

God loves ***you*** and wants a relationship with ***you*** and He wants ***you*** to have a relationship with His people – the Church!



## Creation: Genesis 1 & 2

God creates everything and mankind is ***created in God's image*** and God has a direct relationship with mankind.

### Days of Creation



## The Fall - Sin Enters the World: Genesis 3

Sin causes ***death*** and ***separates*** mankind from God (Romans 5:12, Isaiah 59:2).



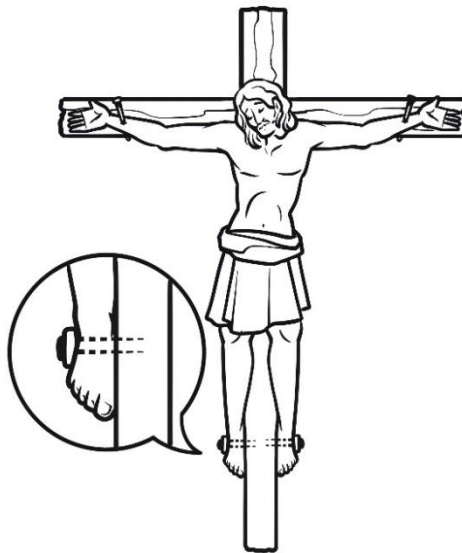
### The Curse and the Prophecy

- Genesis 3:14-15: The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and ***you shall bruise his heel.***"
- Genesis 3:23: ... the Lord God ***sent him out from the garden of Eden*** to work the ground ...placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.



### Roman Crucifixion – Nail Through Heel Bone

In the 1970s an ossuary (bone box) was found in Israel of a man who had been ***crucified by the Romans*** and a nail was found driven through his heel bone. Another similar heel bone with a nail from a Roman crucifixion was found in England in 2017. (See "***you shall bruise his heel***" above)



### Noah and the Flood: Genesis 6-8

Because the people are evil, the whole **earth is flooded**. Noah and his family are **saved** - Genesis 7:11: "all the fountains of the great deep burst forth."



### Tower of Babel, Confusion of Languages: Genesis 11

God said to "Be fruitful and multiply and **fill the earth**" in Genesis 9:1, but in Genesis 11, the people disobeyed God and planned to settle in the land of Shinar and build a tower. So, God **confused their language** and **dispersed them** over the face of all the earth.



### Abram/Abraham: Genesis 12-23

Three of God's promises to Abram/Abraham:

1. Genesis 12:2: **"I will make of you a great nation."**

2. Genesis 12:7: **"To your offspring I will give this land"** – land of Canaan.

3. Genesis 12:3: **"in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."**



**Genesis 15**

### Abraham's Test: Genesis 22

Genesis 22:2: "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."





**Abraham's Descendants Move to Egypt Because of a Famine:  
Genesis 45-50**



**Abraham's Descendants Increase Greatly in Egypt: Exodus 1 & Exodus 12**

God keeps His ***first promise*** made to Abram/Abraham – "***...great nation.***"



**God Rescues Abraham's Descendants from Egyptian Slavery with Plagues and Blood from a Lamb: Exodus 12**

Foreshadows salvation by Jesus' blood.



**God Rescues Abraham's Descendants from Pharaoh's Army: Exodus 14**

Fulfilled God's promise to Abram/Abraham in Genesis 15: "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions... And they shall come back here in the fourth generation..."

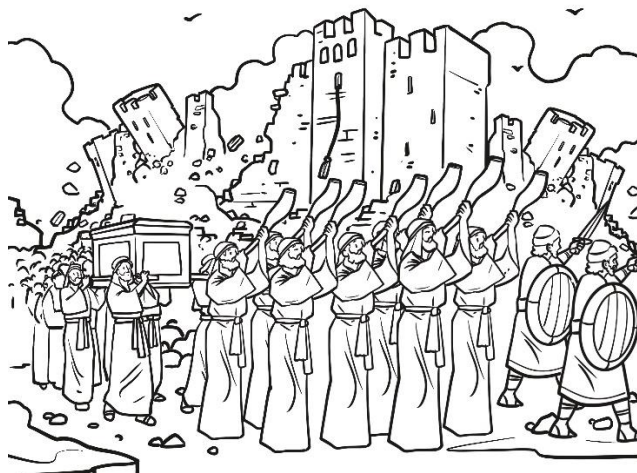


### God Gives the Law to Moses: Exodus 20 & 34



### God Gives the Land of Caanan to Abraham's Descendants: Joshua 6

God keeps His ***second promise*** made to Abram/Abraham – land of Canaan.

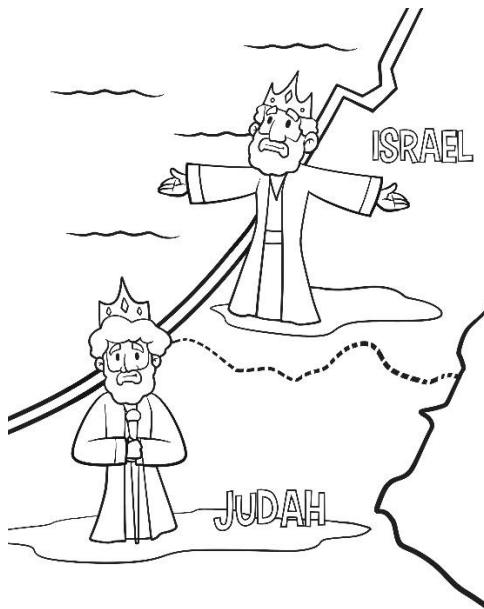




**Israelites Reject God as King and Ask for an Earthly King: 1 Samuel 8**



**Kingdom is Divided Because King Solomon Disobeyed God: 1 Kings 11-12**



**Abraham's Descendants Disobey God and Are Taken Away into Captivity:  
2 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 25**

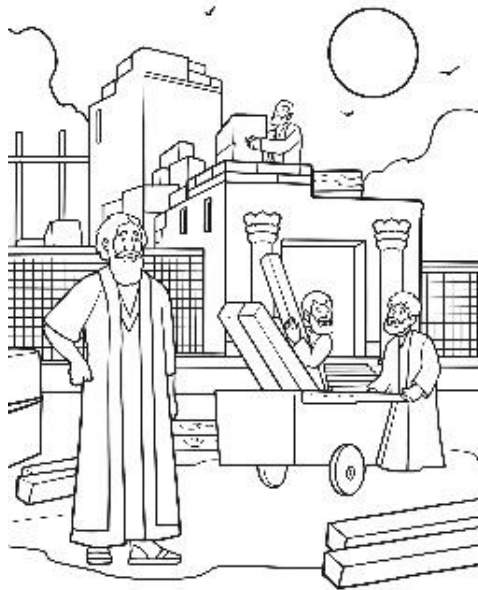


**Daniel Prophesies the Coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom During  
the Empire Which Followed the Greek Empire Which was the Roman  
Empire: Daniel 2, 7-9**

- Daniel 2:44: And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will ***set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed***, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and ***it shall stand forever***.
- Daniel 9:25-26: "coming of an ***anointed one***", who will be ***"cut off and shall have nothing."***



### Some of Abraham's Descendants are Allowed to Return to Their Homeland and Rebuild: Ezra 1



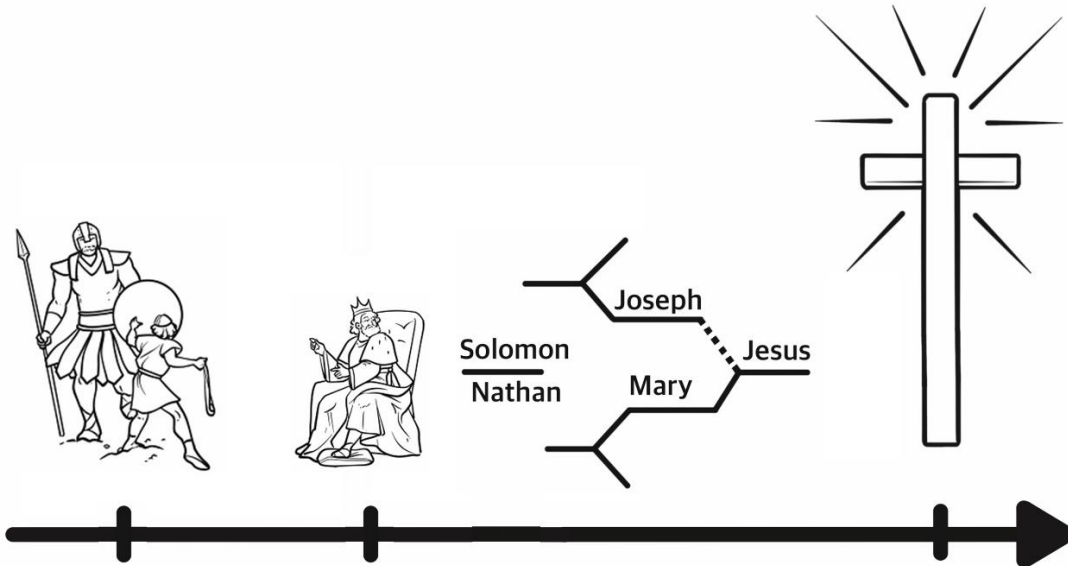
### Jesus the Messiah is Born in Bethlehem of a Virgin as Prophesied

- Matthew 1 and Luke 2
- Isaiah 7:14: the **virgin** shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
- Micah 5:2: But you, O **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, ... from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.



## God Had Promised King David that His Throne Would Be Established Forever: 2 Samuel 7

Jesus is descended from King David as noted in Luke 3:31 and Matthew 1:6, it is thought one lineage is through Jesus' earthly father Joseph and the other lineage is through His mother Mary.



## Wise Men Visit Jesus - Gifts of Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh: Matthew 2

Myrrh is often used for embalming deceased bodies.

Through **Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and blood that people are saved**, as Jesus' blood cleanses people from their sins. (1 John 1:7, Matt. 26:28)



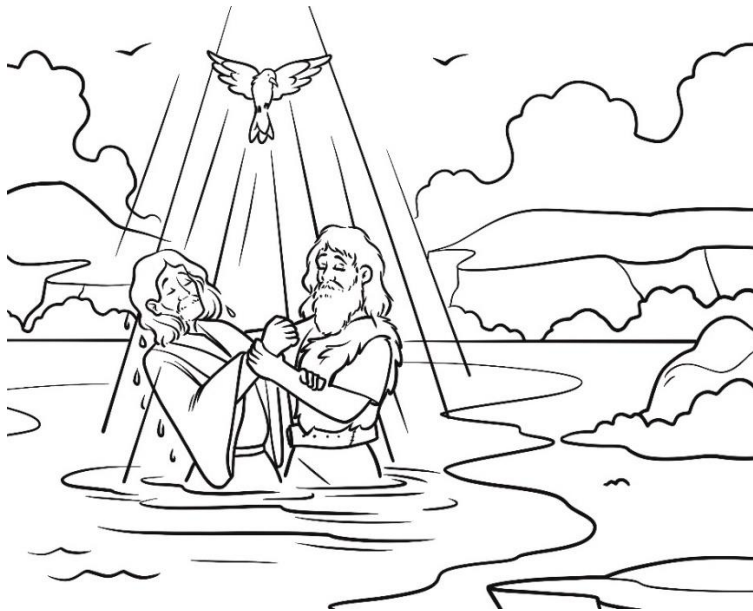
**Joseph is Told in a Dream to Take Jesus and the Mother to Egypt to Avoid King Herod: Matthew 2**

Prophesied about in Hosea 11:1: "out of Egypt I called my son"



**Jesus' Baptism: Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1**

A voice from heaven said, "This is my **beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased."





**Jesus Tells the Samaritan Woman that He is the Messiah: John 4:26**

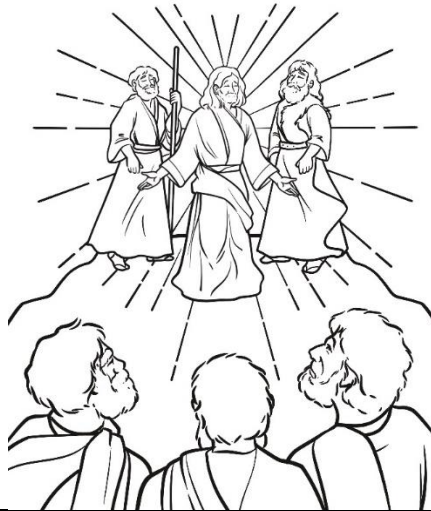


**Jesus Performs Many Miracles –  
Matthew 14, John 2, Matthew 8, John 11**



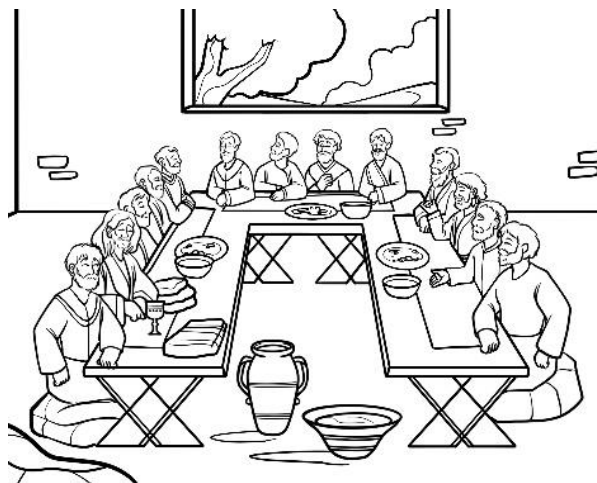
### Jesus' Transfiguration: Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; ***listen to him.***"



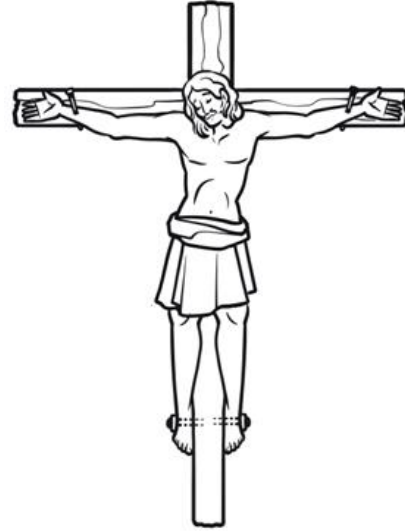
### Last Supper: Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22 and John 13

- Jesus institutes communion.
- ***Unleavened bread represents Jesus' body.*** Leaven represents sin in the bible (1 Corinthians 5:6-8). Unleavened bread indicates Jesus body had no sin. Jesus was perfect and was the perfect sacrifice.
- ***Cup represents Jesus' blood.*** Jesus' blood cleanses us from our sins.
- Jesus washes disciples' feet dressed as a slave.



## Jesus is Crucified: Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23 and John 19

- Crucified as prophesied in Isaiah 53:  
despised, rejected, carried our sorrows,  
pierced for our transgression, crushed for  
our iniquities, like a lamb that is led to  
slaughter, numbered with transgressors.
- Jesus' bones were **not broken** as  
prophesied in Psalm 34:20.
- The soldiers **cast lots** for Jesus garments  
as prophesied in Psalm 22:18.
- Jesus crucified in the **same place** as  
Abraham was instructed to sacrifice Isaac.



## Jesus is Resurrected: Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20

Fulfills prophecy of Psalm 16:10 and Isaiah 53:10-11.

Mankind can now have a **relationship** with God through Jesus  
(Romans 5:10).



## Jesus Ascends into Heaven –

### Mark 16, Luke 24, Acts 1

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:15-16)



### Day of Pentecost: Acts 2

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, **what shall we do?**” And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:37-38)

Fulfilled prophecy, “And afterward, I will ***pour out my Spirit on all people.***” (Joel 2:28)

Fulfilled prophecy, “And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will ***set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed.***” (Daniel 2:44)



### Peter Takes Gospel to Gentiles: Acts 10

Peter taking the Gospel or the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles fulfills God's **third promise** to Abram/Abraham Genesis 12:3: "in you **all the families of the earth** shall be blessed."



For God **so loved** the world,  
that He **gave His only Son**,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but **have  
eternal life**. (John 3:16, ESV)



### Bible Verses to Consider

- "For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God" – Romans 3:23
- "So faith comes from **hearing**, and hearing through the word of Christ." – Romans 10:17
- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever **believes** in him should not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16
- For by grace you have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8
- And Peter said to them, "**Repent** and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." – Acts 2:38
- "Because, if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. – Romans 10:9-10
- "And now why do you wait? Rise and be **baptized** and wash away your sins, calling on his name." – Acts 22:16, Acts 2:38 (see above)
- And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and **follow** me." – Luke 9:23
- But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin**. – 1 John 1:7