

God Is Love



In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. Exo 15:13

Lesson 100. One God, many epochs:

Creation

Q: who created the heavens, earth and every living thing?

Q: Why? A: To put His Glory on display.

Fall

Q: Did Adam and Eve TRUST God's instructions?

A: No, they chose, instead, to trust a LIE.

Q: Did God destroy Adam and Eve for their sin?

A: No, but he banished them from the Garden.

Flood and restoration

Q: Why did God bring a flood that covered the earth? A: Because sin, which entered the world when **Adam** and **Eve** chose to believe a lie, wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

Q: Did God completely destroy all humans? A: No, **Noah** and his family found favor in God's eyes, and God spared them.

Patriarchs

Q: What promise did God make to **Abraham**? A: To bless him to become the father of a great nation that would bless the whole world.

Q: Who was Abraham's only son? A: **Isaac**, who was born a miracle, and also God used him to test Abraham's faith in Him.

Q: Who was **Jacob**? A: Isaac's son, who God renamed "Israel" and became the father of 12 sons (the 12 tribes)

Slavery

Q: Why did Jacob's family move to Egypt? A: To be reunited with **Joseph**, and escape from a famine.

Q: What happened in Egypt? A: Israel grew into a large nation of people but then became slaves.

Redemption

Q: How did God rescue Israel from slavery in Egypt? A: He raised up **Moses** to lead them out

Wilderness

Q: Why did God cause the Israelites to wander in the wilderness for 40 years? A: Because they were afraid to

move into the Promised Land (they didn't trust that God would protect them from the people who lived there).

Q: What did God do for the Israelites while in the wilderness? A: His presence remained with them, He fed them (mana) and gave them His law (10 commandments)

Promised Land

Q: Who led the Israelites over the Jordan River to move into the Promised Land? A: **Joshua**.

Q: Who were the first leaders of the nation of Israel? A: Judges, beginning with **Othniel**, and ending with **Samuel**.

Q: Who was the first king of Israel? A: **Saul**, who was anointed by Samuel (who God removed from power because Saul disobeyed God).

Q: Who was **David**? A: The second king of Israel, who God referred to as "a man after His own heart."

Q: Was David perfect? A: Absolutely no. But he did have a repentant heart. David wrote most of the Psalms

Q: Who succeeded David as King? A: **Solomon** (who God named Jedadiah, which means "Loved by God"), who was wise and wrote Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon

Q: What happened to the nation of Israel after Solomon's reign? A: It was split into two kingdoms: Southern (Judah and Benjamin, where Jerusalem was), and Northern (other 10 tribes).

Q: How did God communicate with Israel? A: By sending prophets, such as **Elijah**, **Isaiah**, **Jeremiah** and many others, who delivered God's messages to the people.

Exile

Q: Why did God raise up nations to overthrow the Israelite nations, and carry them into captivity. A: Because they chose to rebel against God, and didn't follow His ways.

Return

Q: Did God allow the nations of Israel and Judah to be completely destroyed? A: No God remained faithful to His promise to preserve a remnant.

Waiting

Q: How does the Old Testament end? A: A period of 400 years of silence (no prophets), and the people of Israel waiting for their Messiah..

The Gospel in the Story (It's everywhere in the Old Testament, but this is a good summary of the good news):

"For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be his name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.' In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. Jeremiah 23:5-6