

HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible



Creation → Sin → Flood → Promise → Christ → Eternity

- God created all things. He designed humans differently for His purpose.
- Sin is falling short of God's standard – ultimately resulting in death (spiritual and physical)
- First mention of the future hope God promised.

A. Abraham – about 300 years after the flood

- God made special promises to Abraham - Genesis 12:1-3
 - * Abraham would (and did!) become the father of a great nation – Israel – v.2a
 - * Abraham's family line would be a blessing to the whole world – vv. 2b-3
- God tested Abraham's faithfulness to Him through his son, Isaac - Genesis 22: 1-14
 - * Why did Abraham obey such an unusual command from God? – Hebrews 11:17-19

B. Moses – about 500 years after Abraham and Isaac

- How does the Bible describe the growth of Israel (Abraham's descendants) in Egypt? – Exodus 1:7
- What was the Pharaoh's response to this growing threat to his nation? – Exodus 1:13, 22
- God's protection of Moses – Exodus 2:1-10
- Moses called by God to deliver Israel from Egypt – Exodus 2:11-4:17
 - * Who did God tell Moses to say sent him to deliver Israel? – Exodus 3:13-14
 - + "I AM" = Self-existent One – Genesis 1:1

About God: God has been at work in world history since creation.

-- John 8:58, Revelation 1:8

Big Picture:

- Several "foreshadowing" moments that point toward the coming promised hope for our sin through Jesus (snake's head crushed, Abraham's descendants would bless the world, ram substitute for Isaac).
- God is forming the nation through Abraham and protecting it. He is preparing the way for Jesus!

Application: As we see God working out his plan through the Bible, it should give us a new confidence that He is working in our lives today! – Philippians 1:6