
The Story that Leads to Jesus

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The Story's basic **PLOT** conflict:

- God wants to *bless* and *rule* the world through humans
- Humans are the problem
- Solution: we need a *new* kind of human (Genesis 3:15)

A New Covenant — Isaiah 54:4-10, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ezekiel 36:22-32

Isaiah 9:6-7 (ESV) For to us a child is born, to us a **son** is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on **the throne of David** and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 42:1, 5-7 (ESV) Behold my **servant**, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth **justice to the nations**... Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in **righteousness**; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will **give you as a covenant** for the people, **a light for the nations**, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 49:1, 3, 5-6 (ESV) Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name... And he said to me, "You are **my servant, Israel**, in whom I will be glorified." And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be **his servant**, to **bring Jacob back to him**; and that **Israel might be gathered to him**— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says: "It is **too light a thing** that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as **a light for the nations**, that my **salvation** may reach to the end of the earth."

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV) “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **not like the covenant** that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke**, though I was their **husband**, declares the Lord. For this is the **covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: **I will put my law within them**, and I will write it on their **hearts**. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord, ’for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For **I will forgive their iniquity**, and **I will remember their sin no more.**”

Ezekiel 36:22-27 (ESV) “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but **for the sake of my holy name**, which **you have profaned** among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when **through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes**. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And **I will give you a new heart**, and **a new spirit** I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put **my Spirit** within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

Isaiah 52:7-10 (ESV) How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings **good news** of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “**Your God reigns.**” The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the **salvation** of our God.

Isaiah 53:1-6 (ESV) Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely **he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God,

and afflicted. But **he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and **the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Isaiah 54:4-10 (ESV) “Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your **husband**, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your **Redeemer**, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the Lord has called you like a **wife** deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with **everlasting love** I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer. “This is like the days of Noah to me: as **I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.** For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my **steadfast love** shall not depart from you, and my **covenant of peace** shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”

The anticipation of this new covenant pushes the story forward until you get to the end of the Old Testament wondering if God will keep His promises, will Israel ever obey fully, when will the king from the line of David come and set things right.

Matthew 1:1 (ESV) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the **son of David**, the **son of Abraham**.

Mark 1:1 (ESV) The beginning of the gospel of **Jesus Christ**, the **Son of God**.

John 1:1-5,14,16-17 (ESV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:15 (ESV) He is **the image** of the invisible God...

Luke 24:44-49 (ESV) Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that **the Christ should suffer** and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for **the forgiveness of sins** should be proclaimed in his name to **all nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Abraham - the Son of Abraham (Matthew 4, 5-7, 28:18-20)

Israel - the True, Faithful Israelite (Matthew 5:17-48, Romans 8:1-11)

David - the Son of David (Matthew 1, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 24:36-48, Hebrews 8-10)