

Progress of Redemption Song

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Building and scattering and regathering His own,

'Til the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of His glory,

He's providing redemption through Jesus the Son!

Repeat

From Adam to Abram to David the King,

To the days of the prophets of old.

Through scenes when men prospered and scenes of great loss

God's plan for redemption led straight to the cross!

And He is...

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'Til the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of His glory,

He's providing redemption through Jesus the Son,

We're proclaiming redemption 'til His purpose is done!

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(You may want to watch this entire course at “Buck Hatch Library Progress of Redemption”)



Lesson 1 – Group Discussion

Group Discussion:

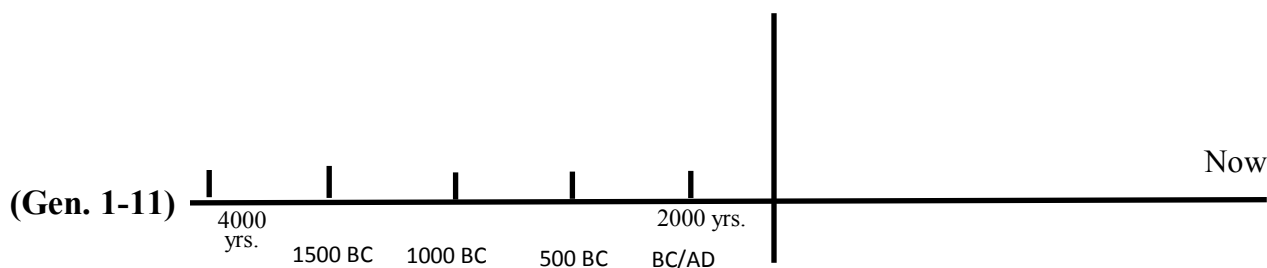
1. Mention anything from the lecture that:
 - A. Was a new insight
 - B. Was something you need help to understand
2. Someone has characterized a person’s relationship with the Bible in three stages. Choose the one(s) that best describe your own interaction with God in the Scriptures.

- A. **The academic stage:** You enjoy attending Church and Bible studies, but rarely read the Bible on your own.
- B. **The “dry cereal” stage:** You read the Bible because you know you should, but it’s dry and uninteresting.
- C. **The “meat and potatoes” stage:** Your time in the Bible brings you in touch with God, to nurture and shape your life with Him.

3. What challenges do you experience when reading or studying the Bible?

Questions 4—7 are meant to help us better understand the first lecture of Progress of Redemption. Feel free to bring up things about the lecture that were not clear.

4. Why is it important to gain the “big picture” of the Bible in order to understand the meaning of its parts?
5. Work together as a group to fill in the symbols of this “big picture” diagram from the lecture.



GROUP LEADER PASS OUT HANDOUT 1.

6. Help each other to understand the “big picture” diagram.
 - A. Why is the title of the drama, “Redemption?”
 - B. What is God’s goal in human history?
 - C. We have divided the Bible into two acts. Describe each act with the Scripture that defines it.
 - D. Why does “Progress of Redemption” begin at Genesis 12? What is the place of Gen. 1-11?
 - E. What happens in each of the three scene of Act 1?

Prayer focus:

7. How would you like for God to use this course in your relationship with Him? In what specific ways can the group pray for you in this regard?

Title of the play: **Redemption**

Act 1

God PROVIDES Redemption Through the **Nation of Israel**

Act 2

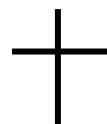
God PROCLAIMS & EXPLAINS Redemption Through the **Church**

Gen. 12 John
Acts Revelation

God's goal in history:

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

(Gen. 1-11)
Prologue



Now

Scene 1

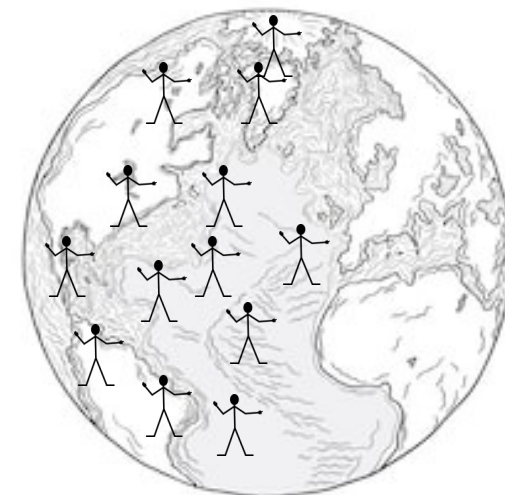
God **BUILDS** a nation
Gen. 12—1 Kings 10

Scene 2

God **SCATTERS** the nation
Kings 11—2 Chronicles

Scene 3

God **REGATHERS** Israel and provides the Redeemer
Ezra—John



Gen. 12 John Acts Revelation



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Lesson 1 – Homework

This homework is designed to reinforce the lecture and the group discussion.

1. Study “Handout 1.” Find someone to whom you can explain (or try to explain) this diagram.
2. Why do we begin “Progress of Redemption” with Genesis 12? What purpose does Genesis 1-11 serve?
3. God repeats his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Each time he speaks the promise he adds a different element to it. Read each of the promises below. Then write a comprehensive statement of God’s promise to build a nation and what He plans to do through the nation of Israel.

Abraham: Genesis 12: 2,3; 15:1, 5,6; 17: 3, 4,5; 18:18; 22: 17, 18

Isaac: Genesis 26: 2-4; 24

Jacob: Genesis 28: 13—15; 46:3

4. Habakkuk 2:14 states God’s goal in human history: “The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.”

The Habakkuk 2:14 theme is repeated throughout the Bible, especially in the Psalms, the hymnbook of the Bible. Read the following Psalms, and jot down whatever reinforcement they lend to Habakkuk 2: 14.

Psalm 22:27, 28

Psalm 33:8

Psalm 46:10

Psalm 72:19

5. Habakkuk 2:14 explains God’s goal for the earth: “The earth will be filled with the **KNOWLEDGE** of the glory of the Lord...” Jesus takes that idea further and tells **HOW** this goal is to be accomplished.

“This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matt. 24: 15.

Mention the various ways in which the church is **PROCLAIMING** redemption in today’s world. (use back)

6. Check out ACT 2, Acts—Revelation. Which of these books might be devoted exclusively to explaining redemption.

7. Think of the people God has used to shape your life for the better, and try to explain why. Now think of the people in your own network whose lives God desires to shape for the better. What names come immediately to mind?

