

THE BIBLE FROM COVER TO COVER

1. THE CREATION (GENESIS 1)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth in seven days.

The first day He created the light.

The second day He created the sky and sea.

The third day He created the dry land.

The fourth day He created the sun, moon and stars.

The fifth day He created the birds and sea animals.

The sixth day He created the plants and land animals.

He also created humans in His image. Both male and female were created in that image and He told them to develop the world as He would.

The seventh day God rested.

2. THE MAN, THE WOMAN AND THE SERPENT (GENESIS 2-3)

God made a man first and named him Adam. He put him in a garden and told him to care for it. In the garden God made all Adam needed, but told him not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was in the center of the garden.

Adam was alone and God knew it was not good, so He decided to make him a companion. After Adam named all the animals, God put him to sleep. Then He made woman from man's side. When Adam awoke, he knew this was his wife and named her Eve.

Now a serpent was in the garden and he was devious. He led Eve to the forbidden tree and deceived her by saying if she ate the fruit she would become like God. After she ate it, she gave it to Adam and he ate it too.

They both became aware they were naked, so they hid! God found them and knew they had disobeyed Him, so He punished the serpent to be crushed by the woman's offspring, the woman to struggle under men and in childbirth and men to struggle with making a living.

God gave them clothes and forced them out of the garden. Because of this, death came to all and sin now ruled the human heart. Over many generations, they forgot about God and made up new ones, or stopped believing in Him altogether.

3. A WHOLE BUNCH OF WATER AND A BIG OLD TOWER (GENESIS 4-11)

Time passed and men increased in their evil doing all kinds of horrible things. God decided He needed to destroy man. Looking around He found one good man and told him to make a great ship. That man was Noah.

Noah listened to God, trusted Him and obeyed. After one hundred years of building the ship, God brought animals to the ship two by two. Noah and his family boarded just before God closed the door. The flood then came. Everything perished except what was on the ship. The survivors would father the ethnicities we see on earth today.

Generations later, they still spoke the same language and were still evil. Filled with pride, they gathered to make a monument to man's greatness. This monument was a huge tower in Babel. This offended God, so He scrambled their language. Soon the people gave up on the task and went with those who spoke their language and spread around the earth.

4. A FAITHFUL GOD PROMISES A FAITHFUL MAN (GENESIS 12-50)

Many years later, God came to a man named Abram and told him to leave his home and go to a foreign land. Abram trusted God and obeyed Him. When he got there, God told him his descendents would receive all the land that he saw. They would become a great nation and a blessing to the world. Abram wondered how this would happen since he had no son. To solve the problem, he had a son named Ishmael through his wife's maid.

With Abram was his nephew Lot (who Abram had to get out of trouble a couple of times). Lot found himself in trouble fleeing from the destruction of two cities called Sodom and Gomorrah. God destroyed the cities for their evil.

Meanwhile God did not accept Ishmael as Abram's son. Instead, God promised Abram he would have a son through his wife Sarah. God then renamed him Abraham. Sarah gave birth to Isaac one year later at the age of ninety. Twenty years later, Abraham showed his faith by obeying God's command to sacrifice Isaac on a mountain. God, after seeing Abraham was faithful, stopped him and gave him a ram to sacrifice.

Isaac received the promise God gave to Abraham. Later Isaac's youngest son Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him the promise. God would later rename Jacob Israel. After marrying

Leah and Rachel, they had twelve sons. Those sons would be the twelve tribes of Israel. The sons' names were Reuben, Issachar, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Zebulun, Levi, Asher, Gad, Simeon, Joseph and Benjamin.

Joseph was hated by his brothers because Israel loved him the most. They sold him into slavery and he wound up in Egypt. There he was wrongly accused of rape and was imprisoned. God was with him however, and Joseph would be there several years until he was released to interpret the Pharaoh's dreams. When he did so, he became second in charge of Egypt during a great harvest, and a great famine. During the famine, his family came to Egypt for food. There they reunited with Joseph and lived with him. There the Hebrews (as they were called) lived.

5. THE PASSOVER AND THE RED SEA (EXODUS 1-15)

Four hundred years went by and the Egyptians enslaved the Hebrews. God saved a baby boy from death by having the Pharaoh's daughter find him in the Nile and raise him as her own. This baby's name was Moses.

Moses grew up desiring to end the slavery of his people. After killing an Egyptian, he had to flee to Midian. There God appeared to him in a burning bush and told him to bring his people out of Egypt to worship Him.

Moses obeyed and returned. He told Pharaoh to release the Hebrews, but it took ten plagues before Pharaoh did it. Those plagues were:

1. The Nile turned to blood.
2. Frogs filled the land.
3. Gnats covered the people and animals.
4. Flies covered the land.
5. The cattle died of diseases.
6. Boils covered the bodies of people.
7. Hail and volcanic ash fell on the cities.
8. Locusts covered the crops and destroyed them all.
9. A darkness that is felt covered the land.
10. The firstborn sons in Egypt died.

In order that the Hebrews wouldn't lose their firstborn in the last plague, God told them to kill a lamb and put its blood on the doorpost. When the Spirit of God came to kill the firstborn sons, He saw the blood and passed over that house. This is called the Passover and is celebrated to this day.

Due to the plagues, Pharaoh set the Hebrews free. God however turned the heart of the Pharaoh to go get them back. The Egyptian army chased the Hebrews to the Red Sea and hemmed them in. There God saved the Hebrews by dividing the Red Sea and allowing them to cross through it. The Egyptians followed them and God had the Red Sea crash down on them. The Hebrews were now free to be a nation as God had promised Abraham. This was called the Exodus.

6. THE LAW AND THE PROMISED LAND (EXODUS 16 – DEUTERONOMY 34)

God led the Hebrews to Mount Sinai to worship Him. As they went through the desert, He provided them bread from heaven called manna, and water. The people, however, grumbled against God and Moses. When they got there, God appeared on the mountain. He spoke from the mountain the Ten Commandments:

1. You shall have only one God.
2. You shall not make, or serve idols.
3. You shall not take the Lord's name in vain.
4. You shall keep the Sabbath holy.
5. You shall respect your parents.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not lie.
10. You shall not covet.

God gave these for all of humanity's good. Moses went up the mountain and received detailed instruction for how the nation of Israel would exist and how they were to worship God. He wrote them down and today they are first five books of the Bible.

From Mount Sinai, Israel went to the land God promised to Abraham. They sent in twelve spies to see if they should obey God and take it over. When they came back ten said they shouldn't go. Only two trusted God. The entire people doubted God's promise and didn't go into the land. Because of the lack of faith, God punished the Hebrews to wander in the wilderness for forty years.

After those forty years, the sons and daughters of the original Hebrews entered the Promised Land led by the two faithful spies Joshua and Caleb, for Moses died just before entering it.

7. THE CONQUEST OF THE PROMISED LAND (JOSHUA)

The Canaanites, who lived in the land, were very evil. They sacrificed their children alive, were sexually deviant, loved war and worshipped idols. God decided to judge them by having the Hebrews conquer their land.

Joshua led the army across the Jordan into the land. There God fought many battles, including the battle at Jericho. There God won the battle by merely having the army march around Jericho and shout. God then brought the walls down.

In the end all the people received plots of land and the twelve tribes of Israel had territory. The Levites, however, were made priests and they ruled over the tabernacle and had no land.

The tabernacle, a tent the Hebrews made while they wandered in the desert, was where they went to sacrifice animals for the forgiveness of sin and to worship God. Unfortunately, it didn't take away all sin, for the Hebrews had to sacrifice whenever they sinned. Once a year they would sacrifice an animal and go into the Holy of Holies, where God's presence dwelt. There they sprinkled the blood on the Ark of the Covenant, God's throne on earth, so God would forgive Israel's sin.

It was this ark which led them in battle. It represented God's power and presence. Thanks to God, they took the land, as He had promised they would.

8. JUDGES AND A KING (JUDGES – 1 SAMUEL 15)

Contrary to what God told them, they didn't kick everyone out of the land. Soon they stopped worshipping God so He let them be enslaved by the neighboring nations. Soon the people cried out to God. He called a judge to free and rule the people.

There were many judges who saved the people. Ehud, Deborah, Gideon and Samson were a few, but they didn't have the right to rule the people. The people ignored God again and again and went into slavery. Again, they called out to God and God freed them with a judge. And so the cycle continued. The people did whatever they wanted. God ruled but the people didn't listen. So finally, they rejected God's rule and asked for a king.

God raised up a Samuel to be their priest and the last judge. Samuel found a man to be king, named Saul. However, Saul didn't do as God said, so God declared He would replace him.

9. A BOY, A GIANT AND TWO KINGS. (1 SAMUEL 16-31)

God sent Samuel to find that replacement. He was the youngest son of a man named Jesse. The boy's name was David. Samuel anointed David as king, but he wouldn't ascend his throne for a long time.

His first kingly duty came soon. The Philistines, who hated Israel, had champion who was a giant of a man named Goliath. No one wanted to fight him because he was so big. David, however, after hearing him insult God, went out to fight him. He took several smooth stones, put them in his sling and killed Goliath. Then he led the army to victory over the Philistines.

Saul unfortunately knew this was the new king and became jealous. Soon he tried to kill David, chasing him all over Israel. In the end, however, Saul killed himself after being wounded in a battle. He and his sons died in the battle.

David then became the king of Israel.

10. A SAD AFFAIR AND A SON (2 SAMUEL)

David was the best king Israel ever had. In fact God loved him so much He promised that every king of His land would be from David's family. Regardless David struggled morally. One night David committed adultery with Bathsheba and she became pregnant. To cover up his sin, he eventually had her husband killed and then married her. Because of that, God cursed David's house with constant struggle.

His son Absalom soon wanted the throne and rebelled against David, but that son would die in battle, hanging by his hair in a tree. Many years later, David's son Solomon received the throne.

11. THE WISE ONE AND A TEMPLE (1 KINGS 1-11)

Solomon would be a great king like his father. When he gained the kingdom he asked God for wisdom and God gave it to him. Many heard about his wisdom and came to see him. He wrote proverbs and songs. Through his wisdom, God expanded the Kingdom of Israel to its greatest state.

King Solomon decided he would honor God by building a temple in Jerusalem. The temple was like the tabernacle but stayed in Jerusalem. The people would now have to come there to worship God and sacrifice.

Solomon's reign was tough, but the people did as he said and they prospered. Solomon however would not remain faithful to God. In old age he worshipped idols, which was his downfall.

12. TWO KINGDOMS AND MANY PROPHETS (1 KINGS 12 – 2 KINGS)

If Solomon was wise, his son was a fool. Rehoboam didn't ease off the pressure his father had placed on the nation, but increased it. The result was the northern tribes broke away and became the nation of Israel. The nation of Judah remained separate in the south and a rivalry began.

The kingdom of the north, Israel, was sinful in all its dealings. The kings never worshipped God rightly. Elijah a prophet stood for God against Ahab, a horribly corrupt king. Elijah did great miracles calling the people back to the LORD. Later God would take him to heaven without Elijah dying and Elisha, his apprentice, would take over with twice the power.

Judah, the kingdom of the south, was all over the map when it came to worshipping God. One king would worship Him, and then another wouldn't. God however couldn't stand Israel any longer and sent the Assyrian army against them. Israel was destroyed. Meanwhile God spared Judah because of Hezekiah their king, who worshipped God wholeheartedly.

Later however, Judah would be different. Prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Hosea would cry out against the nation and their evil. Though their prophecies came true, the people ignored them and in a horrible event, Judah was conquered by Babylon.

Babylon destroyed the temple of God and Jerusalem, and took the people into exile.

13. A PROPHET IN EXILE AND THE RETURN (DANIEL, NEHEMIAH AND EZRA)

All the Israelites now found themselves out of the Promised Land and scattered around the world. One of these people, Daniel, was in Babylon. Daniel worked in the court of the king of Babylon and predicted much of the future, and the time of the coming Christ (or Messiah).

While there, he and his friends underwent persecution for staying faithful to God. Soon however, Babylon fell to the empire of the Persians. Under the Persians, three men pushed to get the Jews back to the Promised Land.

The first man was Zerubbabel. He led people back but they simply lived in the ruins of Jerusalem. The second man, Zechariah, then came back by permission of Cyrus the king. Cyrus allowed the Jews to return home and they did. Under Zechariah's leadership, God enabled the

Jews to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. After that, the third man, Ezra, brought the people and Levites to rebuild the temple.

Israel was back, but it was under control of the Persians. During that time, three final prophets rose to encourage their building and rebuke evil and laziness. However, slowly the people fell into sin again and God didn't speak to them any longer.

14. THE GREEK AND THE HAMMER (BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS)

It came about that after many years the Persian Empire was conquered by a man named Alexander the Great. His military genius and giftedness by God enabled him conquer the known world. Shortly after, he died and his commanders took over.

The Promised Land became a land of war as commanders constantly fought to own it. Soon, one commander named Antiochus, a king of the north, arose. He took the land and treated the Jews harshly. He tried to make them Greek and not Jewish and tried to get them to stop worshipping God. The Jews were suffering but it was to get worse.

One day the Romans humiliated Antiochus. In a fit, he marched through Jerusalem, entered the temple and defiled it by slaughtering a pig and setting up an idol to Zeus. This enraged a priest named Eliazar and his son Judas, whose nickname was the Hammer (Maccabeus). In their anger, they brought a revolution.

The revolution was successful and the Jews were free again for a time. Soon Rome took them over and since the king they had was not from David, the people looked for the true king. They thought that king would bring a final eternal freedom.

THE NEW TESTAMENT BEGINS HERE

15. THE KING IS BORN (MATTHEW 1-2, LUKE 1-2)

One hundred and fifty years after Rome took over that king appeared. Caesar called a census and all the people had to return to their homeland. A man named Joseph and a woman named Mary returned to Bethlehem where their ancestor King David had been born.

Mary was a virgin, and yet she was pregnant. The baby was the Messiah, the true king and the Son of God. God had sent an angel to Mary to tell her this and while in Bethlehem, she gave birth to Jesus.

Shepherds came to see Him after the angels announced the news. Magi from the east came also, but tipped off Herod the false king. God warned Joseph that Herod would try to kill

the baby, so they trusted and obeyed Him and fled to Egypt. Only when Jesus was older did they return home to Nazareth in the north.

16. THE BAPTISM OF THE KING AND HIS DISCIPLES (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN)

A few years later John, called the baptizer, appeared at the Jordan preaching that people must repent from their sins and be baptized. John was the first prophet in more than 400 years to appear.

Jesus came and was baptized by John, so He might fulfill all His Father (God) had told Him to. Thus, all His followers get baptized today as well.

When Jesus was baptized the Father spoke from heaven saying, “This is My Son in whom I am well pleased.” The Holy Spirit also fell upon Jesus in the form of a dove. Then God led Him out to the desert to be tempted.

There Jesus was tempted for forty days in many ways but remained sinless. After surviving His temptation, He gathered a group of disciples and began to teach in the synagogues and do miracles. Soon He called twelve apostles from His disciples. Those apostles were Peter, James, John, Andrew, Levi (Matthew), Nathaniel, Thaddeus, Thomas, Phillip, James the Lesser, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot who betrayed Him. Jesus called the apostles to be close with Him and to take His teachings and give them to all men. They did this by writing the New Testament.

17. THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHET KING (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN)

Something great was happening. As Jesus ministered in the north by the lake called Galilee and then through Jerusalem in the south, He announced the kingdom was near. People were especially excited when they met Jesus because He had authority.

His authority came from the fact that He was God on earth. He was the true prophet for He spoke God’s words perfectly and showed humanity what God was like. As God, He was the true king who had come to earth. He lived a perfect life, loved people and lived out His own teachings perfectly. He cast out demons with a word and healed people of diseases while miles away. Jesus even raised the dead. Clearly He had all authority, but as His death approached the apostles didn’t even know the extent of His power.

18. FROM A ROOM TO A TOMB (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN)

Jesus led His apostles through many things. They saw legions of demons cast out of a man, religious leaders rebuked and people healed. But one night at the celebration of Passover, Jesus told them of His coming death. After Judas left to betray Him, Jesus took unleavened bread and said, “This is my body, given for you.” Then they took and ate it. Next He took a cup filled with wine and said, “This is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.” They all then took the cup and drank.

Later that night while Jesus was praying in a garden Judas came with a group of men and arrested Him. They tried Jesus before the Jewish High Court, before King Herod and before Pilate, the governor of the land. It was before Pilate that the leaders pushed to crucify Jesus. After much pressure Pilate did so.

Jesus was taken to “The Place of the Skull” and was crucified. For six hours, Jesus hung on the cross and took the punishment for our sins. There the Father poured out His wrath we deserved for breaking His law, and He made Jesus our Passover, for God sacrificed His only Son. God did what He wouldn’t let Abraham do, so we might be free from the sin passed from Adam.

When Jesus died, He gave up His spirit to God His Father. A rich man then laid Jesus’ body in His tomb. They sealed it with a several ton stone and Jesus’ enemies put guards around it. There the only innocent man in history laid dead.

19. HE IS RISEN INDEED! KING (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN AND ACTS 1)

After Jesus had died, His disciples were fearful they’d be next and scattered. Judas hung himself. Peter hid because he denied knowing Jesus three times. John was at the cross but was distraught and hid as well.

Three days after Jesus’ death, Jesus’ mom, Mary Magdalene and other women went to the tomb to finish the burial. They wondered how they’d open the tomb because of the stone closing it off and the guards.

When they got to the tomb, they found the stone had been thrown off and the guards gone. The women immediately believed someone stole the body for the tomb was empty. Suddenly two angels appeared and told them Jesus had risen from the dead. Some fled in fear but Mary stayed and Jesus met her there. She ran back and told Peter and John. They ran to the tomb and also found it empty.

Soon Jesus appeared several times to Peter and the apostles as well. He ate with them and taught them. He indeed was alive. Jesus would also appear to His brother James, and then to four hundred others.

When Jesus appeared to the four hundred He told the disciples to make disciples by going out into the world and preaching the good news, that man's evil could be forgiven. Those that trusted God were to learn to obey all Jesus taught them. He then ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

20. THE WIND THAT BROUGHT TONGUES OF FIRE (ACTS 2-3)

The Apostles rejoiced and obeyed Christ's command to return to Jerusalem. There they awaited the power of God. Jesus promised that after He ascended He would send another person to live in them. This person was to be a counselor named the Holy Spirit.

Many had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. While the disciples prayed that night, a great wind shook the room and tongues of fire fell upon them.

They left the house and preached to the large crowds that had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast. There a miracle occurred. Each person in the crowd could understand the preaching in their own tongue. God reversed the problem of Babel and allowed men to hear the good news of the forgiveness of sin, and the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Many repented of their sin as Peter preached. Then the disciples baptized them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. All who repented declared Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This would continue to happen in Jerusalem over the next months as the church grew.

21. PERSECUTION AND THE NATIONS (ACTS 4-8, 10-12)

Their preaching was so effective thousands of men and women received forgiveness through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Soon however, those who didn't like their preaching started to fight it.

At first they arrested the Apostles. The High Court told them to stop preaching about Jesus, but the Apostles refused and obeyed God instead. The High Court then flogged them but they kept on preaching. Eventually the High Court executed a leader in the church named Stephen. This began a great persecution under a young zealot named Saul.

Saul arrested and executed Christians in many cities. The Christians scattered all over Rome and took the gospel with them. Thus, the good news of forgiveness spread to many places. The first to receive the Holy Spirit were the Samaritans. When Peter came to see them

they accepted Jesus. They spoke in tongues and it was clear God had brought them into His family.

Soon God accepted non-Jews. When a man named Cornelius and his house believed the gospel as preached by Peter, the Holy Spirit came upon them too. Because of the persecution, all kinds of people were being forgiven. God was making Abraham's ancestor Jesus a blessing to the nations, just as God had promised. The church, however, had to struggle through this new thing.

22. A MESSAGE AND A MESSENGER FOR THE WORLD (ACTS 9)

The church quickly realized they were being racist by holding back the gospel from the non-Jewish world. They quickly sprang into action and sent out missionaries.

One of these missionaries was Paul. He was interesting, for God had chosen him specifically to go to the non-Jews to give the good news. Even more interesting, however, was that Paul was the same Saul who had persecuted the church.

Saul had been on the road to Damascus to arrest Christians, when Jesus Himself appeared in blazing light. Saul was thrown from his horse. Jesus had his attention and asked Saul, "Why are you persecuting Me?" Saul not knowing it was Jesus asked who He was and found out. Jesus told him he was to be the apostle to the non-Jewish world.

Paul became blind for three days. God told a brother named Ananias to go and pray over him. He trusted God, obeyed and Paul regained his sight. Immediately Paul began to preach the good news. With that preaching came persecution. Eventually he came to Jerusalem where Peter instructed him in the teachings of Jesus, and then before he was arrested by the High Court, he fled to Tarsus, his hometown.

When the church called missionaries, the Holy Spirit told the church in Antioch to make Paul a missionary with Barnabus. Together, they set out for their first missionary journey.

23. PAUL'S JOURNEYS AND THE SPREAD OF THE FAITH (ACTS 13-28)

Paul and Barnabus went to Asia Minor (modern Turkey). There they started many churches. First, they told the Jews but after being told to leave they went to the non-Jews. Many non-Jews believed, so they continued to preach in each place until persecution forced them to leave.

Eventually they returned to Antioch to report what happened. There they heard some teachers had been telling non-Jews they had to become Jews before they could follow Jesus. Paul

knew this was a lie. To be saved, they only had to trust the good news and follow Jesus, not be a Jew first. The church held a council and decided that Paul's position was correct.

Paul and Barnabus set out again, but they split up almost immediately over a disagreement. Paul then teamed up with Silas. They went back through the new churches and encouraged them. As they tried to head to Ephesus, a large city, God stopped them by giving Paul a dream. In the dream, God told them to go to Greece.

They sailed from Troas and went into Greece. There they started more churches and ended up staying years in a city called Corinth. In time, they sailed back home and after stopping off at Ephesus they returned to Jerusalem.

Paul was going to have only one more mission trip however. He set out, spending most of his time in Ephesus. There many repented of magic and idolatry and believed the good news. Because of the work of Paul, that city would one day be a capital of Christianity. After strengthening all the churches he had begun, he went to Jerusalem again. There the High Court arrested him.

24. THE DEATHS OF THE APOSTLES (ACTS 12:2 AND HISTORY)

While Paul preached to non-Jews, in Jerusalem the first Apostle gave his life. A local king executed James the brother of John. He would have executed Peter as well, but God sent an angel to free him. Later that king would die after being struck by God with worms.

We are not clear about the other apostles, but legend states Andrew was crucified, Thaddeus was crucified twice and disemboweled the second time. Thomas apparently died in India of persecution.

Paul would be the next to die. After his arrest in Jerusalem they held him for two years. He appealed to Caesar, and was taken to Rome. In Rome Paul continued to spread the gospel, and was released. He toured once more from Rome to Phillipi and even possibly into Spain. During that trip, however, Rome arrested him again. This time Caesar Nero, who hated Christians, had Paul's head chopped off.

Peter would die also in Rome. Nero would have him arrested for preaching the good news. He then had Peter killed by flogging him and crucifying him. At Peter's request, it was done upside down, for he didn't feel he was worthy to die as His Lord did.

John would be the only one who didn't die of persecution. Though he was boiled in oil and didn't die, he was exiled. While on an island called Patmos, he received a vision of how the world would end.

25. THE RETURN OF THE KING (REVELATION)

What John saw was what Jesus promised. Before Jesus died, He prophesied about the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and His own return.

In 70 AD the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Caesar. Titus laid a siege against Jerusalem because the Jews had revolted. Rome broke into Jerusalem and tore down the temple block by block.

Jesus didn't return however. A couple thousand years of Church history have passed now, and we still await His return. However, we also await the rise of an evil one called the Anti-Christ. We await a world which will have wars, famines and plagues in it. It will be a world where the gospel has reached every nation, and someone from every nation will have believed the good news of the forgiveness of sin.

When all of this happens, Jesus will return and bring with Him all who died and believed in Him. He will judge the earth and those who didn't believe because they didn't receive the forgiveness and have done evil. He will rule for thousand years on earth and it will be then that the promise to Abraham will be complete.

At the end of the thousand years, nations will rise against Jesus. They will fail and be judged. The devil and all those who disbelieve in the good news will be sent to hell. It is God's just punishment for their evil and rebellion. Those who accepted the forgiveness of sins, and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, will enter into the presence of God.

After that, God will renew the world and heaven and will dwell on earth with those who believed. They will walk in purity, joy and peace forever in the presence of God. Thus, the problems brought by Adam and Eve will be reversed and man will live out what he was intended for: giving glory to God and enjoying him always.