ... Now He works directly with the nations]

We await not the kingdom to come upon the earth, but for the Lord to meet us in the air to take us to the heavens (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

Israel is to be “calloused” until the complement of nations enters (Rom 11:25)

God locks all in stubbornness, to be merciful to all (Rom 11:30)

God was in Christ conciliating the world to Himself, not reckoning offenses (2 Cor 5:19)

None are just; none are understanding; none are justified by the law (Rom 3:9)

But apart from law, God’s righteousness is manifest thru Jesus Christ’s faith (Rom 3:21)

Abraham believed God ... reckoned as righteousness (Rom 4:3)

We who believe ... reckoned as righteousness (Rom 4:23)

[In this age, man’s faith/belief is the channel to receive justification provided freely by God]

God is the savior of all mankind, **especially** of believers (1 Tim 4:9-11)

*[Happy those believing without seeing; though Thomas believes **after** seeing] (John 20:26)*

We are members of Christ’s body (Eph 5:32)

We are administrators of God’s secrets (1 Cor 4:1)

We are Christ’s Ambassadors, as if God entreating thru us – “Be conciliated to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Making known the secret of His will, to head up **all** in Christ (Eph 1:10)

Those in Christ will be “snatched away” ***to meet the Lord in the air*** (1 Thes 4:13)

As in Adam all are dying, thus also in Christ shall all be vivified.

Yet each in his own class: the Firstfruit, Christ; thereupon those who are

Christ’s in His presence (1 Cor 15:22)

Tribulation comes upon the earth (Revelation)

Return of the King/Christ ***to restore the kingdom upon the earth*** (Rev 19:11)

Christ reigns (Rev 21:5)

The wicked cast into the lake of fire; second death (Rev 21:8)

Christ reigns **until** all enemies under His feet; all subjected (1 Cor 15:25)

Every knee bowing & every tongue acclaiming (Phil 2:10)

Last enemy abolished: death (1 Cor 15:27)

Christ gives up the kingdom to God the Father (1 Cor 15:24,28)

God All in all (1 Cor 15:28)