

THE BIBLE STORY

(Revealed in Five Bible Chapters)

Introduction

- 1) The **Bible** reveals the great truths about God and His plan for man
- 2) This lesson will examine this divine plan as revealed in five chapters of the Bible
- 3) This helps us grasp the “big picture” of the theme of the Bible – God’s great plan for human redemption from sin. Everything in the Bible is related to this theme in one way or another

I) **GENESIS 3**

- A) First man and woman in the Garden of Eden – fellowship with the Creator
- B) The problem of sin
 - 1) Adam and Eve disobey the command of God
 - 2) Serpent, woman, and man cursed because of sin
- C) Enmity and struggle would ensue until a resolution would take place (v. 15)
- D) Adam and Eve driven from paradise and the tree of life (sentence of death)

II) **GENESIS 12**

- A) Abraham is called by God to leave his country to go to a land God would show him
- B) Given promises:
 - 1) **Land** – an inheritance; **Nation** – a people (vv. 1-2)
- C) Controlled history for the next two thousand years – Israel’s rise as a nation/kingdom, conquest and control of Palestine, and through it would come future promises
 - 1) **Seed** – spiritual blessings for all men (v. 3)

III) **2 SAMUEL 7**

- A) Prophecy to King David about the establishment of his house/kingdom and his seed reigning on his throne at a future time (vv. 12-13)
- B) Future promise of the reign of the Messiah – son of David
 - 1) Would involve a change of covenant, priesthood, nature of kingdom, and worship
 - 2) This was done to bring something better for all as God’s plan continued to unfold

IV) **ACTS 2**

- A) First preaching of the gospel of Jesus, the Christ; people added to the church/kingdom of Christ
 - 1) Jesus confirmed by the Father, crucified by men, and raised from the dead
 - 2) Fulfillment of prophecy to David – Jesus was raised to reign now on David’s throne (v. 30)
- B) Men must now repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins (salvation, v. 38)

V) **1 CORINTHIANS 15**

- A) The fact of resurrection argued – Christ is risen and we shall be raised
 - 1) Paul argues from the first sin (Adam - death) to the final resurrection (Christ - life) (vv. 21-22)
- B) Reign of Christ will be completed and the kingdom returned to Father at His second coming
- C) The mortal/corruptible body will be resurrected to immortality/incorruptible (vv. 51-58)
 - 1) Death and sin will give way to life and victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Conclusion

We are now in the time of the preaching of the gospel awaiting Christ’s second coming and the resurrection – these are the last days! (Acts 2:17). While this wonderful plan draws closer to the end of time, we should “be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58; cf. Heb. 10:24-25).