

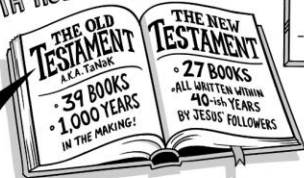
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ONE EPIC NARRATIVE
WITH MULTIPLE "ACTS"

A COVENANT
PARTNERSHIP



THE OLD TESTAMENT OFFERS:
- CORE THEMES
- PLOT CONFLICT
- DESIGN PATTERNS

THESE CULMINATE IN
THE NEW TESTAMENT
STORY OF JESUS.

THE NEW TESTAMENT



THE TESTIMONY OF THE APOSTLES THAT
SPEAKS A DIVINE WORD OF HOPE

THE STORY OF JESUS & THE SPIRIT POINT TO
HISTORY'S GOAL IN A RENEWED CREATION



GENESIS 1-11
GOD & HUMANITY



GENESIS 12-50
GOD & ISRAEL



Jesus:
ISRAEL'S GOD BECOMES



THE GOSPEL ...

"GOOD NEWS"

MATTHEW · MARK · LUKE · JOHN



ISRAEL'S DIVINE KING

"THE HUMAN"

THE SON OF MAN
CAME TO BE A SERVANT
AND GIVE HIS LIFE AS A
RANSOM FOR MANY.
(MATTHEW 20:28)

...& ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

THROUGH THE
SPIRIT
THE RISEN JESUS...

"SENT ONES"
JESUS REPRESENTATIVES



LETTERS FROM THE APOSTLES

from 13 PAUL
ARRANGED FROM
LONGEST (ROMANS)
TO SHORTEST (PHILEMON)

HOW THE
GOOD NEWS ABOUT
KING JESUS:

A RESHAPES
EVERY PART OF
OUR LIVES

B INVITES US INTO
THE MEDICAL STORY
CHECK IT OUT...

1 TO THE HEBREWS
2 JAMES & JUDE
(BROTHERS OF JESUS)

5 PETER & JOHN
(JESUS' FIRST FOLLOWERS)



EXILE IN BABYLON
SLAVERY IN EGYPT

OLD HUMANITY
THE ~~EVIL~~ AGE

A NEW HOME
LIBERATION INTO THE
PROMISED LAND

NEW HUMANITY
RENEWED Creation

THE REVELATION

THE SLAIN LAMB IS THE
DIVINE KING OF THE WORLD.



OUT OF
BABYLON...

LEADS HIS
PEOPLE TO...

NEW JERUSALEM

NEW
Creation



NEW
HUMANITY
RULES THE
WORLD
in the
LOVE
of GOD

THE PROPHETS & POETS



AUTHOR: ~



30-40 YEARS
OF
ORAL TRADITION

EARLIEST
TRADITION

Matthew

SEE 9-18:10-3



1.



MESSIAH
FROM THE LINE OF
DAVID

2.



NEW
MOSES

3.



GOD
-WITH-
US

Things to look for

#1

LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT
QUOTATIONS
(THERE ARE A LOT)

#2

LOOK CLOSELY AT THE
PEOPLE WHO ACCEPT JESUS

IRRELIGIOUS +
UNIMPORTANT

+ FAITH =

TRANSFORMATION

NEW MOSES



1-3



CONNECT JESUS TO OLD TESTAMENT

FULFILL OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETIC PROMISES



Immanuel

=
GOD WITH US

4-7

ANNOUNCES
GOD'S
KINGDOM



GOD'S KINGDOM

CONFRONT EVIL
RESTORE GOD'S REIGN
CREATE A NEW FAMILY

HOW TO LIVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

FULFILL THE TORAH

RELATES TO LOVE

8-10

JESUS BRINGS
KINGDOM INTO
PEOPLES LIVES



SENDING THE 12

TO PREPARE THE WAY



11-13

RESPONSES
TO JESUS



PARABLES ABOUT
THE KINGDOM

IT



14-20

DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS
ABOUT THE MESSIAH



THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

INSTEAD OF SERVING
- REVENGE VS FORGIVE
- CAN YOU WEALTH BY GIVING IT AWAY



21-25

CLASH OF
KINGDOMS



CRITIQUE OF
PHARISEES

YOU HYPOCRITES!



MOSES | JESUS

OUT OF EGYPT
BAPTISM IN THE
JORDAN RIVER
WILDERNESS FOR
40 YEARS
RECEIVES LAW
FROM MOUNTAIN

JESUS > MOSES

DELIVER FROM SLAVERY
GIVE NEW DIVINE TEACHING
SAVE FROM SIN
INITIATE A NEW COVENANT

26-28

PASSOVER MEAL
RETURNS THE STORY OF...
- RESCUE FROM SLAVERY
- DEATH OF PASSOVER LAMB

NEW MEANING
RESCUE FROM...
- EVIL & SIN
- DEATH OF JESUS

THOU NOT
THE MESSIAH!

THOU HAVE
BLASPHEMED
GOD!

HE'S
INNOCENT
BUT...

LET HIM BE
CRUCIFIED!

NOT
FOLLOWED

FULFILLED OLD TESTAMENT
PROPHETIC PROMISES

SUFFERING
SERVANT

INSTEAD OF JUDGING THEM
HE IS JUDGED ON THEIR BEHALF

GREAT COMMISSION
JESUS IS KING
OF THE WORLD
TELL ALL NATIONS
THE GOOD NEWS
ALL PEOPLE CAN
JOIN THE KINGDOM

DE BAPTIZED
TEACHING
I CAN
DO WITH YOU
Immanuel

1

2

3

4

5

BOOKS
OF
Moses
(TORAH)

EARLY CHURCH HISTORIAN TESTIMONY:
MARK COLLECTS THESE EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY

(JOHN) **MARK**, A COWORKER OF:
PETER -and- **PAUL**
(1 PETER 5:13) (COLLOSSIANS 4:10)

THE ONLY TIME MARK TELLS YOU WHAT HE THINKS

HE HOPES TO INFLUENCE YOU BY SHOWING JESUS & PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO HIM

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

"THE BEGINNING OF THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD"

THE ENDING OF MARK

GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS!

NOT ORIGINAL
(ONLY FOUND IN LATER MANUSCRIPTS)
16:9-20

THE ABRUPT ENDING IS INTENTIONAL

MARK EMPHASIZES THE SHOCKING CLAIM THAT THE CRUCIFIED & RISEN JESUS IS THE MESSIAH.

THE LACK OF CLOSURE FORCES YOU TO ASK: WILL YOU RUN AWAY, OR RECOGNIZE THE CRUCIFIED JESUS AS YOUR KING?

LOST?
NEVER FINISHED?

LET'S KILL HIM.

ACT 1: GALILEE

1-8a WHO IS JESUS?

BEHOLD, I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOU... TO PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
(ISAIAH 40:3 & MALACHI 3)

1-2-15

YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON (1:11)

GOOD NEWS! GOD'S KINGDOM HAS COME NEAR! (1:15)

SUMMARY OF JESUS MESSAGE:

- GOD'S RESCUE OPERATION FOR THE WORLD
- CONDEMNING UNFAIR CHIL
- INVITATION TO LIVE UNDER GOD'S REIGN BY FOLLOWING JESUS

JESUS BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM

BE HEALED!
YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

JOIN THE BAPTIST

AND GETS DIVERSE RESPONSES

WHO IS HE?
WHERE DID HE GET THIS AUTHORITY?
ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE SINS!
YOUR POWER COMES FROM THE DEVIL!

PARABLES ABOUT THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S KINGDOM

THE FOUR SOILS
RECEPTIVE NOT RECEPTIVE

THE MUSTARD SEED

JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, BUT NOT THE KING PEOPLE EXPECTED

WHAT DO THESE PARABLES MEAN?
WHO IS HE REALLY?

ACT 2: "ON THE WAY"

8b-10 WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR JESUS TO BE THE MESSIAH?

CONVERSATION #1 (9:27-36)

SUFFERING SERVANT
ISAIAH 53

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?
YOU'RE THE MESSIAH!

VICTORIOUS KING! DEFEAT THE ROMANS

FOLLOWING JESUS:
IS LIKE NOTHING
- MEANS REJECTING VIOLENCE & CRIM
- ACTS OF SERVICE & LOVE

THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO BECOME A SERVANT & GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY. (10:45)

CONVERSATION #2 (9:30-37)

CONVERSATION #3 (10:32-15)

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON (9:7)

JUST LIKE MT. SINAI
THE TWO PROPHETS WHO MET GOD ON MT. SINAI
MOSES (EXODUS 33) ELIJAH (1 KINGS 19)

JESUS' EMBODIMENT OF GOD'S GLORY
THE GLORIOUS GOD SUFFERING AND DYING FOR HIS PEOPLE

ACT 3: JERUSALEM

11-16 HOW JESUS BECOMES KING

JESUS' ROYAL ENTRY

JESUS ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE TEMPLE

JESUS CONDEMNS ISRAEL'S LEADERS

SAVE US, SON OF DAVID!
YOU'VE TURNED MY HOUSE INTO A DEN OF THIEVES!
WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU HAVE?
LET'S KILL HIM.

13 PREDICTION OF JERUSALEM'S DOWNFALL

THE CITY & TEMPLE WILL BE DESTROYED WITHIN A GENERATION
THE DISCIPLES WILL BE PERSECUTED
JESUS WILL COME ONE DAY RETURN

17 THE LAST SUPPER

OLD MEANING: LIBERATION, SLAVERY, DEATH, PASSOVER, RESURRECTION

NEW MEANING: LIBERATION, SIN & DEATH, DEATH, SIN & DEATH

DARKNESS

THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD! (15:39)

FIRST PERSON IN THE STORY TO GRASP JESUS' IDENTITY
THE CRUCIFIED SON OF GOD IS THE MESSIAH!

16-6

THEY FLED FROM THE TOMB IN TERROR, TELLING NO ONE, FOR THEY WERE AFRAID... THE END?

JESUS ISN'T HERE! HE'S RISEN FROM THE DEAD & WILL MEET YOU UP IN GALILEE!



AUTHOR: "THE DISCIPLE JESUS LOVED"
(SEE 13-23; 19:34-35; 20:2)

JOHN, SON OF ZEBEDEE?
JOHN THE ELDER?

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK:

"SO THAT YOU MAY COME TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, AND THAT BY BELIEVING, YOU MAY HAVE **LIFE** IN HIS NAME."
(20:31)

BASIC PATTERN IN THE STORIES IN 2-12

I AM

JESUS PERFORMS A SIGN OR MAKES A CLAIM

PEOPLE MISUNDERSTAND OR GET ANGRY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

7 "I AM..."

THE BREAD OF LIFE	6:35
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD	6:12
THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP	10:7
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	10:11
THE RESURRECTION	11:25
THE WAY, TRUTH & LIFE	14:6
THE TRUE VINE	15:1

Eyw Eym

GOD'S COVENANT NAME
(EXODUS 3:14)
(ISAIAH 43:10-14)

7 "I AM..."

4:26	6:20
8:21	8:28
8:58	13:19
18:5	

7 SIGNS

WATER INTO WINE	ch.2
HEALING A SICK BOY	ch.4
HEALING A PARALYZED MAN	ch.5
FEEDING THE 5,000	ch.6
HEALING A BLIND MAN	ch.9
RAISING LAZARUS	ch.11

JESUS' RESURRECTION

1 INTRODUCTION

1-10 IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD.

AND THE WORD **WAS** GOD.

THE DIVINE WORD BECAME HUMAN (6:10-11)

GOD'S TABERNACLE GLORY (14:20-24)

THE ONE, TRUE GOD = SON

THE LAMB OF GOD! (1:29-36)

SON OF GOD! (1:34-36)

RABBI! (1:38-40)

THE SON OF MAN. (1:51)

MESSIAH! (1:41)

KING OF ISRAEL! (1:49)

JESUS OF NAZARETH! (1:45)

7 TITLES:

THE FULLY HUMAN JESUS FROM NAZARETH IS THE MESSIANIC KING & TEACHER OF ISRAEL. HE DIED FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD.

2-10 MIRACULOUS SIGNS & CONTROVERSIES

2a A WEDDING

YOU SAVED THE BEST WINE FOR LAST!

SIGN

ISAIAH 61:1-2
THE MESSIAH KINGDOM COULD HAVE GREAT GLORY
BY HAVING THE GENTILES IN HIS KINGDOM!

JESUS' DEATH IS UNREPEATABLE

HE'S THE REALITY TO WHICH THE TEMPLE POINTS

DESTROY THE TEMPLE

AND ILL REBUILD IT AGAIN IN THREE DAYS!

A SACRED WELL

SAMARITAN (19:17-28)

I HAVE WATER TO GIVE THAT BECOMES A SPRING BUBBLING WITH **ETERNAL LIFE**.

YOU DON'T HAVE A BUCKET.

NO ONE CAN EXPERIENCE GOD'S KINGDOM WITHOUT BEING BORN AGAIN! (3:3)

ISRAEL NEEDS MORE THAN A TEACHER. WITH NEW INFORMATION, THEY NEED A NEW HEART.

5 SABBATH

THAT MAN IS BREAKING IT! DO YOU? (6:9)

5-10 FOUR JEWISH FEASTS

6 PASSOVER

THE BREAD OF LIFE

WHICH ONE OF YOU FINDS ETERNAL LIFE?

EAT HIS BODY? (6:51)

DRINK HIS BLOOD? (6:53)

FROM NOW ON, GIVE US THIS BREAD!

10a TABERNACLES

BEHOLD THE TABERNACLES! (7:14)

IF ANTHONY'S THIRSTY, COME TO ME & DRINK! (7:37)

10b HANUKKAH

REDEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

GOD HAS SET ME APART AS THE ONLY ONE. (10:36)

AND THE FATHER ARE **ONE**. (10:30)

HE HAS TO DIE.

11-12 RAISING LAZARUS

LAZARUS IS SICK!

GOING TO JERUSALEM MEANS CERTAIN DEATH... BUT I LOVE LAZARUS.

LAZARUS! COME OUT!

JESUS LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIEND

13-17 JESUS' FINAL WORDS

13 JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET & GIVES HIS GREAT COMMANDS

ACTS OF LOVING GENEROSITY ARE TO BE THE HALLMARK OF JESUS FOLLOWERS

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU (13:34)

A SYMBOL OF JESUS' LIFE PURPOSE:

TO SEVERAL GENTILES NATIONS AS A BRANCH OF SELF-GIVING LOVE - TO BECOME A SERVANT & ONE FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD

18-20 JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION

18a JESUS' ARREST

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS JESUS?

18b-19 JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

ARE YOU KING OF THE JEWS?

MY KINGDOM IS NOT FROM THIS WORLD. (18:36)

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU & IS BEING BUILT UP.

HIS KINGDOM IS FOR THIS WORLD, BUT ITS VALUES ARE NOT DERIVED FROM THE WORLD.

THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

JESUS CONQUERS BY GIVING UP HIS LIFE

HE GAINS VICTORY THROUGH ANALYSIS OF SELF-GIVING LOVE

16-17 JESUS SPEECH & PRAYER

16 JESUS IS GOING AWAY SO HE CAN SEND "THE SPIRIT"

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH (16:13)

2) THE ONE GOD CONSISTS OF THE FATHER & THE SON & THE SPIRIT

THE SPIRIT WILL EMPOWER JESUS FOLLOWERS TO CARRY ON HIS MISSION

THE FATHER & THE SON & THE SPIRIT

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH (16:13)

20 THE RESURRECTION

20 THE RESURRECTION

RECEIVE THE SPIRIT AS THE FATHER SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU (20:21-23)

THE DISCIPLE WHO JESUS LOVED (20:2)

THIS IS THE DISCIPLE WHO REMAINS FAITHFUL & WHO WROTE ALL THESE THINGS. (20:24)

21 EPILOGUE

THE CONTINUED MISSION OF JESUS FOLLOWERS

CAST THE NET ON THE OTHER SIDE!

JESUS!

A FUTURE OF DISCIPLESHIP

JESUS' FOLLOWERS ARE MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN THEY LISTEN FOR JESUS & SIMPLY OBEY HIS WORD.

- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
- FROM THE SAME AUTHOR: **LUKE**
- A TRAVELING CO-WORKER (COLOSSIANS 4:14; PHILIPPIANS 2:2)

LUKE ACTS

I produced my FIRST ACCOUNT about all the things Jesus **BEGAN** to do & teach

IMPLICATION: **ACTS** WHAT JESUS "CONTINUED" TO DO & TEACH

TRADITIONAL NAME: **The Acts of the Apostles**
A MORE ACCURATE NAME:

The ACTS of Jesus & the SPIRIT

LUKE-ACTS

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM CAME ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN THROUGH JESUS & HIS SPIRIT & HIS CHURCH

EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS TO KING JESUS:

- SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN WORD & ACTION
- FORMING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EQUALS
- TRUSTING IN THE POWER & GUIDANCE OF THE **SPIRIT**

1 INTRODUCTION

KINGDOM OF GOD:

- JESUS RESTORES GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE WORLD
- CALLED ISRAEL TO FOLLOW HIM
- ENTHRONED AS KING THROUGH HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION

PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT:

- FULFILLS PROPHETIC HOPE (ISAIAH 37, EZEKIEL 36, JOEL 2)
- NEW **TEMPLE** IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM FILLED WITH GOD'S PRESENCE

YOU'LL BE MY WITNESSES JERUSALEM, JUDAEA, SAMARIA, and to the **ENDS OF THE EARTH.** (1:8)

JESUS IS EXALTED AS KING OF THE WORLD

FROM: DANIEL ch 7

JESUS IS ENTHRONED SON OF MAN

2-7 IN JERUSALEM

2 PENTECOST

JOY SPIRIT

GOD'S GLORY = FILLING THE TEMPLE

IN THE PAST: EXODUS 40, 2ND CHRONICLES 7
IN THE FUTURE: EZEKIEL 43, HAGGAI 2

THE NEW TEMPLE IS JESUS' NEW COVENANT FAMILY

ISRAEL REUNIFIED UNDER THE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, EZEKIEL 37)

3-5 A TALE OF TWO TEMPLES

A PRACTICE DESCRIBED TORAH (LEVITICUS 17-18) SUPPOSED TO BE MANAGED BY THE **TEMPLE**

THE NEW TEMPLE OF JESUS' COMMUNITY IS NOW WHERE PEOPLE ENCOUNTER GOD'S **GENEROSITY & healing presence**

JESUS FOLLOWERS SELL POSSESSIONS TO SUPPORT THE POOR (16:5b)

PETER HEALS & PREACHES IN THE TEMPLE - ARRESTED & TRIED (2:40)

JESUS' DISCIPLES GATHER DAILY IN THE TEMPLE COURTS & HOUSE TO HOUSE (3:7)

6-8:3 FIRST PERSECUTION

STEPHEN

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS RESIST GOD'S SPIRIT?

JESUS' FOLLOWERS DRIVEN FROM THE CITY

8-12 JUDEA & SAMARIA

HOW THE MOSTLY JEWISH, JERUSALEM-BASED COMMUNITY OF JESUS... BECAME... A MULTI-ETHNIC, INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

8 PHILIP IN SAMARIA

9a SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

9b CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

10-11a PETER & CORNELIUS

10b THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH

11b BARNAABAS & PAUL

FIRST MULTI-ETHNIC CHURCH - FIRST USE OF 'CHRISTIANS' (11:26)

13-20 THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

13-14 ASIA MINOR

14-16a ASIA MINOR & GREECE

16b-20 ASIA MINOR & GREECE AGAIN!

15 THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

NO WAY!

UNLESS PEOPLE BECOME TEARSHED, THEY CAN'T BE SAVED! (15:1)

GOD'S PLAN WAS ALWAYS TO INCLUDE NON-JEWISH IN HIS PEOPLE

MEMBERSHIP IN JESUS' PEOPLE IS NOT BASED ON ETHNICITY OR TORAH OBSERVANCE, BUT SIMPLY ON TRUSTING & OBEYING JESUS.

CONTINUED MISSION TO ISRAEL

JESUS IS KING OF ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS!

HE OPPOSES THE TORAH!

THE PARADOX OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

A JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT... but ethnically diverse

- MEN & WOMEN, RICH & POOR, SLAVE & FREE... all treated as equals
- LOYAL TO JESUS ALONE... but not a military threat to Rome

21-28 PAUL'S WITNESS SPREADS TO ROME

21-22 PAUL ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM

HE TEACHES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE & OUR TEMPLE! (21:28)

HE'S THE TERRORIST FROM GYPH! (21:38)

23-26 PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE...

24 GOVERNOR FELIX

25 GOVERNOR FESTUS

26 KING AGRIPPA

27 THE SANHEDRIN

HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH!

I STAND ON TRIAL BECAUSE OF MY HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE SUFFERING MESSIAH. (23:6, 24:13)

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT ALLOWS TIME TO COMPOSE HIS APOSTOLIC LETTERS

TO: COLOSSAE

TO: EPHESUS

TO: PHILIPPI

TO: ROMANS

PAUL ANNOUNCED THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BOLDLY TEACHING ALL ABOUT THE LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH, TOTALLY UNINHIBITED. (28:31)

SAUL OF TARSUS, A PHARISEE
PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES
OFFICIAL REP. OF JESUS

BECOMES
 RADICAL!
 +1000
 OCCASIONALLY WROTE LETTERS

TORAH = TRADITION

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

PAUL'S FULLEST EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION

SPAIN!

- SUMMARY OF CHS 1-4**
- 1 ALL HUMANITY IS TRAPPED IN SIN & NEEDS TO BE RESCUED
 - 2 RESCUE WON'T HAPPEN BY TRYING TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH
 - 3 GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS RESCUED THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS...
 - 4 ...TO CREATE THE FAITH-BASED, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF ABRAHAM

1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

1-17 THE GOSPEL

IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE

REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE RISEN JESUS IS KING OF THE NATIONS

① HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS **JUST & RIGHT**.
 ② HE IS **FAITHFUL** TO HIS PROMISES

110-132 ALL NATIONS ARE TRAPPED

SIN
GUILTY!

IDOLATRY

ISRAEL IS TRAPPED TOO! 21-30

SIN
MORE GUILTY!

IDOLATRY

3-9-20 BUT... GOOD NEWS!

...SO WE COULD BECOME WHAT HE IS.

JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE...

TRAPPED-GUILTY

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS

NEW STATUS: RIGHT WITH GOD & FORGIVEN INCLUDED IN GOD'S PEOPLE
NEW FUTURE: TRANSFORMED LIFE

"IN CHRIST"

↑ WHO IS IN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY?

God

ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING

DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15-16)

ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12-14)

THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE WHO FULFILLED GOD'S PROMISE

5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY

THE CHURCH OF ROME (SEE ACTS 18:1-2)

EMPEROR CLAUDIUS
 NON-JEWISH
 JEWISH
 JESUS EXPELLED
 5 YEARS LATER

SIN ADAM "HUMANITY"
JESUS "THE NEW ADAM"

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY

SLAVERY
 GOD'S JUDGMENT
 DEATH
 LOVE
 LIFE
 OBEDIENCE

LEAVE THIS HUMANITY!

BAPTISM

WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS
 WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM IS TRUE OF US

LIBERATED TO LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

6 DEATH

7 WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE LAW?

① THE STORY OF THE TORAH
 ② THE 613 COMMANDS GIVEN TO MOSES

GOOD & SHOW GOD'S WILL

✗ DON'T LIE
 ✗ DON'T STEAL
 ✗ LOVE OTHERS
 ✗ DON'T COVET

THE PARADOX IS THE POINT!

THE SOLUTION: JESUS & THE SPIRIT

MESSIAH
 LAWS
 REMOVED (CREATION!)

LIBERATED TO LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

9-11 ...FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

MY PEOPLE, ISRAEL!!

7 ISRAEL IN THE PAST

ETHNIC ISRAEL ≠ COVENANT MEMBER

GOD SELECTED A SUBSET OF THE FAMILY

ABRAHAM
 ISRAEL
 JACOB
 EGYPT
 PHARAOH'S REBELLION
 JESUS REJECTORS
 JESUS FOLLOWERS

PEOPLE'S REJECTION ACCOMPLISHES GOD'S PURPOSES

10 ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS

NEW COVENANT FAMILY BASED ON FAITH

REJECTORS OF JESUS

11 ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE

JEWISH & GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Q: IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL?
A: NO!

ONE DAY, JESUS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS PEOPLE.

GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY

SOME GRANTED ON
 SOME BROKEN OFF

12-16 ...UNIFIES THE CHURCH

12-13 UNIFYING THROUGH LOVE & FORGIVENESS

SERVING ONE ANOTHER

LEADING
 PROMISING
 GIVING

HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

IT'S ONE OF THE BEST A ZERO.

Love fulfills the TORAH

14-15 HEALING ETHNIC DIVISION

SHOW GRACE TO EACH OTHER ON NON-ESSENTIAL ISSUES

GENGILE
 JEWISH

16 HONOR PHOEBE! ...SHE'S LEGIT!

SAY HI TO THE GANG!

ROMANS

READ ABOUT THIS IN
ACTS: CHAPTER 18



PAUL
LIVED HERE FOR
1 1/2 YEARS

1-4

5-7

BIG PROBLEMS
WITH CORINTH!

8-10



11-14

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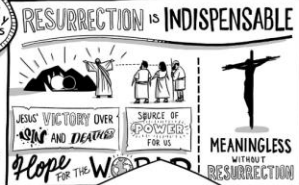
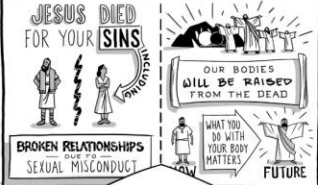
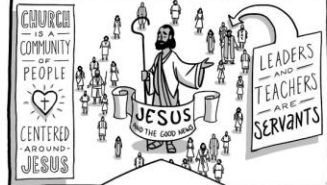
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—THE
GOOD NEWS
—ABOUT—
JESUS



RELATIONSHIPS
FAMILY
COMMUNITY
WORK



FINAL GREETING

BECAUSE OF THE
RESURRECTION
WE HAVE

A REASON FOR
UNITY

MOTIVATION
FOR
Sexual Integrity

POWER TO
LOVE OTHERS
MORE THAN YOURSELF

VICTORY
OVER
DEATH

THE GOSPEL: AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT JESUS THAT OPENS UP A NEW REALITY

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH IN CORINTH **ACTS** CHAPTER 18

PAUL

BIG PROBLEMS IN CORINTH!

THE REPORT
(SEE 1 CORINTHIANS 1:11)

2 CORINTHIANS

FORGET PAUL!

1 COR

THE FIRST LETTER

OH MAN, WE WERE WRONG.

THE PAINFUL VISIT
(2 CORINTHIANS 2:1)

THE SECOND LETTER
(2 COR 2:3-4, 7:8-12)

I STILL LOVE YOU GUYS!

THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

CHALLENGES OUR VALUES

GOD VALUES HUMILITY & WEAKNESS BECAUSE HIS LOVE & POWER WERE MADE KNOWN THROUGH THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS

TRANSFORMS THROUGH THE SPIRIT

JESUS' "CRUCIFORM" WAY OF LIFE BECOMES OUR OWN

1-7 PAUL RECONCILES WITH THE CORINTHIANS

1-2a OPENING PRAYER

PRaise the GOD WHO COMFORTS US IN OUR TROUBLES!
(1:3-4)

WHY DID THEY REJECT PAUL?

POOR! UNIMPRESSION! WELL-OFF! SUCCESSFUL! SUFFERING!

DISTORTED VALUE SYSTEM

2b TRUE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP: NOT ABOUT STATUS

POINTING OTHERS TO JESUS

3a LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

PROVE YOUR CREDENTIALS! WE DEMAND

WHAT? YOU ARE MY LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, WRITTEN BY THE SPIRIT. (3:4-5)

SEE JEREMIAH 31, EZEKIEL 36

OLD COVENANT

NEW COVENANT

GLORIOUS BUT FADING & INEFFECTIVE

GLORIOUS, ETERNAL & TRANSFORMATIVE

3b COMPARING THE:

MOSES **ISRAEL** **JESUS & THE SPIRIT** **CORINTHIANS**

THE CROSS REVEALS:

1-7 THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

- GOD'S SALVATION: JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS
- GOD'S CHARACTER: SELF-GIVING LOVE
- A NEW "CRUCIFORM" WAY OF LIFE: IMITATING THE CROSS

JESUS GLORIOUSLY EXALTED...

...THROUGH HIS SUFFERING & DEATH

CORINTHIANS

PROOF THAT PAUL AUTHENTICALLY REPRESENTS THE CRUCIFIED & RISEN JESUS

HUMILITY **SUFFERING** **POVERTY**

8-9 FORGOTTEN GENEROSITY

JEWISH CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM

LET'S RAISE MONEY FOR A RELIEF GIFT. (SEE ROMANS 15:25-28, 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5)

CORINTHIANS **GALATIANS** **MACEDONIANS**

THIS ISN'T REALLY ABOUT MONEY: THEY HAVEN'T BEEN TRANSFORMED BY THE GOSPEL - A STORY OF GENEROSITY

"FOR YOU KNOW THE GENEROUS GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS THE MESSIAH, THAT EVEN THOUGH HE WAS RICH, FOR YOUR SAKE HE BECAME POOR, SO THAT THROUGH HIS POVERTY, YOU MIGHT BECOME RICH."
(8-9)

TO BE A CHRISTIAN IS TO BECOME MORE GENEROUS

HONOR & WEALTH **DEATH of a POOR SLAVE**

"RICH" THROUGH GOD'S GRACE **SIN & POVERTY**

10-13 PAUL'S FINAL CHALLENGE

10-12 A MAIN SOURCE OF THE CONFLICT

PAUL? HUH?

CORINTHIANS

PAUL

THE SUPER-APOSTLES
(11:5, 12:11)

- A PHARISEE (MEMORIZED THE WHOLE BIBLE!)
- SPENT TIME WITH THE RISEN JESUS
- HAD VISIONS OF JESUS' HEAVENLY THRONE ROOM
- GIVEN HIS ENTIRE LIFE TO THE MISSION OF JESUS
- NEVER ASKED FOR MONEY

BUT NONE OF THIS MATTERS! INSTEAD, I WILL BRAG ABOUT MY WEAKNESS.
(11:30)

"PAUL, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT THROUGH WEAKNESS."
(12:9)

13 A SOBER WARNING

SERIOUSLY! YOU NEED TO CHECK YOURSELVES.
(12:3)

THE BACKSTORY:

JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

THE DEBATE (SEE ACTS 15)

NON-JEWISH CHRISTIANS

† =

YOU MUST OBEY THE TORAH'S LAWS TO FOLLOW JESUS!

ISRAEL SET APART BY PRACTICES COMMANDED IN THE TORAH

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

CHURCHES OF GALATIA

(SEE ACTS 13-14)

FORGET PAUL! YOU NEED TO GET CIRCUMCISED!

WHAT MATTERS IS GOD'S NEW CREATION

THE NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF THE MESSIAH...

...FULL OF FAITH IN JESUS...

...LOVING GOD & OTHERS IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

1-2 THE GOSPEL OF THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH...

YOU'VE EMBRACED A DIFFERENT GOSPEL!?

PAUL COMMISSIONED BY THE RISEN JESUS (ACTS 9)

PAUL SUPPORTED BY THE JERUSALEM APOSTLES

PETER'S HYPOCRISY IN ANTIOCH

BETRAYAL OF THE GOSPEL

PAUL DEFENDS HIS MESSAGE & AUTHORITY

"DECLARED RIGHTEOUS"

- IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
- FORGIVEN & GIVEN A PLACE IN GOD'S FAMILY
- RESULTS IN TRANSFORMATION BY GRACE

"PEOPLE ARE NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE TORAH, BUT RATHER BY THE FAITH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH, AND WE HAVE FAITH IN THE MESSIAH JESUS." (2:16)

JESUS FAITHFULNESS TO LIVE & DIE ON OUR BEHALF OR OUR TRUST & DEVOTION TO JESUS

WE BELONG TO JESUS' FAMILY... ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID FOR US!

"I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH THE MESSIAH & IT'S NOT I WHO COME BACK TO LIFE, BUT THE MESSIAH LIVING IN ME. AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE, I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME & GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME." (2:19-20)

THE HEART OF PAUL'S GOSPEL

WHEN PEOPLE TRUST IN JESUS, WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM... BECOMES TRUE OF THEM

3-4 ...CREATES A NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY...

ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12, 15)

ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING (GENESIS 22:18)

GOD

DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15:6)

GOD'S PURPOSE: ONE LARGE, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY RELATING TO HIM ON THE BASIS OF FAITH

...UNTIL THE OFFSPRING COMES.

STAY IN LINE... (3:24)

...GIVEN TO ISRAEL LONG AFTER THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

ALWAYS INTENDED AS TEMPORARY

SO WHY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH? (SEE ROMANS 7-8)

POSITIVE ROLE

NEGATIVE ROLE

FAILURE SIN

"THE LAWS IMPRISONED EVERYONE UNDER THE POWER OF SIN." (3:22)

GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL (3:28)

REQUIRING NON-JEWISH CHRISTIANS TO OBSERVE THE TORAH:

- ACTS AS IF JESUS DIDN'T FULFILL GOD'S PROMISE OR DEALT WITH OUR SINS
- NEGLECTS THE FREEDOM THAT JESUS GAINED FOR US
- LIMITS GOD'S BLESSING TO ONE ETHNIC FAMILY

TOOK THE CURSE OF ISRAEL'S SIN INTO HIMSELF

FULFILLED THE LAW BY LOVING GOD & NEIGHBOR

5-6 ...THAT IS TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT

THE LAWS ARE GOOD

SUMMARIZED BY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR (LEVITICUS 19:18) ...BUT THEY DON'T GIVE POWER TO OBEY THEM

THE GOOD NEWS

- JESUS FULFILLED THE LAWS ON OUR BEHALF
- LIVES IN US THROUGH THE SPIRIT
- NEW HUMANS WHO LOVE OTHERS

OLD HUMANITY

envy, idolatry, division, sexual immorality, murder, selfishness

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

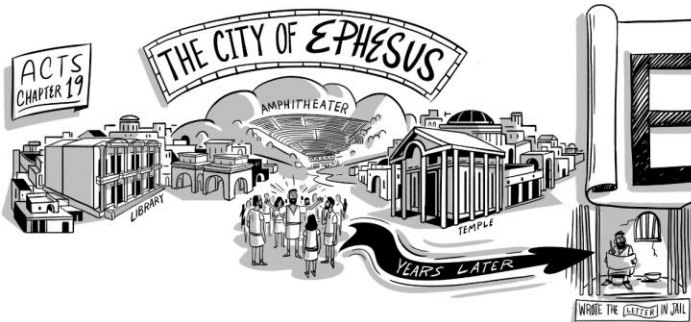
LOVE, KINDNESS, PEACE, PATIENCE, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL, JOY, GOODNESS

THIS FRUIT REQUIRES CULTIVATION (it's not automatic)

IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, WE HAVE TO KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT. (5:25)

THROUGH THE SPIRIT, JESUS MAKES US INTO PEOPLE WHO LOVE GOD & OTHERS, AND FULFILL

"THE TORAH OF THE MESSIAH!" (6:2)



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

PAUL SUMMARIZES
THE GOSPEL STORY
& HOW IT SHOULD RESHAPE EVERY PART OF
OUR STORY.

1-3 THE GOSPEL STORY

"THEREFORE"

4-6 OUR STORY

1:3-14
OPENING POEM

PRAISE GOD FOR
WHAT HE'S DONE
IN CHRIST

ACTS
CHAPTER 2

1:15-23 PRAYER

EXPERIENCE
THE POWER
THAT RAISED JESUS
FROM THE DEAD

WE JEW
YOU GENTILE

FORGIVENESS **GRACE**

COVENANT FAMILY

1:10 UNITY OF EVERYTHING UNDER THE MESSIAH

2:1-10 GOD'S GRACE...

2:11-22 ...A NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY

NEW HUMANS

NO PURPOSE
DECEPTION
SELFISHNESS

NEW PURPOSE
& TASKS

ACCESS TO

A NEW, UNIFIED HUMANITY THAT LIVES IN

PEACE

3 PAUL'S UNIQUE ROLE AS
MESSENGER TO NON-JEWS

MAY YOU BE STRENGTHENED
BY GOD'S SPIRIT & GRASP
THE LOVE OF CHRIST

1:1-16

BODY LORD FAITH BAPTISM GOD

one

UNITY DOES NOT = UNIFORMITY

one SPIRIT

MANY GIFTS

• APOSTLE • PASTOR • TEACHER

• PROPHET • EVANGELIST

TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH:

1 NEW TEMPLE

2 JEWING THE HEAD
OF A NEW HUMANITY

1:17-6:9

OLD NEW

TAKE OFF	PUT ON
LIES	TRUTH
ANGER	PEACE
THEFT	GENEROUSITY
GOSSIP	ENCOURAGE
REVENGE	FORGIVENESS
PROMISCUITY	SELF-CONTROL
DRUNK	GOD'S SPIRIT

SIGNS of the SPIRIT

- ① SINGING TOGETHER
- ② SINGING ALONE
- ③ BEING THANKFUL
- ④ ELEVATING OTHERS

CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD

— CHURCH — JESUS —

RESPECT LOVE

ALLOW RESPONSIBILITY LAY DOWN LIFE

CHILDREN PARENTS

SLAVES MASTERS

6:10-24 THE ARMOR OF GOD

SPIRITUAL EVIL

RIGHTEOUSNESS FAITH

WORD OF GOD TRUTH

SEE ISRAH

GOSPEL



SENT FROM PRISON



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

A UNIQUE WINDOW INTO PAUL'S HEART & MIND

- HE SAW HIS LIFE AS A REENACTMENT OF JESUS' STORY
- HIS AWARENESS OF JESUS' LOVE & PRESENCE GAVE HIM HOPE & HUMILITY
- KNOWING JESUS IS DEEPLY PERSONAL & TRANSFORMATIVE

1:1-11 OPENING PRAYER



1:12-26 PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT



RELEASE

BETTER FOR OTHERS

1:27-2:18 FOLLOWING JESUS' EXAMPLE



2:6-11 THE MESSIAH POEM

ALTHOUGH HE EXISTED IN THE NATURE OF GOD, HE DID NOT REGARD HIS EQUALITY WITH GOD AS A THING TO BE EXPLOITED; RATHER, HE EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING OF THE NATURE OF A SERVANT; HE WAS BORN AS A HUMAN & RECOGNIZED AS A HUMAN; HE HUMILED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.

THEREFORE, GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, AND GIVEN HIM THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, IN HEAVEN, ON EARTH, OR UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS:

JESUS the MESSIAH is LORD! To the GLORY of GOD the FATHER!

A EXPRESSES PAUL'S CONVICTION OF WHO JESUS IS...

B ...OFFERS AN EXAMPLE to follow

2:19-30 TWO EXAMPLES

vi19-21 TIMOTHY



"HE CAME CLOSE TO DEATH TO SERVE THE MESSIAH."

v25-30 EPIPHRODITUS



QUOTING ISAIAH 45:23
PAUL'S POINT: the One True God consists of GOD the FATHER & the LORD JESUS

4:10-23 CLOSING THANKS

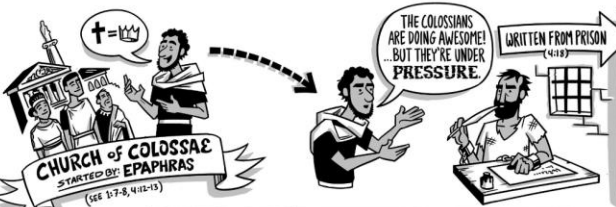


4:2-9 CHALLENGE TO LIVE THE EXAMPLE



3:1-4:1 PAUL'S EXAMPLE





PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

NO PART OF HUMAN EXISTENCE REMAINS UNTOUCHED BY THE LOVING & LIBERATING RULE OF JESUS.

WE'RE INVITED TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT AS IF THE **NEW CREATION** ARRIVED WHEN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.

1:1-23 THE EXALTED MESSIAH

WE THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH, Love and HOPE. (1:3-5)

WE PRAY FOR GREATER WISDOM and Spiritual Understanding. (1:9-10)

1:15-20 THE MESSIAH POEM

HE IS THE **IMAGE** OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION, FOR IN HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED, IN THE HEAVENS & ON EARTH, THINGS VISIBLE & INVISIBLE, THRONES OR KINGDOMS, POWERS OR AUTHORITIES. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM & FOR HIM, AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS COHERE.

AND HE IS THE **HEAD** OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH. HE IS THE BEGINNING, FIRSTBORN FROM AMONG THE DEAD, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS HE WOULD HOLD THE HIGHEST ROLE. FOR GOD WAS PLEASED FOR HIS FULL PRESENCE TO DWELL IN HIM, AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS TO HIMSELF, WHETHER IN THE HEAVENS OR ON EARTH, MAKING PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.

FULL OF ECHOES: - GENESIS 1 - PSALMS 2, 8, 68 - EXODUS 40 - PROVERBS 8

AUTHOR & KING OF CREATION...

SHARES THE IDENTITY OF THE ONE CREATOR GOD

WHO BRINGS THE NEW CREATION

1:24-2:5 THE SUFFERING APOSTLE

PUNISHMENT FOR ANNOUNCING: JESUS IS LORD! (NOT CAESAR!)

...FOR THE MESSIAH'S NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY

PARTICIPATION IN THE SUFFERING OF THE MESSIAH

THE MESSIAH IN YOU ALL, THE HOPE OF GLORY. (1:27)

2:6-23 THE PRESSURE TO TURN AWAY

MYSTICAL POLYTHEISM (PAGAN)

TWO INFLUENCES TO RESIST:

- GIVING INTO THESE IS COMPROMISE!
- OBSERVANCE OF LAWS OF THE TORAH

JESUS TRIUMPHED OVER ALL SPIRITUAL POWERS (2:15)

JESUS FULFILLED THE LAWS, WHICH LACKED POWER TO CHANGE THE HEART. JESUS IS THE REALITY TO WHICH THE LAWS POINTED.

3-4 THE RESURRECTION LIFE

3:1-17 THE NEW HUMANITY

"SET YOUR MIND ON THINGS ABOVE, WHERE THE MESSIAH RULES." (3:1)

CHALLENGE: LIVE IN THE PRESENT AS THE KIND OF HUMAN YOU WILL BECOME

OLD HUMANITY: DISTORTED SEXUALITY & DESTRUCTIVE SPEECH

NEW HUMANITY: MERCY, GENEROSITY, FORGIVENESS! LOVE!

"HERE NO ONE'S GREEK OR JEWISH, CIRCUMCISED OR UNCIRCUMCISED, SLAVE OR FREE: THE MESSIAH IS ALL & IS IN ALL PEOPLE." (3:11)

3:18-4:1 THE NEW ROMAN HOUSEHOLD

PATRIARCH HELD THE POWER OF LIFE & DEATH

JESUS IS LORD OF THE HOUSE

PAUL RESHAPES THE ROMAN HOUSEHOLD AROUND JESUS, WHO RULES WITH SELF-GIVING LOVE

4:2-10 CONCLUSION

"RECEIVE ONESIMUS NO LONGER AS A SLAVE, BUT AS A DELOVED BROTHER."

"GREET ONESIMUS AS A DELOVED BROTHER IN THE LORD." (4:9)

ONESIMUS: ESCAPED SLAVE OF PHILEMON

PHILEMON

TYCHICUS

ARISTARCHUS

MARK

LOPHES

DEMOETRIUS

PHILEMON



1 THESSALONIANS

Holiness Love Future Hope

FOLLOWING JESUS PRODUCES A COUNTER-CULTURAL **HOLY** WAY OF LIFE...

...THAT RESPONDS TO HOSTILITY WITH **LOVE** & GENEROSITY.

...THAT IS MOTIVATED BY **HOPE** IN THE COMING KINGDOM OF JESUS.

1-3 A CELEBRATION OF FAITHFULNESS

11-15 THANKSGIVING PRAYER

I THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE!

16-10 THE THESSALONIANS' CONVERSION

YOU TURNED AWAY FROM **IDOLS** TO SERVE THE LIVING & **TRUE GOD**, AND ARE WAITING FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S SON FROM HEAVEN." (1:9-10)

21-12 PAUL'S MISSION IN THESSALONICA

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS & LOVING SERVICE.

2:13-16 THEIR COMMON PERSECUTION

THEIR SUFFERING IS A WAY OF PARTICIPATING IN THE STORY OF JESUS.

2:17-3:10 PAUL'S ANGUISH...

THE THESSALONIANS ARE SUFFERING!

SEND TIMOTHY!

I'M OUT IT!

...& TIMOTHY'S DISCOVERY

WE'RE GOING STRONG!

AND WE MISS PAUL!

4-5 A CHALLENGE TO GROW

1:1-8 HOLINESS & SEXUAL PURITY

FOLLOWING JESUS' TEACHINGS ON SEX & MARRIAGE (MATTHEW 5:27-32, 19:1-12)

4:9-12 COMMITMENT TO LOVE & SERVICE

WORKING HARD SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS TO OTHERS (see 2 THESSALONIANS 3:11-13)

1:13-18 FUTURE HOPE OF JESUS' RETURN

5:23-28 PRAYER OF HOPE

MAY GOD KEEP YOU **HOLY** AS YOU AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS.

PEACE & SECURITY!

WHAT'S THEIR FATE WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE MESSIAH WILL RISE. (4:16)

CAESAR'S ARRIVAL MET BY HIS DELEGATES

JESUS' ARRIVAL MET BY HIS PEOPLE. (4:17)

5:1-11 THIS HOPE SHOULD MOTIVATE PATIENCE

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL BRING THEIR SUDDEN RUIN... (5:2-3)

...SO LIVE IN THE PRESENT AS IF THAT DAY IS ALREADY HERE. (5:4)



PERSECUTION

CONFUSION
ABOUT JESUS' RETURN
?! ? ! ?

2 THESSALONIANS

BELIEF IN JESUS' RETURN & HOPE FOR FINAL JUSTICE

NOT SPECULATION
ABOUT TIMELINES



INSPIRED HOPE &
FAITHFULNESS FOR
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHAT YOU **HOPE** FOR SHAPES WHAT YOU **LIVE** FOR.

1 HOPE DESPITE PERSECUTION

1:1-3

1:4-12

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

I THANK GOD FOR YOUR
FAITH,
Love,
and
ENDURANCE.



PERSECUTION
HAS INTENSIFIED



JESUS' FOLLOWERS
SHOW THEIR **VICTORY**
THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE & ENDURANCE

THE ULTIMATE TRAGEDY



JESUS' RETURN
= FINAL JUSTICE



1:11-12

MAY THE
LORD JESUS
BE HONORED
THROUGH YOU.



2 THE DAY OF THE LORD

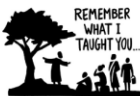
PAUL SAYS:
THE **DAY OF THE LORD**
IS **ALREADY**
UPON US!!!

GOD'S FINAL JUSTICE
ON EVIL

DID JESUS COME "LIKE
A THIEF IN THE NIGHT?"
(SEE 1 THESSALONIANS 5:2)

JESUS HAS
ABANDONED
US!!!!

I NEVER
SAID THAT!



"THE WORLD WILL
KEEP PRODDING RULERS
WHO REBEL & EXALT
THEMSELVES ABOVE GOD..."

REMEMBER
WHAT I
TAUGHT YOU...

"THE WORLD WILL
KEEP PRODDING RULERS
WHO REBEL & EXALT
THEMSELVES ABOVE GOD..."



THE
POINT:

THE EVENTS LEADING TO JESUS'
RETURN WILL BE **OBVIOUS!**
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED.

PHEW!

2:16-17

MAY THE
LORD GIVE YOU
COMFORT &
STRENGTH



3 CHALLENGE TO THE "IDLE"

NOT LAZY, BUT IRRESPONSIBLE & REFUSING TO WORK

(SEE 1 THESSALONIANS 4:10-12; 5:14)

POSSIBLE:



PAUL'S EXAMPLE



THE IDEAL:



WORKING HARD SO THEIR
LIVES CAN BENEFIT OTHERS





1TIMOTHY

A HOLISTIC VISION OF THE CHURCH

- WHAT A CHURCH BELIEVES → WILL SHAPE HOW IT LIVES.
- THE CHURCH SHOULD BE KNOWN FOR INTEGRITY & SERVICE TO THE POOR OUT OF DEVOTION TO KING JESUS.

1 TIMOTHY'S COMMISSION

CONFRONT THE CORRUPT TEACHERS & THEIR "STRANGE TEACHING"

GOD HATES MEAT EATERS!

ALEXANDER & HYMNÆUS

JESUS DISAPPROVES OF MARRIAGE!

GENESIS

THEIR TEACHING IS DISTORTED!

THE PURPOSE OF THE TORAH: TO EXPOSE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE HUMAN CONDITION

TEACHING THAT'S FAITHFUL TO JESUS RESULTS IN LOVE & GENUINE FAITH.

WHO WE NEED HELP

TORAH

THE MESSIAH CAME TO SAVE SINFUL PEOPLE

2-3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR EPHESUS, PT. 1

2:1-7 A CALL TO PRAYER

LORD GIVE WISDOM TO THE EMPEROR.

AND BRING OUR LAND PEACE

CREATES THE IDEAL SETTING TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE ABOUT JESUS.

2:8-15 MEN & WOMEN INFLUENCED BY CORRUPT TEACHERS

WEALTHY WOMEN WHO:

...TREAT CHURCH LIKE A FASHION SHOW

...USURP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

THEY SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED UNDER TIMOTHY'S LEADERSHIP

SO THEY CAN BECOME LIKE... (ROMANS 16:1-7; ACTS 18:26)

PHOEBE JUNIA PRISCILLA

WHAT DOES PAUL MEAN?

1. I DON'T ALLOW THEM TO TEACH OR HAVE AUTHORITY. (2:12)

2. WOMEN SHOULD NEVER LEAD OR TEACH MEN IN ANY CHURCH

3. WOMEN SHOULDN'T LEAD, BUT WITH EDUCATION THEY CAN TEACH

4. THESE EPHESIAN WOMEN SHOULDN'T LEAD BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN DECEIVED

5. APPOINTING LEADERS

ELDERS/OVERSEERS

DEACONS (GREEK="SERVANT")

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS • IN THEIR FAMILIES

• IN GOD'S FAMILY (THE CHURCH!)

OUTSTANDING CHARACTER & INTEGRITY

4-6a INSTRUCTIONS FOR EPHESUS, PT. 2

4:1-16 CORRECTING BAD THEOLOGY

NO MEAT! NO MARRIAGE!

RIDICULOUS! GOD'S ENTIRE CREATION IS GOOD INCLUDING MEAT & MARRIAGE.

GENESIS

5:1-16 CARING FOR WIDOWS

THESE WIDOWS QUALIFY FOR SUPPORT...

THESE DON'T!

DONATIONS

5:17-25 CONFRONTING OLDER MEN

PSALM CHRISTIANS! TYPICAL!

NO MORE!

BUT WINE COULD HELP YOUR STOMACH PROBLEMS. (5:23)

6:1-2 CHRISTIAN SLAVES

WE'RE EQUALS IN CHRIST. SO... FORGET YOU!

CHRISTIAN TRANSFORMATION OF THE ROMAN HOUSEHOLD SHOULD HAPPEN STRATEGICALLY TO PERSUADE OTHERS.

6b TIMOTHY'S COMMISSION

CONFRONT THE CORRUPT TEACHERS & THEIR DESIRE FOR WEALTH

GOD SAYS TO PAY YOUR TEACHERS!

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

THEY BETRAY JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT CONTENTMENT & SIMPLE LIVING.

6:17-18

CHRISTIANS WITH WEALTH SHOULD BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, GENEROUS & READY TO SHARE

6:15-16 "TO THE ONLY KING BE HONOR & POWER! AMEN!"

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT IN ROME

1 HOUSE ARREST IN ACTS 28 (SEE 2 TIM 4:13-15)

2 A LATER ROMAN IMPRISONMENT (SEE 2 TIM 4:13-15)

TIMOTHY, THE TRIAL'S NOT GOING WELL. I DON'T HAVE LONG. COME SOON. — Paul

MEANWHILE, IN EPHEBUS...

2 TIMOTHY

FOLLOWING JESUS INVOLVES RISK & TENSION

THIS IS **NOT** A SIGN OF JESUS' ABSENCE

IN DARK & DIFFICULT MOMENTS, JESUS' LOVE & FAITHFULNESS BECOME TANGIBLE & REAL

DEAR TIMOTHY,

1:1-2:13 ACCEPT YOUR CALLING...

1-5 I THANK GOD FOR YOU... & LOIS & EUNICE.

1:6-10 DON'T BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, OR MY CHAINS. COME SEE ME, PLEASE!

← NEGATIVE STIGMA

PHYGELUS & HERMOGENES (1:15)

GUESS WHO? IN PRISON AGAIN!

PAUL? FORGET HIM!

BIG RISK!

2:1-13 JESUS' GRACE IS A SOURCE OF POWER (2:1) TO BECOME LIKE...

SOLDIER

FARMER

ATHLETE?

PAUL

JESUS

SUFFER INTO YOUR HANDS...

2:11-13

"IF WE **DIED** WITH HIM, THEN WE WILL **LIVE** WITH HIM. IF WE **ENDURE**, THEN WE WILL **REIGN** WITH HIM. IF WE **DENY** HIM, THEN HE WILL **DENY** US. IF WE ARE **UNFAITHFUL**, HE WILL REMAIN **FAITHFUL**. FOR HE IS **UNABLE** TO DENY HIS OWN NATURE."

• COMMITTED TO SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES

• WILLING TO SACRIFICE & ENDURE FOR A GREATER GOAL

FAITHFULNESS TO JESUS COMES WITH A COST.

2:14-4:5 ...& DEAL WITH CORRUPT TEACHERS

THE RESURRECTION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE! (2:18)

OR

1 FOLLOWING GREEK PHILOSOPHY'S REJECTION OF BODILY RESURRECTION

2 DISTORTING PAUL'S THEOLOGY OF RESURRECTION BEGINNING NOW

BOTTOM LINE: THEY'VE ABANDONED THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION & NEW CREATION.

"APPOINT FAITHFUL PEOPLE WHO WILL TEACH OTHERS" (2:2)

† = GOD

FOCUS ON THE CORE STORY & MESSAGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

"THE SCRIPTURES ARE ABLE TO GIVE YOU **WISDOM** THAT LEADS TO **SALVATION** THROUGH **FAITH** IN THE MESSIAH JESUS. ALL SCRIPTURE IS DIVINELY BREATHED...

...& USEFUL FOR TEACHING, CHALLENGING, CORRECTING, & TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, SO THAT GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PREPARED FOR DOING GOOD." (3:15-17)

SCRIPTURE'S NATURE

GOD'S SPIRIT GUIDED THE AUTHORS, SO WHAT THEY WROTE IS WHAT GOD WANTS PEOPLE TO HEAR.

SCRIPTURE'S PURPOSE

4:6-22 CONCLUSION

THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS NEAR — COME BEFORE WINTER.

BRING MY HEAVY COAT (IT'S GETTING COLD!)

BRING MY SCROLLS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

WATCH OUT FOR ALEXANDER → (HE'S DANGEROUS!)

ALMOST EVERYONE HAS ABANDONED ME, EXCEPT JESUS WHO STANDS WITH ME.



TITUS:

- A GREEK CHRISTIAN
- TRUSTED CO-WORKER OF PAUL
- (see GALATIANS 2:1-3, 2 CORINTHIANS 8:23)



CRETE

PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS



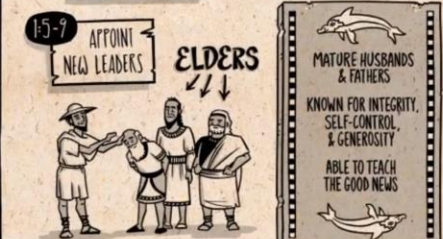
1:1-4 INTRODUCTION



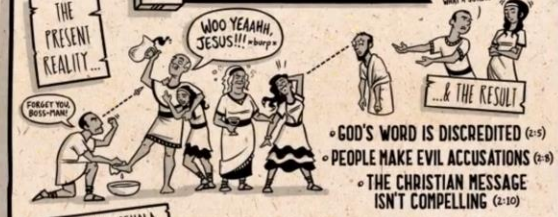
THE GOD REVEALED IN JESUS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT



1:5-16 TITUS' TASKS



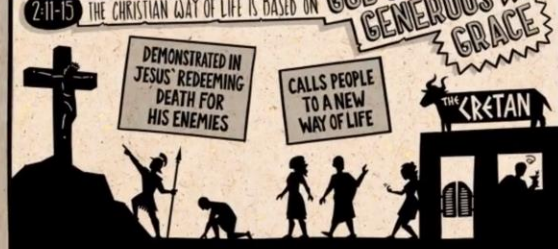
2 THE NEW HOUSEHOLD



THE CRETAN HOUSEHOLD, JESUS-STYLE



2:11-15 THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE IS BASED ON GOD'S GENEROUS GRACE



3 THE NEW HUMANITY



3:1-7 THE GOSPEL: A POEM





WRITTEN FROM PRISON
ONCE-UPON-A-TIME
**PAUL'S
SHORTEST
LETTER**
...& MOST

EXPLOSIVE!

THE MISSION:
GET PHILEMON
TO FORGIVE ONESIMUS
AND
EMBRACE HIM AS
A BROTHER

PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILEMON

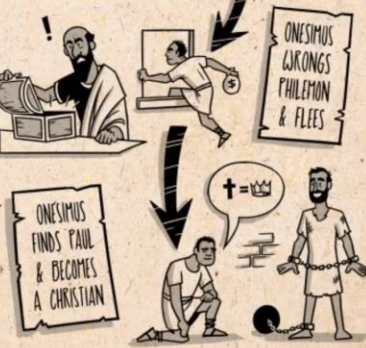
- THE ONLY LETTER WHERE PAUL DOESN'T TALK ABOUT JESUS' DEATH & RESURRECTION... BECAUSE HE'S ACTING IT OUT.

- THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOOD NEWS ARE PERSONAL, BUT NEVER PRIVATE: JESUS' FAMILY IS A NEW HUMANITY OF EQUAL **PARTNERS** WHO SHARE TOGETHER IN GOD'S HEALING MERCY.



vv21-25 FINAL GREETING

THE BACKSTORY:



vv1-7 OPENING PRAYER



GREEK: KOINONIA = SHARING, MUTUAL PARTICIPATION



vv8-20 PAUL'S REQUEST



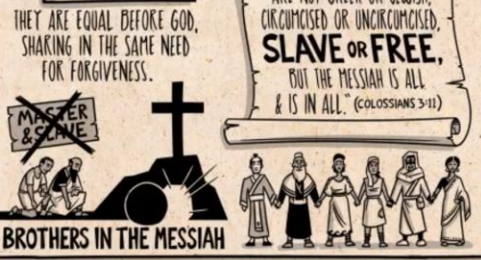
THE BOLD REQUEST:
"RECEIVE ONESIMUS BACK, NO LONGER AS A SLAVE, BUT AS A BELOVED BROTHER IN THE LORD."



1 RECONCILIATION:



2 KOINONIA:



AUTHOR: ?

- PAUL?
- BARNABAS?
- APOLLOS?



THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE
OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT
SCRIPTURE

AUDIENCE:



• SEE 10:32-34



2
MAIN GOAL

#1
ELEVATE JESUS
AS SUPERIOR

#2
CHALLENGE
THE READER TO
REMAIN FAITHFUL
TO JESUS
DESPITE PERSECUTION

JESUS
EQUALS...

GOD'S WORD

FOLLOW
GREAT MODELS
OF FAITH



ABRAHAM



MOSES & MT. SINAI



PRIESTS & SACRIFICES



THE WILDERNESS

THE PROMISED LAND



"THE RADIANCE" OF
GOD'S GLORY

JESUS
THESE DIETARY PHASIS
MAKE THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE
IDENTIFICATION BETWEEN
JESUS AND GOD

GOD

1:1-3

IN THE PAST GOD SPOKE TO OUR
ANCESTORS IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT IN THESE
LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US IN HIS SON

1-2
ANGELS & TORAH

SEE DEUTERONOMY 32:2

WARNING

ISRAEL'S LUCK

GOOD NEWS

3-4
MOSES & THE PROMISED LAND

WARNING

ISRAEL

PROMISED LAND

NEW CREATION

5-7
PRIESTS & MELCHIZEDEK

WARNING

REJECTING JESUS

REJECTING RECONCILIATION WITH GOD

8-10
SACRIFICE & COVENANT

WARNING

PERFECT SACRIFICE

11-13

ETERNAL PRIEST

DESPITE
HARDSHIP & PERSECUTION
GOD WILL NOT
ABANDON HIS PEOPLE

Extra
tips

#1
LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT
QUOTATIONS
(THERE ARE A LOT)

#2
THE POINT IS
TO FEEL A BIT
UNCOMFORTABLE,
BUT NOT
AFRAID

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MANY JACOBS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

SON OF ZEBEDEE
SON OF ALPHAEUS
BROTHER OF JESUS (see MARK 6:3)
SEE ACTS 12:15, GALATIANS 1:2
- LEADER OF THE MESSIANIC MOTHER CHURCH IN JERUSALEM
- LIVED THROUGH FAMINE, POVERTY, & PERSECUTION

A.K.A. **JACOB**
HEBREW: YA'AKOV
GREEK: IAKOBOS

THE LETTER OF JAMES

THE LEGACY OF JACOB'S WISDOM

A LETTER TO: ALL OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS

TWO MAIN INFLUENCES:

JESUS' TEACHING - especially the SERMON ON THE MOUNT
SEE MATTHEW 5-7

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS - especially CHAPTERS 1-7

SHORT WISDOM SPEECHES FULL OF METAPHORS & ONE-LINERS

1 INTRODUCTION

REPEATED 7 TIMES!
HEBREW: TAMIM
GREEK: TELEIOS
"WHOLENESS" & "INTEGRITY"
vs.
FRACTURED & INCONSISTENT

SUMS UP THE BOOK'S MAIN IDEAS & KEY WORDS

v2-4
LIFE'S TRIALS PRODUCE ENDURANCE & CAN MAKE US "PERFECT"

v5-8
GOD GIVES WISDOM TO THOSE WHO ASK IN FAITH

v17-27
DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD, BUT DO IT.
- THE TORAH OF FREEDOM
CALLS US TO:
• SPEAK WITH LOVE
• SERVE THE POOR
• TO BE WHOLLY DEVOTED TO GOD

JESUS' SUMMARY OF THE TORAH: LOVE GOD & LOVE NEIGHBOR
SEE MATTHEW 22:37-40

5:19-20 RESTORING OTHERS
SEE MATTHEW 18:15

5:13-16 FAITH-FILLED PRAYER
SEE MATTHEW 21:21-22

5:12 LET YOUR "YES" MEAN "YES"
TELLING THE TRUTH
SEE MATTHEW 5:37

5:7-11 PATIENCE & ENDURANCE
SEE MATTHEW 24:13

5:1-6 THE DANGER OF WEALTH
5:13-17 THE ARROGANCE OF WEALTH
ESTIMATED PROFITS
YOUR LIFE IS JUST A MIST!
YOUR WEALTH WILL ROT, JUST LIKE YOU!
SEE MATTHEW 6:19-21
SEE MATTHEW 6:28-34

4:11-12 CONDEMNING OTHERS
SEE MATTHEW 12:36-37

1:1-10 A DIVIDED HEART
SEE MATTHEW 6:24

3:13-16 TRUE VS. FALSE WISDOM
SEE MATTHEW 5:3-11

3:1-12 THE TONGUE
PRAISE GOD!
YOU IDIOT!
SEE LUKE 6:43-45

2:14-26 GENUINE FAITH
DEAD FAITH
SURE, I BELIEVE... STAY WARM, FRIEND!
SEE MATTHEW 7:21-27

2:1-13 FAVORITISM VS. LOVE
YOU GOT THIS!
SEE MATTHEW 5:10-18

2-5 12 TEACHINGS ABOUT WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION TO JESUS

1 PETER

WRITTEN FROM **ROME** BY **SILVANUS** (5-12-15)

TO: PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN **ASIA MINOR**

(ARAMEIC-KEPHAS) GREEK: **SIMON PETER**

ONE OF JESUS' FIRST DISCIPLES

KEY LEADER IN THE EARLY JERUSALEM CHURCH (see ACTS 1-10)

HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

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1 PETER

HOPE IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A MISUNDERSTOOD MINORITY, LIVING UNDER THE RULE OF A DIFFERENT KING.

PERSECUTION OFFERS A CHANCE TO SHOW OTHERS THE GENEROUS LOVE OF JESUS.

1:1-2 GREETING

HELLO, GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE **CHOSEN & EXILED**.

(see GENESIS 18-19; ISAIAH 41-48) (see GENESIS 22-24)

OLD TESTAMENT DESCRIPTIONS OF **ABRAHAM & ISRAEL**

COME ALONG! WE'RE A FAMILY!

GENTILES WHO NOW BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM...

(see 2:14, 18; 3:9-10)

1:3-12 SONG OF PRAISE

"PRAISE GOD WHO CAUSED US TO BE **BORN AGAIN** INTO A LIVING HOPE." (1:3)

NEW HOPE
NEW IDENTITY
NEW FAMILY

SUFFERING IS A **PURIFYING FIRE** THAT CAN DEEPEN OUR FAITH. (1:7)

1:13-2:10 A NEW FAMILY IDENTITY

OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES

1:13 "GIRD YOUR LOINS" SEE EXODUS 12:11

1:17-21 THE NEW EXODUS & PASSOVER SEE EXODUS 12-15

1:15-16 THE HOLY PEOPLE IN THE WILDERNESS SEE LEVITICUS 11:1-4

1:22-23 THE NEW COVENANT PEOPLE ISAIAH 40, JEREMIAH 31

2:1-8 THE NEW TEMPLE ISAIAH 28:16, PSALM 118:22

2:9-10 A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS EXODUS 19:1-6

2:11-4:11 SUFFERING AS A WITNESS TO JESUS

2:13-17 SUBMIT TO ROMAN RULE

2:16-37 CHRISTIAN SLAVES, WIVES & HUSBANDS

THE PROBLEM: HOUSEHOLDS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT & WORSHIP THE PATRIARCHS' GODS

THE RESPONSE: CHRISTIANS ARE LIBERATED TO LOVE THEIR ENEMIES

3:6-4:11 THEIR FUTURE VINDICATION

BAPTISM (No Title)

A SACRED SYMBOL SHOWING THEY ARE JOINED TO JESUS

PERSECUTED & MURDERED

VINDICATED & EXALTED

4:12-5:9 SUFFERING & FUTURE HOPE

REJOICE WHEN PEOPLE PERSECUTE YOU BECAUSE OF ME. (see MATTHEW 5:11-12)

JESUS' PROMISE

LEADERS TO CARE FOR THE CHURCH

5:6-7 THE REAL ENEMY: **SPIRITUAL EVIL**

"RESIST EVIL WITH FIRM FAITHFULNESS." (5:9)

5:10-14 CLOSING

MAY GOD STRENGTHEN YOU!

GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH IN...

BABYLON

ROME

ARCHETYPE FOR CORRUPT RULERS (see JEREMIAH 50:31)

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE EXILED FROM THEIR TRUE HOME

TO THE CHURCHES
ASIA MINOR

PETER'S
FAREWELL
SPEECH

2 PETER

I KNOW I DON'T
HAVE LONG!
(1:19)

NERO

2 PETER

...AND THIS IS THE
TRUE CHRISTIAN HOPE!

3:11-18
CONCLUSION

PETER'S
PASSIONATE CONVICTION:

GOD LOVES
THE WORLD &
IS DETERMINED
TO RESCUE IT.

HE MUST CONFRONT &
DEAL WITH EVIL TO
OPEN THE WAY FOR A
NEW FUTURE.

JAMES JOHN PETER PAUL

1 A FINAL CHALLENGE

1:1-11

GOD'S INVITATION
TO BECOME...

PARTICIPANTS
OF THE
DIVINE NATURE

GOD'S OWN
LIFE + LOVE

LOVE

DEVOTION TO THE
WALKING OF OTHERS

GOODNESS

KNOWLEDGE

SELF-CONTROL

GODLINESS

ENDURANCE

FAMILY AFFECTION

1:12-15

THE LETTER'S PURPOSE

A
MEMORIAL
OF
PETER'S
TEACHINGS...

TO LATER GENERATIONS...

1:16-20

OBJECTION #1:

YOU APOSTLES
MADE ALL
THIS UP!

WE SAW JESUS EXALTED
AS KING OF THE WORLD...

WHICH
FULFILLS
THE PROMISES OF
PROPHETIC
SCRIPTURES.

ISAIAH

ISAIAH

ZECHARIAH

2 WARNINGS ABOUT CORRUPT LEADERS' WAY OF LIFE...

2:1-3

OBJECTION #2:

THERE WON'T BE
A FINAL RECKONING!

2:4-11 THREE ANCIENT
EXAMPLES OF DIVINE JUSTICE

REBELLIOUS ANGELS (1 ENOCH, GENESIS 6)

THE FLOOD (GENESIS 6-8)

SODOM & GOMORRAH (GENESIS 19)

LOT
GOD DELIVERS
PEOPLE

2:12-22 THE TEACHERS' CORRUPT WAY OF LIFE

WE ARE
FREE IN CHRIST...
...SAYS PAUL!

PAUL

THAT'S
NOT WHAT I
MEANT!

IN REALITY, THEY'RE
SLAVES
TO THEIR BODILY
IMPULSES.

SEE ROMANS
chapter 6

THEY'RE LIKE THE PROVERB:
(26:11)

THE DOG

THE PIG

YUH!

3 ...& THEIR DISTORTED THEOLOGY

3:1-4

OBJECTION #3:

GENERATIONS
COME & GO...

WHEN IS JESUS'
PROMISED RETURN?

SO WHY DOES
GOD TAKE
SO LONG?!

3:5-7 THE UNIVERSE EXISTS BECAUSE
OF GOD'S INTERVENING WORD

OUR CONCEPT OF
TIME IS LIMITED

& GOD IS PATIENT

3:10-13 THE DAY OF THE LORD
SEE ISAIAH 34, ZECHARIAH 3

3:10 "THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY & THE
GREEK STOICHEIA WILL MELT BY FIRE..."

...SO THAT THE EARTH & ALL
ITS WORKS ARE EXPOSED

GOD'S PURPOSE:

1 "ELEMENTS"
THE UNIVERSE
DISSOLVES

GOD

2 "HEAVENLY
BODIES"
A QUOTE FROM
ISAIAH 34:4

NOT TO SCRAP
THE UNIVERSE
TO EXPOSE EVIL
& REMOVE IT

NEW HEAVEN
& EARTH

METAPHOR: THE SKY IS "PEELED BACK" BEFORE GOD

THE AUTHOR
"THE ELDER" → **THE DISCIPLE JESUS LOVED**
 (SEE 2+3 JOHN) (SEE JOHN 21:20-24)



JOHN
 • SON OF ZEBEDEE?
 • THE ELDER?



THE CRISIS
 • A GROUP LEFT THE CHURCH & DENIED JESUS AS MESSIAH & SON OF GOD (SEE 1 JOHN 2:10-23, 1:1-3)
 • THEY'VE GENERATED HOSTILITY (1 JOHN 3:9-10)
 • JOHN WROTE THESE FOR DAMAGE CONTROL & TO ASSURE THE CHURCHES.

THE LETTERS OF 1:2:3

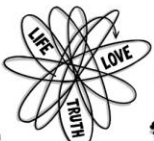
1 JOHN

KNOWING JESUS = KNOWING THE GOD of LOVE

THE UNIQUENESS OF 1 JOHN
 • NOT A LETTER, BUT A POETIC SERMON
 • ALL THE KEY IDEAS COME FROM JESUS' FINAL SPEECH IN JOHN chs.13-17

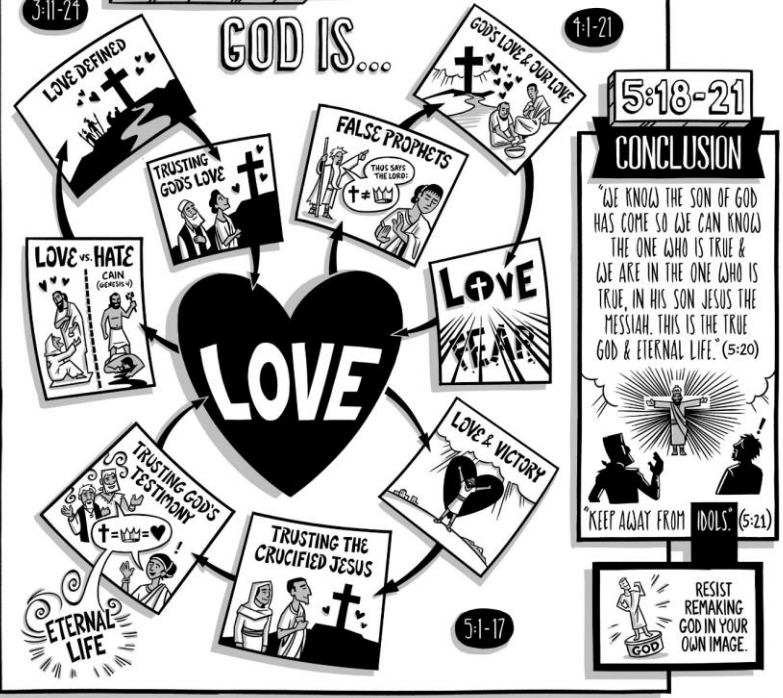
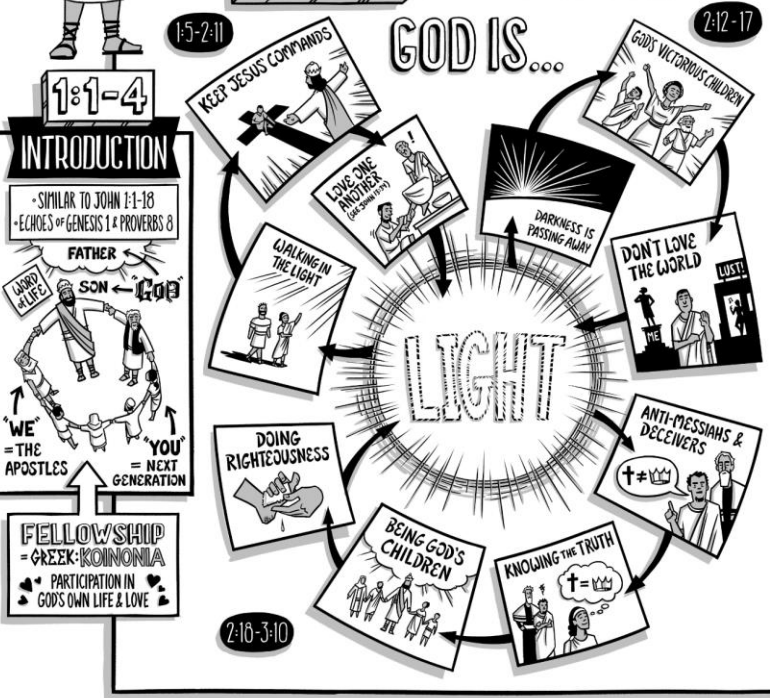
NOT LINEAR
 1:2, THEREFORE, but not 1:3, 5...

"AMPLIFICATION"
 • CYCLICAL REPETITION
 • HYPERBOLE
 • STARK CONTRASTS



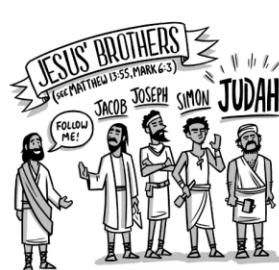
1:5-3:10 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...

3:11-5:17 THIS IS THE MESSAGE...



2 JOHN
 DEAR CHURCH, IF THE 'DECEIVERS' COME TO YOUR CHURCH...
 ...DON'T OFFER THEM SUPPORT.

3 JOHN
 DEAR GAIUS, WELCOME THE BROTHERS...
 ...DON'T BE LIKE DIOTREPHES.



AFTER THE RESURRECTION, THEY BECAME DISCIPLES, (ACTS 1:14) LEADERS, AND MISSIONARIES. (1 CORINTHIANS 9:5)



THE LETTER OF JUDE

AKA. **JUDAH**
GREEK: IOUDAS
HEBREW: YEHUDAH

GOD'S GRACE DEMANDS A WHOLE-LIFE RESPONSE
• JUDAH DOESN'T FOCUS ON THEOLOGY, BUT ON MORAL CHOICES
• **LOVING JESUS = OBEYING JESUS** (SEE JOHN 14:15)

vv1-4 OPENING CHARGE

vv1-3 **CONTEND FOR THE FAITH...**



1 **...BECAUSE OF THE CORRUPT TEACHERS**

WE ARE **FREE** IN CHRIST! EVERYTHING IS NOW **ALLOWABLE!**



THEY DISTORT GOD'S GRACE AS A LICENSE TO SIN...
...& REJECT THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS.

• WRITTEN TO A MESSIANIC JEWISH COMMUNITY
• ASSUMES DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEBREW BIBLE & OTHER JEWISH LITERATURE

WHY DOES JUDAH QUOTE FROM STRANGE BOOKS?



REMEMBER...

• ANCIENT JUDAISM WAS IMPERSED IN THE HEBREW BIBLE & MANY OTHER TEXTS INSPIRED BY THE SCRIPTURES.
• A BOOK DIDN'T HAVE TO BE IN THE BIBLE TO BE IMPORTANT
• THE APOCRYPHA (PSEUDO-CANON) & PSEUDEPIGRAPHA WERE VALUED AS PART OF THE BIBLICAL TRADITION

vv5-19 ACCUSATION OF CORRUPT LEADERS

vv5-10 **3 OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES: REBELLION & DIVINE JUSTICE**



• REBELS AGAINST GOD'S AUTHORITY
• SEXUALLY IMMORAL
• REJECT GOD'S MESSENGERS



vv11-13 **3 MORE OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES: REBELS WHO CORRUPT OTHERS**



vv14-16 **AN ANCIENT WARNING**



1 ENOCH ch 1

QUOTING FROM:
DEUTERONOMY 33:2
ZECHARIAH 14:5
ISAIAH 66:15-16

vv17-19 **A RECENT WARNING**



2 PETER 2:1-3

1 JOHN 4:1-3

PAUL 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

JESUS MATTHEW 7:15-19

vv20-25 CLOSING CHARGE

vv20-21 **CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH 101**

METAPHOR: COMMUNITY OF JESUS-GOD'S NEW TEMPLE



'THE MOST HOLY FAITH' = THE GOOD NEWS



1a OPENING

APOLYPSIS 0-1 **GREEK: ANOXYGNOUS**

SYMBOLIC VISIONS

A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, EZRA, JEREMIAH)

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

LETTER (0.9.22.22)

SENT TO 7 CHURCHES

ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM

PROPHECY (0.3)

GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET

BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

JOHN

THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?

THE REVELATION OF JESUS



A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH

THAT REVEALS

HISTORY'S PATTERN: ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED

GOD'S PROMISE: JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE REVELATION 1)

EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

TRIBUTATION (2.9-10)

PERSECUTION

APATHY

IMMORALITY

COMPROMISE

FAITHFULNESS

THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (chs 21-22)

6-10 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY!

MESSAGE OF THE PROPHECY (ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 1, DANIEL 7)

ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?

THE LION OF JUDAH! THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11.1)

SEES HEARS

THE SACRIFICED LAMB

GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH (WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES)

HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL

ch7 THE LAMB'S ARMY

MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the 144,000

MILITARY CENSUS = 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)

THEY CAN!

THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

REST A LITTLE LONGER...

WHO CAN STAND?!

THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2)

HOW LONG, O LORD?

THE LAMB'S SCROLL

MEASURE THE TEMPLE

THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 7-12)

THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)

THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12.10)

THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12)

THE LAMB'S ARMY

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14.6)

THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE NEW JERUSALEM

THE CHOICE

RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB

OR FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

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BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER

ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD

BLIND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES DESCRIBING BABYLON, TYRE & EDOM (ISAIAH 13.23-34, 47; EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

THE FINAL BATTLE I (19.11-21)

ARMAGEDDON IS NOT A BLOODBATH

JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES SO NOW HE WILL THEM UNACCOUNTABLE

JUSTICE

THE MARTYRS REIGN

FOR 1,000 YEARS

THE FINAL BATTLE II (20.8-15)

THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY CONQUERED

LITERAL SEQUENCE

1,000 YEAR KINGDOM

JESUS' RETURN

FINAL JUDGEMENT

THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS' PRESENT VICTORY

TWO BATTLES = JESUS' RETURN FROM TWO ANGLES

THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW (21.5)

ALL CREATION TEMPLE & GOD'S LAMB

HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1.27-28)

KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES

NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65-67)

NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)

NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)