

What's the Bible All About? 4 - The Greatest Gift – Jesus

Restoration – Preparation – Salvation (Gospels)

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primary purpose with one big theme, surrounding one glorious main character – Jesus
Question: How can sinners be right with God forever?

30 through 7 cycles of Sin, Suffering, Supplication & Salvation over a period of 3000 years to lead the people of God to a very LOW POINT in history.

1. “And in those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
The Great ‘I Am’ – Yahweh, leading them and serving as their King. But they wanted a king.

2. “They have not rejected you but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.” (Isaiah 65:2)
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3. Solomon

4. (1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles)

5. The 10 northern tribes called Israel or Ephraim, broke away – Israel (931 B.C. – Chazaniah).

6. The 10 southern tribes (Benjamin and Judah) called Judah – with the

7. This time called the ‘Divided Kingdom’ when all those major and minor prophets come back to God (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai)

8. Chazaniah

9. The Kingdom - **ISRAEL DESTROYED** – 722 B.C. – by Assyria – who conquers the Northern Kingdom away to captivity.

10. The Kingdom - **JUDAH DESTROYED BY BABYLON** – finally 605 B.C. began – 586 B.C. — taken to

11. Captivity! But when God moves He can use whomever He wants; they don’t even have a heart of a secular pagan king named Cyrus – King of Persia who conquered Babylon

... for the Lord made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward their hands in the work...”

... the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon

... he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

... blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem... so I was encouraged, as the hand of the Lord was with me...”

... then we departed from the river... to go to Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was with us from the hand of the enemy...”

... there is in the same time frame as Ezra and Nehemiah. Once again Satan makes his move, but God has already placed Esther exactly where He wants.

... ‘For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for you... yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom **for such a time as this**

... because the sovereign God works! He's the God of history - not just watching it happen - He's in it according to His purposes.

... don't just knock on His doors and start asking God to show you how He wants to use you right where

... He's doing, and He's not in a hurry. He's not just fulfilling His promise; He's working it out in His time.

... being still with God, *silent* never means *idle*. God was still on His throne and preparing our future history.

... He established Greek culture and a Greek language... so that the most important books of the Bible were written in a Greek language (Koine) that everyone in that day could understand.

... (70 B.C.) that followed put all the roads in place and established a measure of peace so that Christians could carry the good news of what God has done for us into all the world.

5 “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, to **redeem** those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

... Come...

and satisfied all that God the Father was looking for – as a perfect sacrifice and fulfillment as the perfect, final sacrifice... so that we could be right with God forever!

14:45-51

John 19:30 - "It is finished!"

redeemed. Not His life but redemption! The all-sufficient payment has been made.

planned from the beginning. Jesus came to die. He freely gave His life. No one took

this man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God. . . 'I

am the way, the truth, the life; no man comes to the Father but by Me."