

HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible

Creation → Sin → Flood → Promise → Christ → Eternity

* God (creation), Adam and Eve, Noah (sin), Abraham, Moses, 10 Commandments



A. A new place of worship – the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:8-9)

- God gave specific directions for building the tabernacle (Exodus 25-40)

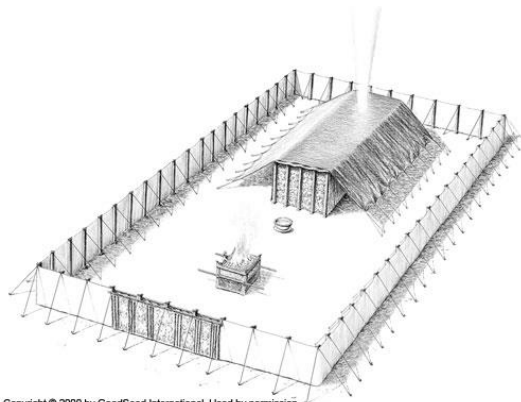
- The tabernacle was a place for worship and atonement for sin (Leviticus 1:3-4)

+ “atonement” = to cover temporarily (this sacrifice was to cover sin)

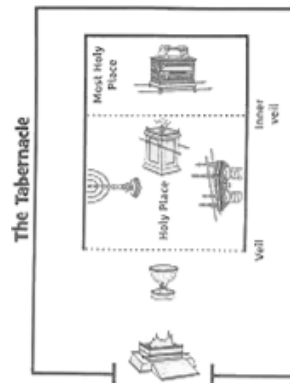
+ This was a temporary atonement until Jesus became the permanent atonement for sin.

* John 1:29, 1 John 4:10 (propitiation = to appease, cover permanently)

+ Israel was to look forward to the coming of Jesus, while we can look back. We no longer need the sacrifices due to Jesus being the final sacrifice for sin.



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- Comparison: What similarities are present when we compare the following events we have looked at?

+ God making clothes for Adam and Eve after they sinned (made out of animal skins)

+ The night when God protected Israel in Egypt from losing their firstborns (blood on the doorpost)

+ Sacrifice for the atonement of sin (Leviticus 1:3-4)

B. Israel became a nation and received the land promised to Abraham.

- The Book of Joshua is the story of the conquest and settlement of the land.

- In the books of Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, God used judges and kings to rule Israel including King David (2 Samuel 7:16, Matthew 1:1)

C. God inspired men to write prophecies about Jesus (the One promised throughout the Old Testament) 400-700 years before He was born.

- Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21-23 – Jesus' birth
- Micah 5:2, Luke 2:4-6 – Jesus' birthplace
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12, John 19 – Jesus' death
- Isaiah 53:10, Matthew 28 – Jesus' resurrection

About God: God is trustworthy – He keeps His promises.

God is all-knowing – He wanted the world to know who Jesus was when he was born by giving prophecies beforehand. These prophecies were all fulfilled by Jesus.

Big Picture: God continued to keep His promise to Abraham. Israel is an established nation.

- Of the 3 major promises to Abraham (father of a great nation, land, blessing the whole earth), the only one remaining is that this nation (Israel) would bless the whole earth.

Application:

Israel and the world could only look forward to the coming of Jesus. Sin could only be temporarily atoned for. They had to trust that God would fulfill His promises.

Today, We can see all the prophecies about Jesus were true and because of Jesus' sacrifice, we can have our sin forgiven and have peace with God!