

Unfolding God's Plan of Redemption

Themes from the Old Testament: The Pentateuch

The Pentateuch consists of the first five books of the Bible. It was written by Moses through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It tells the story of redemption from the creation and sinful fall of human beings to the Israelites about to enter the Land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. Thus it leads us to the establishment of a nation, a people group through whom God will send a Messiah to redeem the world.

I. Key Events in Genesis: The Book of Beginnings

- A. From Eden to Tragedy—creation and the fall
- B. Rescue of the race and restoration—the story of Noah
- C. Babel and the dispersion of humanity
- D. Called out of Ur of the Chaldeans to found a nation in the promised land—the story of Abraham
- E. Contentious brothers—Jacob flees from Esau, and forms the foundation of the family
- F. The family moves to Egypt—Joseph calls them out and they spend 400 years in the land of Egypt

II. Moses is Miraculously Spared and is Raised Up to Lead the Nation out of Egypt

- A. Reeds and a burning bush—Moses is sent back to Egypt to confront Pharaoh
- B. Passover and the Exodus
- C. Crossing the Red Sea and the wilderness journey
- D. The Law comes on the mountain—God distinguishes a people for His purpose—LEVITICUS
- E. Faith fails at Kadesh-Barnea
- F. Forty years of wilderness wandering—NUMBERS
- G. Preparation for entering the land of Canaan—DEUTERONOMY
- H. Joshua becomes the leader of the young generation

III. Key Events in Salvation History

- A. God creates a perfect place but Adam and Eve turn from Him and plunge the human race into sin and rebellion.
- B. God halts the rapid progression of evil by the flood and spares the only truly godly man left in order to give the race a fresh start.
- C. God calls out a godly man (Abram) to establish a nation that will serve His purposes and reveal His character.
- D. At the right moment in history, God raises up a leader (Moses) to lead His people out of Egypt and to reveal His character in the 10 Commandments.
- E. The Law has a threefold purpose:
 - 1. To reveal the character of God
 - 2. To preserve the nation of Israel through holiness and cleanliness
 - 3. To demonstrate the need for a Savior by establishing a sacrificial system for their failure
(It is a tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24)