

THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF THE AGES

'AS TRULY AS I LIVE ALL THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF THE LORD'—Num. 14:21
'AND THE LORD SHALL BE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH'—Zech. 14:9

1. IN THE BEGINNING

- Creation in 6 literal days *Gen. 1:5; Ex. 31:17.*
- Formation of man — a "living soul" *Gen. 2:7.*
- Simple law in Eden *Gen. 2:16, 17.*
- Serpent the most subtle ANIMAL created *Gen. 3:1, 14; 2 Cor. 11:3.*
- Serpent beguiles with mixture of truth and error — the first lie *Gen. 3:4, 5.*
- 3 lusts excited — inherent in all descendants *Gen. 3:6; 1 Jn. 2:16; Rom. 5:12-21.*
- God enforces the law of sin and death *Gen. 3:17-19; Rom. 5:12, 21; 6:23; 8:2.*

FIRST GREAT PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

- **Gen. 3:15**
- **WOMAN'S seed** — those who think like the woman, after the Spirit *Gen. 3:2, 3; esp. Jesus Gal. 4:4; Lk. 1:35.*
- **SERPENT'S seed** — those carnally minded, who think like the serpent *Gen. 3:4-5; adversaries of Truth Mat. 12:34; 23:33.*
- **ENMITY** to exist between them, but at the end the woman's seed to conquer *Rom. 8:5-8; 16:20; 1 Cor. 15:24-28, 54-57.*
- Covered with skins—not fig leaves *Gen. 3:21*
- Driven from tree of life *Gen. 3:22-23.*
- **2 SEEDS** — Cain kills Abel — the enmity *Gen. 4:8; Seth, the resurrected seed of woman Gen. 4:25.*

4. THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

- **Gen. 12:1; Acts 7:1-8.**
- God made promises to him following his faith and obedience.

SECOND GREAT PROMISE OF LAND INHERITANCE

- *Gen. 12:2-3; 13:14; 15:18; 22:16-18.*
- Promise repeated to Isaac *Gen. 26:3-4,* and Jacob *Gen. 28:3-4, 13-14.*

ELEMENTS OF THE PROMISE

1. Abraham to become a great nation.
 2. Those who bless him, to be blessed and vice versa
 3. Abraham and his seed to inherit Palestine forever
 4. In his seed all nations to be blessed
 5. His seed to vanquish his enemies
- Promise not fulfilled yet *Acts 7:5; Heb. 11:13, 39.*
 - Jesus Christ—Abraham's seed through whom the promise fulfilled *Mat. 1:1; Gal. 3:16.*
 - Those baptised into Christ become heirs *Gal. 3:26-29.*
 - The blessing involves:
 1. Justification from sins *Gal. 3:8; Acts 3:25-26*
 2. Inheritance of land *Rom. 4:13; Mat. 5:5.*
 - Jacob's name changed to Israel = Prince with God *Gen. 32:28.*
 - His 12 sons and family go to Egypt.

7. PROMISE TO DAVID 2 Sam. 7:9-16.

THIRD GREAT PROMISE OF ETERNAL THRONE & KINGDOM

- Elements of the Promise—
- 1. Israel—to be afflicted and move no more
- 2. Jesus—Son of David & Son of God.
- 3. To build house for God's name
- 4. God's mercy to remain with the seed of David.
- 5. David's throne—eternal
- Promise NOT fulfilled *Jer. 33:14-15, 20-21; Lk. 1:32-33; Acts 2:30; Amos 9:11.*
- Resurrection—the basic teaching of the Promise *Acts 2:28-32; Rom. 1:8-4.*

9. CAPTIVITY

- 10 Tribes — Israel taken into Assyria 721 B.C.
- 2 Tribes — Judah taken into Babylon 586 B.C.
- Zeedekiah—last king on David's throne. God decrees no more Davidic kings UNTIL Messiah, —"whose right it is" *Ezek. 21:25-27; Jn. 18:36-37.*

6. 400 YEARS UNDER JUDGES

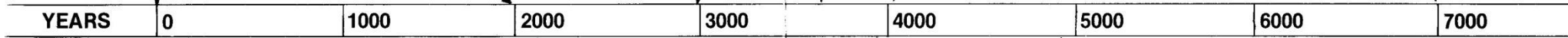
- Pattern of the times — Sin, Suffering, Saviour, Salvation.
- Samuel, the last judge, anoints Saul, the first king, then David *1 Sam. 16—*
- "A man after God's own heart" *1 Sam. 13:14.*

11. BIRTH & MISSION OF JESUS

- He is the seed of the woman, Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of God *Mat. 1:1; Lk. 1:31-35, 68-73; Gal. 3:8, 16, 26-29; Rom. 15:8; Acts 2:28-30; Gal. 4:4.*
- Coming of John Baptist, his forerunner *Lk. 3:4*
- Born of Virgin by the Holy Spirit = the power of God *Lk. 1:35; Mat. 1:18-23*
- Lived sinless life though tried like men *2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22-24*
- Died to destroy sin and open the way of life *Rom. 8:3-4; Heb. 2:14.*
- Raised by God; sin has no more dominion over him *Acts 2:24; Rom. 6:9-10*
- Commands belief of gospel (involves the great covenants of promise *Gal. 3:8; Eph. 2:12*) and baptism into His Name for salvation *Mk. 16:15-16; Rom. 5:12-21; 6:3-4.*
- Ascended to God and is now High Priest and Mediator *Psa. 110:1-4; Acts 1:11; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 2:17-18.*
- In heaven UNTIL Gentile times fulfilled *Acts 3:19-21; Lk. 21:24*

15. EVENTS AT END OF 1000 YEARS

- Rev. 20:7-15.
- Immortal rulers withdraw to Jerusalem
- Sin, inherent in flesh, asserts itself in nations —rebellion (*Isa. 26:9-10* the same principle applies)
- Jerusalem besieged
- Rebels destroyed by God
- Final resurrection of those who die during 1000 yrs
- Judgement: righteous given life and wicked destroyed
- No more sin, death, suffering or mortality *Rev. 20:7-15; 21:1-7*
- "GOD ALL AND IN ALL" *1 Cor. 15:28; Num. 14:21; Zech. 14:9.*



2. ANTAGONISM BETWEEN 2 CLASSES

- Descendants of Cain and Seth *Gen. 4:17-26.*
- Enoch condemns ungodly but evil prevails *Gen. 5:24; Jude 14; Gen. 6:4-5, 12-13.*
- God sends the flood *Gen. 6:17*
- Noah, 3 sons and their wives saved by water *1 Pet. 3:20-21.*
- A new beginning *Gen. 9:1.*
- Shem continues the lineage of the woman's seed *Gen. 9:26-27; 11:10-32.*

3. TOWER OF BABEL

- Symbol of organised rebellion *Gen. 11:2-9.*
- Tongues confused and men scattered abroad.

5. 400 YRS. AFFLICTION — REDEMPTION FROM EGYPT

- Israel afflicted in Egypt *Gen. 15:14; Ex. 2:23-24.*
- God purposes to deliver them by Moses *Ex. 3:4-10*
- God punishes Egypt with 10 plagues *Ex. 7-12.*
- Salvation by the Passover lamb and Red Sea crossing *Ex. 12-15.*
- 40 yrs. wandering in wilderness — Numbers
- Mosaic Law, Tabernacle Worship given by God at Mt. Sinai *Ex. 19-34; Lev.; Deut.*
- Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land and the Canaanites are subdued — Josh.

8. THE KINGDOM DIVIDED 1 Kings 12.

- 2 Tribes in South ruled by David's seed called Judah. There were good and bad kings.
- 10 Tribes in North. Jeroboam, the first king established idolatry and all Israel's kings followed his evil ways *1 Kgs. 1:25-33.*

10. 600 YEARS OF DOMINATION

- 4 Great World Empires— *Dan. 2:37-40.*
- 1. By Babylon ► 536 B.C.
- 2. By Persia ► 323 B.C.
- 3. By Greece ► 165 B.C.
- 4. Rome in Israel at Christ's birth *Dan. 2, 8, 11*

12. THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

- God is taking out of nations a people for His name *Acts 15:14*
- Perversion of the Gospel foretold and the Rise of Apostasy headed by Roman Catholicism *2 Thess. 2:1-12; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Acts 20:28-39; Rev. 17; Dan. 7, 8, 11.*
- Revival of Truth prior to the Second Coming *Dan. 12:4; 1 cor. 15:51-52*

13. SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING

- Regathering of Israel *Jer. 30-33*
- Russia—confederating power in north with designs on the Middle East *Ezek. 38*
- Worldwide political chaos *Dan. 12:1; Rev. 11:15; Lk. 21:25*
- Proliferation of arms and preparations for war *Joel 3:9-11*
- Unparalleled immorality "as in the days of Noah" *2 Tim. 3:1-13; Mat. 24:37-39*
- "Watch ye therefore" *Mk. 13:35-37; Rev. 16:15; 22:12*

14. EVENTS FOLLOWING CHRIST'S RETURN

- Literal, visible bodily return of Christ *Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7*
- Resurrection and regathering of those responsible to him by knowledge of the Gospel *1 Thess. 4:14-17; 2 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 11:15-18; Jn. 3:19; 15:22-24*
- Judgment of the responsible into 2 classes; and the "sheep" given immortality and the "goats" die the "second death" *Mat. 25:31-33; Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:28-29; Lk. 13:24-30*
- Christ intervenes at Jerusalem where all nations are gathered *Zech. 12:3; 14:1; Ezek. 38:18-19; Joel 3:12; Rev. 16:16*
- Israel is converted by Christ and becomes preeminent nation *Rom. 11:26-27; Zech. 12:10-11; Mic. 4:7-8.*
- Christ's ultimatum calls nations to submit *Psa. 2:10-11; Rev. 14:6*
- Western allies submit *Isa. 60:9; Psa. 72:10*
- Catholic Europe and Russia subdued by force *Isa. 60:11; Rev. 17:13-14; 19:10-21; Dan. 7:22-27*
- Power and Kingdom of Christ extended to all the earth *Dan. 2:44; Rev. 11:15; Dan. 7:27*
- Jerusalem—world capital—centre of worship *Jer. 3:17; Mat. 5:35; Isa. 2:2-4; Zech. 14:16*
- Righteous laws from King Jesus bring unprecedented blessings of peace, joy, fruitfulness, long life, etc. *Psa. 72; Amos 9:13-15; Isa. 65:17-25; 30:18-26*
- Sin reduced *Isa. 26:9-10*