

A History of the Future

How the Bible fits together

Week 5

CYCLE 3: FROM JESUS TO THE NEW CREATION

THE DIVINE PROMISE (will and testament)

Promises to Israel

Isaiah 52:13-53:12



A Servant King promised

He will sprinkle many nations

Not humanly attractive to us; despised and rejected. Stricken by God?

Pierced for our transgressions. Led like a lamb to the slaughter.

Cut off from the land of the living... and assigned a grave with the rich.

Resurrection

Will justify many and bear their iniquities.

Reward: a portion among the great, division of the spoils of war.



ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
EZEKIEL



Jeremiah 31:31-34

The promise of a new covenant

The Law written on our hearts

Ezekiel 34:10-16

The promise of a Good Shepherd

Ezek 36:24-32

The promise of moral cleansing; the Holy Spirit; a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 37:24-28

A new 'David': an everlasting covenant of peace.

A new dwelling-place.

THE FIRSTBORN SON AND HEIR

400 years of silence between the return and Jesus' birth.



GOSPELS

Beth-lehem = 'House of Bread'

Luke 2:7

Mary's firstborn son.

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Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-34

Baptism of Jesus: God's Beloved Son on whom the Spirit rests

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus: the firstborn over all creation

The true image and exact representation of the invisible God

John 1:14

Jesus: the true dwelling-place of God on earth.

Rule: drives out demons; calms the waves; heals the sick; raises the dead; authority over sin.

Purifies the temple.

Population

12 apostles (cf 12 tribes of Israel) foundational generation (Matt 10).

Sends out 70 (72) disciples (Luke 10).



John 3:16

God sends his only son to give eternal life.

Matt 27:3-5

Judas betrays Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.



Mark 12:1-12

The Jews kill the heir to the kingdom.



Hebrews 4

Jesus enters God's rest at his ascension.



REDEMPTION AND THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

John the Baptist "*Behold, the Lamb of God!*"

EPISTLES

Like the Passover: believers apply the blood of Christ to their lives

1 Peter 1:18-19

A lamb without blemish or defect.



Heb 9:12

The blood of Jesus has eternal value... to cleanse the conscience - to serve the living God.

Baptism

Jesus' death = 'baptism' (without water).



Romans 6:3-5

United with Christ by faith – in his death, burial, and resurrection!

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Acts 1:3-8

Water baptism signifies baptism in the Spirit.

Why? So that we can serve God as witnesses in the world.

Pentecost

'The Father has poured out the Holy Spirit'

Jesus said: *"Streams of living water will flow from within him."* (John 7:37)

Ezekiel 47

A river of living water flows from the temple...

THE SANCTUARY

1 Peter 2:5

Like living stones *you are being built into a spiritual house*



1 Corinthians 3:16-17

You are God's temple!

Galatians 3:26-29

Who's included?

All kinds of people...Jews and Gentiles alike.

We are children of Abraham (by faith)!

THE LAW (Mt Sinai)

What law or rule do we live by?

The Spirit given at Pentecost (in the Upper Room)

A New Covenant with the Church



Romans 8:1-10

No condemnation from the law!

The law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death.

How? The righteous requirement of the law has been fully met by Christ.

The mind controlled by the Spirit submits to God's law.

For the 'obedience of faith' (Rom 1:5)

Galatians 5:13-25

The fruit of the Spirit

Keep in step with the Spirit!

Romans 14

New food laws... All food is good. Don't judge others!

Acts 2

3,000 were added to their number...(cf Exodus 32 – reversal of judgement)

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HOLY WAR

Entry into the Land

John 20:19-23

A foretaste of the new land! The Holy Spirit

“Peace be with you”!



Resurrection appearances over a period of 40 days (Acts 1:3)

40 years: 30AD-70AD (Jesus’ death to destruction of Jerusalem temple).



Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6

Fight against sin.



Fight against the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world.

Put on the full armour of God!

Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission

Make disciples of the nations...

A global task

FINAL REST

Revelation 18

The Fall of Babylon



Revelation

Revelation 20

The End of Satan

The Final Judgement



Revelation 21-22

The New Jerusalem

Eden-like city!

Ephesians 1

The times have reached their fulfillment!



All things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.