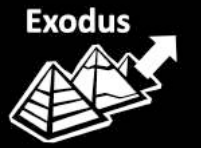




The beginning of the world, the beginning of sin, the beginning of God's rescue plan, the beginning of God's people...but not the beginning of God.

Genesis

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1



God rescues His people from slavery in Egypt.

Exodus

"God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:14



God shows Himself to be Holy and calls His people to be holy (or set apart) from the nations around them. He is their God and they are to be His people.

Leviticus

"Be holy because I the Lord your God am holy." Leviticus 19:2b



God's people are in the Desert and God is leading them to the Promised Land

Numbers

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?" Numbers 23:19



God's people are on the edge of the Promised Land. Moses reminds them of the law and everything God has done for them. The book ends with Moses' death.

Deuteronomy

"Hear O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:4



God is faithful and leads His people into the Promised Land. God calls His people to full obedience, but . . .

Joshua

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



In the book of Judges, God's people go through a cycle of disobedience. They disobey, they confess, God gives them a leader, they obey for a bit, then it all starts over again

Judges

"In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." Judges 21:25



In the story of Ruth we see God's sovereign plan to rescue His people and we see the first glimpse into the idea of the redeemer who would one day rescue us.

Ruth

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God" Ruth 1:16b



1 & 2 Samuel tell the story of Israel and their desire to have a king to rule over them. This point in history points to our need for a Forever King in Jesus.

1 & 2 Samuel

"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." 2 Samuel 7:16



As kings lead God's people in Israel the people are pointed to Jesus- the Forever King who will rule His people forever.

1 & 2 Kings

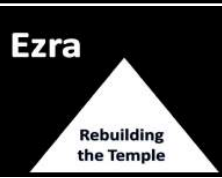
"Elijah went before the people and said, 'How long will you waiver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow Him.' But the people said nothing." 1 Kings 18:21



As Israel's history is retold the people are reminded of God's faithfulness despite their unfaithfulness and are called to repent and return to God.

1 & 2 Chronicles

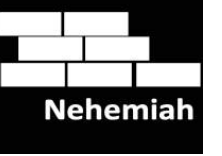
If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14



God is faithful to His people even while they are in captivity in Babylon Ezra and others are granted permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.

Ezra

"With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD : "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid" Ezra 3:11



God sovereign rule is shown as Nehemiah is granted permission to return to Jerusalem and help the remnant rebuild the wall around the city. The wall represents the truth that God's people are set apart from those around them

Nehemiah

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God" Nehemiah 6:15-16



God uses an unlikely choice (a Hebrew girl) to rescue His people showing His sovereign hand at work in all situations.

Esther

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14



Job is a righteous man whose faith is tested. He questions the situation, but remains faithful to God and God shows him that He is in control.

Job

"Then Job replied to the LORD : "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." Job 42:1-3



Singing praise to God teaches us who He is and what He is like

Psalms

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." Psalm 1:1-2



Knowing God should cause us to desire to walk in His ways.

Proverbs

"My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. My son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths." Proverbs 1:10 & 15



A reminder that without God everything is meaningless

Ecclesiastes

"Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" Ecclesiastes 12:13b



A collection of love poems between a husband & wife.

Song of Solomon



Isaiah reminds the people of Israel that all have sinned and turned away from God. He calls for repentance and points to the coming Messiah

Isaiah

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to His own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all" Isaiah 53:6

Jeremiah



Jeremiah called the repent to repent and turn back to God.

Jeremiah

"This is what the Lord says; He who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it - the Lord is His name: 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'" Jeremiah 33:3



Lamentations

God's people are lamenting (grieving) over their nation. Jeremiah reminds them of God's faithfulness.

Lamentations

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23



Ezekiel

God will give His people a new heart

Ezekiel

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." Ezekiel 36:26-27



Daniel

God calls His people worship Him alone and live for Him alone

Daniel

"I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions." Daniel 6:26-27

Hosea



God uses an unfaithful wife to teach the people about their sin.

Hosea

"Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall!" Hosea 14:1

Joel



God promises a day when He will pour our His Spirit and His people will return to Him

Joel

"Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." Joel 2:13



Amos

Amos speaks of the time that is coming when God won't speak to His people

Amos

"Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say He is." Amos 5:14



Obadiah

God promises to bring justice against His enemies

Obadiah

"Because of the violence against your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever." Obadiah 1:10

JONAH



God send Jonah to preach repentance and the people turn to God

Jonah

"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened" Jonah 3:10

MICAH



Micah prophesies that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem

Micah

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8



Nahum calls people to repent because God is going to judge the world

Nahum

"The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The Lord takes vengeance on His foes and maintains His wrath against His enemies. The Lord is slow to anger and great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished..." Nahum 12-3



God will even use evil nations to bring about His good plan

Habakkuk

"yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." Habakkuk 3:18



Zephaniah called the people to repent because God will judge

Zephaniah

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17



Finish the temple and obey God

Haggai

"For I am with you, declares the Lord Almighty. This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear." Haggai 2:4b-5



Zechariah tells the people that God is coming to live among His people

Zechariah

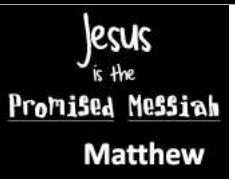
"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt the foal of a donkey." Zechariah 9:9



Malachi tells the people to wait on the deliverance of the Lord

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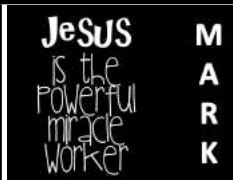
"My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to my name, because my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord Almighty." Malachi 1:11



Jesus is the ONE they have been waiting for

Matthew

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20



Jesus would die for all His people - Jews & Gentiles

Mark

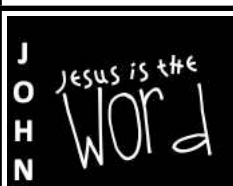
"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45



100% God + 100% Man - Jesus is fully God and fully man & He came to die for His people

Luke

"For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." Luke 19:1



Jesus is the "I Am" - He is God with us

John

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1



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Paul and others go on missionary journeys and tell people about Jesus

Acts

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8



Romans

Paul writes to the church in Rome to explain the truth of the gospel to them

Romans

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6



1 & 2 Corinthians

Being part of God's family means you work together to bring Him glory

1 & 2 Corinthians

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the twelve." 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Galatians



The people in Galatia were confused about the gospel because of false teachers

Galatians

"For I am with you, declares the Lord Al "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 mighty. This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear." Haggai 2:4b-5



Ephesians

Paul encouraged the people in Ephesus to live set apart from the world

Ephesians

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9



Philippians

There is nothing better in life than knowing Jesus.

Philippians

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21



Colossians

The Good News of Jesus affects every area of our lives

Colossians

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God to Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

1 & 2 Thessalonians



When Jesus returns He will judge the world

1 & 2 Thessalonians

"May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our god and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones." 1 Thessalonians 3:13



1 & 2 Timothy

Paul encourages Timothy to boldly preach the good news of Jesus to everyone

1 & 2 Timothy

"So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me His prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the Gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life- not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace." 2 Timothy 1:8-9a



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Paul encourages Titus to have the church teach and encourage each other

Titus

"You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine." Titus 2:1



Because Jesus has forgiven Christians, they should forgive each other

Philemon

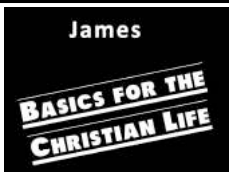
"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 6



In the Old Testament people believed by faith in the salvation the Messiah would bring.

Hebrews

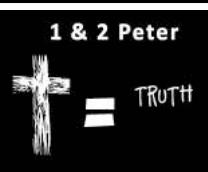
"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Hebrews 11:1 & 6



Show that you are a Christian by the way you live your life.

James

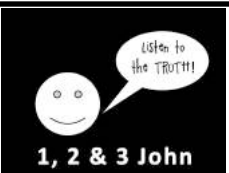
"Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22



Pay attention to the Word of God and live by it

1 & 2 Peter

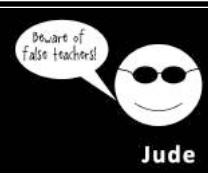
"He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24



Believers need to remain true to the Gospel

1, 2 & 3 John

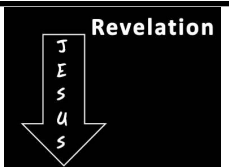
"This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ as come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God." 1 John 4:2-3



Jude warns people not to listen to false teachers

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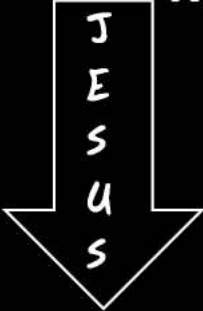
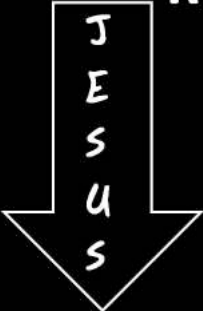
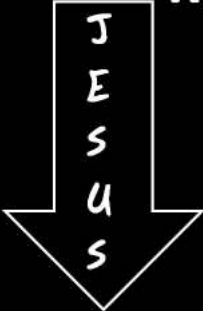
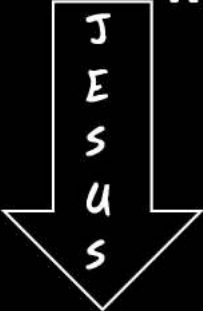
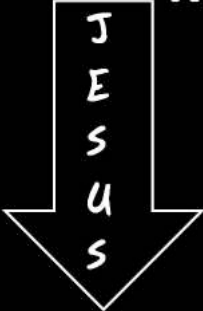
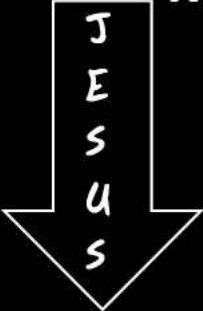
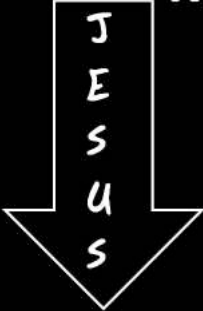
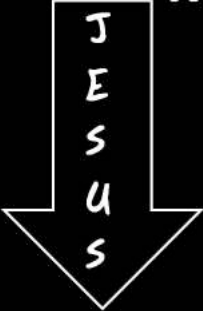
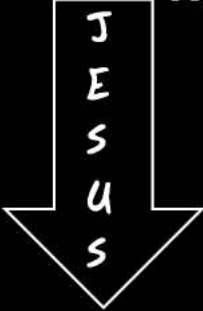
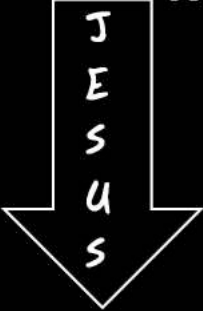
"But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, 'In the last times there will be scoffers, who will follow their own ungodly desires.'" Jude 17-18



Jesus is victorious - believers need to stay faithful

Revelation

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Revelation 4:11

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