

BIBLE OVERVIEW – 1

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INTRODUCTION

I want to tell you a story
It's a wonderful story
The best story you ever heard
It's the story of Redemption
The Bible tells us this story
I'm going to draw pictures and put them here to help you understand the story
You draw the pictures on your paper
There are 20 of these so make them small
But I want everyone to draw the same thing I draw.
It will help you learn what I am teaching
You'll remember it better!
Then you can teach it in your own church

GOD

The story I want to tell starts with God
When we read Genesis we see "In the beginning there was God"
Draw a triangle here for God
God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
God always existed
There was never a time when He came into being



1. CREATION – Genesis 1

There was a time when God chose to make man
He wanted to have fellowship with him
He wanted to make a beautiful world for us to live in



2. ADAM & EVE - Genesis 2-4

But He had to decide how He was going to make us
There are two ways He could have created us
He could have created us without a **free will** so that we would do whatever He said
Or He could create us with a free will so that we could choose to worship Him
If He gave us a free will, we would sin and then we wouldn't be able to be with Him
God decided to give us a free will so we could decide to serve Him or not

When I was a little boy, I had a wooden dog
I put a rope around that dog and pulled it around

It did everything I wanted it to do
Then when I was older, I got a real dog
That dog would be glad to see me, he would run up and lick me
He followed me and played with me
But sometimes he would destroy things and run away
Which of those two dogs do you think I liked best?
The real dog! Because, he could choose to love me.

God gave us free choice so we could **choose** to love Him.
But when we choose sin He would have to punish us and we couldn't be with Him
So what did He choose to do?
He had a beautiful plan
Before He even created the world He had this plan
He said He would make us in His image and give us a free will
Then He, Himself, would leave heaven and come to earth and pay for our sins
Then when we choose to disobey Him, our sin could be removed
That way we could still be with Him forever

Wasn't that a wonderful plan?
That's the story of Redemption in the Bible

God created the world and He created Adam and Eve
He gave them a free will and He put them in Eden
He told them they could eat from any tree except one
And you know what they did?
They ate from that one tree
As a result, **sin entered**

Satan tempted them and they listened
Satan came as a snake
God created angels also before the world
He gave them a free will
Some of them used their free will to rebel against God
They are the ones we call Satan and **demons** now
Satan wanted to be worshiped instead of God but he couldn't defeat God
He does everything he can to oppose God's plan of redemption
Because Adam and Eve sinned judgment was coming
Sin brings judgment

But God, Himself, intervened
They couldn't cover themselves with leaves so God killed an innocent animal
Innocent blood must be shed to cover sin

Genesis 3:15 tells us an important prophecy
It says that the Messiah would come



That Satan would bite His heel which would be a very painful wound
But the Messiah would crush Satan's head
But Jesus would one day have victory over Satan and crush his head
The battle between God and Satan had begun
That has been carried out throughout the Bible
God is teaching about Redemption
The Messiah will be victorious
His innocent blood will be shed

(summary) Sin came into the world but God created a way to deal with it
When God created Adam and Eve they were perfect
There was no sin
But when they sinned – sin entered the world
Then it spread to everyone
When we are born, we have sin in our heart
No matter what we do we cannot remove it
It is the problem with the whole human race
It is natural for us to sin – we can't keep from it
Because of that we cannot be with God
That is why God, Himself, said He would come as the Messiah
He would be the innocent blood that would be shed so we would be clean
Throughout the whole Bible there were sacrifices
That was showing that innocent blood must be shed for sin

3. NOAH & THE FLOOD - Genesis 5-10

Adam and Eve had children and they had children
Soon the world was filled with people but they disobeyed God so God sent a **flood**
But He preserved one man, Noah, and his family in the ark
They were saved from judgment
Noah didn't have to do anything but put his faith in God & obey Him
God is saying that those who have faith in Him are safe from judgment
Because an innocent substitute died, we won't have to die



4. BABEL – Genesis 11

After Noah people continued to populate the world
God told them to spread out, but they stayed together
They built a big tower so they wouldn't need God
But God sent judgment and changed their languages
That was the **Tower of Babel**
They had to obey and scatter everywhere



5. ABRAHAM – Genesis 12-25

God had been giving people chance after chance to use their free will to follow Him
But each time they disobeyed
Then God decided He was going to do something different to reach all mankind
He was going to pick one nation and work through them
That nation would show the world about God
God would give them His Book and His Messiah
Who did God choose to start that nation?



Abraham

Yes, He promised him he would have as many children as stars in the sky
But Abraham was old and didn't have any children
Finally he and Sarah had a son

6. ISAAC – Genesis 21-28, 35

What was his son's name?

Isaac

What did God tell Abraham to do with Isaac?

Told him to put him on the altar and **kill him**

Sin brings death

God was showing that we all need to die, that sin brings judgment

But Abraham didn't have to kill his son

What happened instead?

God provided a substitute

Abraham took his only son who He loved to a mountain

God took His only son who he loved to the same mountain

Isaac carried the wood up the hill

Jesus carried the cross up the same hill

When Abraham went to kill his son, God said, "Stop"

There is a substitute

But when God went to kill His son no one said, "stop"

Why not?

Was there a substitute for Jesus?

No, He is the substitute

This happened on the same mountain where Jesus was crucified

God was showing more things about redemption

He was showing that He Himself would provide innocent blood

When we accept His gift we are saved

He Himself will be our substitute for sin



7. JACOB – Genesis 37-50

The story continued after Isaac

Who was Isaac's son?

Jacob

Jacob saw a ladder going up to heaven

God was saying, "You will be able to be with me in heaven again"



8. JOSEPH – Genesis 37-50

Jacob had a son

Joseph, yes

Joseph was sold as a slave into Egypt

Then God had the whole family moved to Egypt because they were disobeying Him



9. MOSES – Ex, Lev, Num, Deut

For **400 years** the Jews were slaves in Egypt

They couldn't free themselves from bondage

Egypt was cruel to the Jews and treated them like slaves

Finally the Jews cried out to God for freedom

So God sent a deliverer to free them

Who was that deliverer?

Moses

When he was born Pharaoh **killed all the boys**

Satan was trying to destroy the line from where the Messiah would come

God preserved Moses and he grew up

God spoke to him in a **burning bush** and told him to go deliver his people

Pharaoh did want to let the people go

So God sent plagues on the gods of Egypt

It was God and Satan battling and God won!

Then there was one more plague

It was the worst of all

It was to be the death of each first born male

Those who would be safe needed to kill a lamb

It didn't matter how rich or poor they were, or how many good things they did

They killed it on their doorstep

Put blood on top of the door and on the sides



It was the same places where Jesus bled
The crown of thorns was on His head and the nails were in His hands and feet
After putting the blood around their door, the people had to go inside
If they weren't under the blood they would be under judgment
We are safe under Jesus' blood

The Jews and the Egyptians **both were under judgment**
Some thought they were better and didn't need it
Sometimes we think our sin isn't as bad as somebody else

We think some other people are worse sinners than us
But God says, "**All sin is sin**"
We are all the same in His sight
Every one of us needs Jesus
They had to go in under the blood to be safe
God was showing more about His plan of redemption
He was teaching about the Passover Lamb
The Passover Lamb was a picture of Jesus
Jesus was a sinless man in His prime of life
He shed His blood for us on the cross
The blood has to be applied for us to be safe

God is again showing His plan of **redemption**
Do you know what the word redemption means?
Redeem means to buy back
If a slave ran away and was captured, the owner would have to pay a price to buy
his own slave back
Once there was a boy who made a toy boat
He loved to play with a sailboat
He carved it out of wood and he painted it
He loved to play with it on the water
But one time it floated away from him
He couldn't get it back and he was very sad
Several days later he went into town
He saw the boat in the window of a store
There was a price on the boat
It was his boat to begin with but he would have to buy it back
He worked very hard and saved his money
Then he bought back the boat that was his
That's what redemption means

That's what God does with us
We were His because He created us but we ran away to sin & He had to buy us
back

What was the price He paid to buy us back?
It was the blood of Jesus
So God is adding to His story – teaching us more

I have a glass of ink
Stir it up
This ink cannot remove itself
It is like the sin in us
It is only when our sin is covered by the red blood of Jesus that we are free
Jesus' red blood covers our sin

The Jews left Egypt under Moses
God used His power to **deliver them through the Red Sea**

He took them to the **Promised Land**

That was God's place of special blessings for them but they never went into the land

Why didn't they go in?

They were afraid of the giants

They were God's chosen people and He redeemed them

But because they wouldn't fight fear they didn't go into His place of rest

There are many today who have accepted the gift of salvation but never have all He has for them as Christians

We have to follow Him in obedience to enjoy all His blessings

10. JOSHUA - Joshua

After Moses, God chose someone else to lead them into the land

Who was their new leader? Joshua!

Joshua took the next generation and they went in

They had to fight to claim what God had for them

If we are going to get what God has for us there are battles we must win

We have battles against sin, Satan and our own flesh

If we don't win those battles we won't have all God's blessings in this life

The Jews didn't have to fight alone God gave them Joshua to lead them

Joshua's name in the Old Testament is the same as Jesus in the New Testament

Joshua is an example of what Jesus will do as our deliverer

God is teaching that even if we have salvation we need to follow Jesus to have victory in our life

If we follow Jesus, God will lead us to victory



11. SAMUEL – Judges, Ruth

After the time of Joshua judges ruled the Jews
Deborah, Barak and Gideon led the people
It was a very dark dismal time in Jewish history
The people turned from God but He never turned from them
There are always a few that stayed faithful
The story of **Ruth and Boaz** is a special story of 2 people who stayed faithful
Ruth's family had lost all their possessions and land
They needed someone to buy it back for them



The Law said it had to be a kinsman redeemer to buy it back for them
It had to be a near relative
It had to be someone not in debt himself
They had to be willing to pay the price to free the land
They wouldn't get anything out of it – it was for the other
Jesus is teaching about the Messiah again here
To redeem us – He had to be a human being just like us
He couldn't have any debt – no sin of His own
He had to be willing to pay the large price for our sins
Jesus was willing to do this for us
God is teaching more and more about redemption



12. SAUL – 1 Samuel

Following the judges the people were ruled by kings
God didn't want them to have kings because He was their King
But they didn't follow God
They wanted a king like all the other nations, they wanted to be like everyone else
They had three kings
Who was the first king?
Saul. Saul had no heart for God
He didn't follow God.



13. DAVID – 2 Samuel, Psalms

Who was the second king?
David, yes
He had a whole heart for God
He wasn't perfect but he confessed his sin and was forgiven
David wrote many songs about the Messiah
God said the Messiah would be from his family and sit on his throne forever
God is teaching more about the Messiah

14. SOLOMON – 1 Kings, Prov, Eccl, Song of Sol

Then there was one more king Solomon
He had half a heart for God
Sometimes he followed, sometimes he didn't

15. SPLIT – 2 Kings, 1, 2 Chronicles

After these kings something awful happened to the nation
They divided into north and south
In the north there were ten tribes
Their kings never followed God
In the south, two tribes
Some of their kings followed God for a little bit



16. PROPHETS - all

God sent prophets to warn the people that He would judge them for their sin
They told them they needed to turn back to God or judgment would come
And the also told many things in the future about what would happen when the
Messiah came



They gave prophecies about where the Messiah would be born & what He would do
Even though most of the people were unfaithful, a few still obeyed God
God stayed faithful to His plan

17. ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY (North)

Then the northern tribes went into captivity in Assyria
They never came back
The Godly people in the north moved to the south



18. BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY (south) – Jeremiah, Lamentations

Soon the south went into captivity in Babylon
Some would return after 70 years



19. DANIEL – Daniel, Ezekiel

Daniel was one of the ones taken into captivity to Babylon
Daniel gave many prophases about the Messiah
And he wrote about how He would return to earth in the end times
Ezekiel was in Babylon as well



20. EZRA – Ezra, Haggai, Zech, Neh, Mal

After awhile some of the people went back to the land and lived there
Zerubbabel led some back
So did **Ezra** and **Nehemiah**
They rebuilt the walls and the temple



21. 400 SILENT YEARS

And they waited for **400 years**
I have four dots for 400 years
They were just waiting for God to decide to come



CONCLUSION

So we see in our story what God is doing
Because He created us with a free will we sin and that sin must be paid for
Blood had to be shed to pay for our sins
It will be war between God and Satan until the end
Those who put their faith in God would be saved
We all deserve to die but God provided a substitute
That would be His son
And the Passover Lamb shows even more
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Do you believe that?
Amen!
We'll finish our story after we take a break



