HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible

Creation \rightarrow Sin \rightarrow Flood \rightarrow Promise \rightarrow <u>Jesus</u> \rightarrow Eternity

* God (creation) Adam and Eve, Noah (sin), Abraham, Moses, 10 Commandments, tabernacle, prophesies about Jesus

The Birth of Jesus (Matthew 1-2, Luke 2:1-2)

A. Matthew 1:1 – What is being fulfilled in this verse?

- B. What indications in the following verses show that Jesus' birth was unique?
 - Matthew 1:20
 - Matthew 1:22, 2:4-6
 - Luke 2:8-14
- C. What names were given to Jesus to describe who He was?
 - "Christ" (Matthew 1:18) = anointed one, (OT) Messiah the one who was prophesied to be the Savior of Israel.
 - "Immanuel" (Matthew 1:23) = God with us
 - "Savior" (Luke 2:11) = deliverer
 - "Jesus" (Luke 1:31) = God is salvation
 - "Lord" (Luke 1:43) = supreme in authority, master
 - "The Lamb of God" (John 1:29) = an illusion to the sacrificial lambs that were offered in the tabernacle

- Summary: Jesus was the anointed One who would offer salvation from sin as a sacrificial lamb, He was God with us in order to save us.

About God: God loves mankind and prepared a way for us to be with Him for eternity.

- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Big Picture: God's promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15) is taking shape. Jesus is the woman's offspring who will "crush the serpent's head. God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3) is being fulfilled through Jesus. The promised solution to the problem of sin has arrived!

Application: Since God sent Jesus to save the world from sin, we are included in that!

- Have you accepted that gift of Jesus' payment for your sin?

- Who have you shared this great news with? It's not just a Christmas story!

Joseph was warned by God in a dream not to go to Judea, so he took Jesus and Mary to Nazareth of Galilee	Matt 2:22-23	In Razareth Matt 2:19-21 I Luke 2:40 After Herod's death, an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph and told him to take Jesus and Mary back into the land of Israel into the land of Israel of God was upon Him."
Herod issued a decree that all children in Bethlehem, two years old and under, be killed	Matt 1:16	In Egypt Matt 2:19-21 After Herod's death, an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph and told him to take Jesus and Mary back into the land of Israel <i>rects</i>
An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Jesus and Mary and flee to Egypt	Matt 2:13-14	≥ ©
God warned the Magi not to return to Herod to tell him where the King of the Jews was born	Matt 2:12	
Magi from the east visited Jesus and brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh	Matt 2:1-12	
Jesus was dedicated at the temple, at least 40 days after His birth	Luke 2:22-38	
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given Isaiah 9:6	le la	In Bethlehem of Judea Luke 2:1–21
Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. In Judea Luke 1:39-56 Birth of John the Baptist In Judea Luke 1:57-8		In Nazareth Luke 1:26–38 The angel Gabriel told Joseph to take Mary as his wife
In the Temple, Zechariah was told by an angel that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a child – John the Baptist. In Jerusalem Luke 1:5–25		In Nazareth Luke 1:26–38 An angel announced to Mary that she would give birth to a child who would save His people.

Timeline of Jesus' Birth

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:11-12 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.