

EPSM Module 1 Week 2

How are we going to be Saved?

Gods' redemption Plan in the Old Testament.

Genesis 3:15(NKJV) *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

- *The first Messianic prophecy detailing Mankind's redemption.*
- *Mankind and Satan are looking for the same seed of Woman.*
- *God goal in the Old Testament is to get the seed of the woman into humanity.*

Humankind descent into depravity

Gen 6 (NKJV) *Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ²that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*

³*And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive^[a] with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."* ⁴*There were^[b]giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*

- “The sons of God” or in Hebrew the bene-Elohim were GOD’S original angelic family.
- (**Bene**) Son, descendant, (**Elohim**) divine spiritual being
- Job 1 refers to these “sons of God” in Gods heavenly courtroom.
- Psalms 82, Jude 1, 2 Peter
- Their offspring were Nephilim or Giants.
- These Giants would have been half angelic or divine and half man.
- What modern society calls demi-Gods. The bible calls them the mighty men of old men of renown. IE: Hercules, Gilgamesh
- Satan wants to corrupt mankind bloodline with the angelic so the promise messiah can never come about.
- Corruption of bloodline could hinder or prevent the coming of the seed of the woman.

Tower of Babel

Deuteronomy 32:7-9

*"Remember the days of old;
consider the years of many generations;
ask your father, and he will show you,
your elders, and they will tell you.
When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
when he divided mankind,
he fixed the borders^[a] of the peoples
according to the number of the sons of God.^[b]
But the Lord's portion is his people,
Jacob his allotted heritage."*

The original Hebrew does not say the children of Israel but the sons of God. The angelic principalities.

- *Human being after the flood fell back into idolatry and rebelled against God and built a tower to reach the heavens.*
- *So, God confused their language and gave the rest of mankind over to idolatry, but he took a portion of the people and took a nation for himself.*
- *He needed a people to get the seed of the woman through to the world.*

God of the Covenant

- *God has always dealt with his people based on covenants.*
- *Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement established by God with individuals or groups.*
- *These Covenants are relational agreements based on promises of God.*
- *Each covenant includes specific promises (e.g., land, blessing, a kingdom) and responsibilities (e.g., obedience, faithfulness).*
- *Usually Covenants in the bible were sealed or ratified by blood. Ex: Gen 15, Exodus 24*
- *Unconditional Covenants describe where God binds himself to his own words. "He will do something" (Abraham's Covenant)*
- *Conditional Covenants are where He will do something in response to obedience. (Mosaic Covenant)*
- *The only way a covenant could be broken was through death.*

Early Hebrew History and the covenant of Abraham

- Abraham was of the line of Shem he was the Most High's inheritance in Deuteronomy 32.
- God called Abraham out of land of Haran and made a covenant with him.
- God repeats the promise again of the seed of the woman in Genesis 22

Gen 22:18(NKJV) “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

- And Abaraham descendants begin to grow.
- A famine occurs so they get sent down to Egypt and they set up their dwelling place. Joseph dies an evil king pharaoh rises and enslaves the Hebrews and they are in slavery for 400 years in Egypt.
- God preserves Moses raises him up to deliver Israel. Brings them to the wilderness and establishes a covenant. **Exodus 19:5**

The Nation of Israel

Exodus 19:5-6(NKJV) Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

- This is the birth of the Nation of Israel and the Old covenant.
- “If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people”
- This covenant was a conditional covenant meaning God would do his part as Israel did their part.
- “**a special treasure to Me above all people**” (Israel was unique to God his own special people chosen out from the nations.)
- “**a kingdom of priests**” (All of Israel was called to the priesthood they were all supposed to represent God to the nations)
- “**a holy nation**” (They were a nation set apart from the rest of the world.)
- Where Adam failed as priestly representatives GOD wanted Israel to pick up.

The Law

The Moral Law – The ten commandments.

The Civil Law – How they dealt relationally one with another.

Ceremonial laws- related to the manner that the Israelites were to worship God with sacrifices and offering.

Why did God give the Law?

- God only gave the Law to Israel not to the gentiles.
- To keep Israel, separate from the other nations yes, but also for things way deeper than that to point us towards Seed of the Woman.

1. The Law was meant to keep us until the Christ

- *Galatians 3:24 – 25 (NKJV) The only way a covenant could be broken was through death.*
- *Tutor a slave who had charge of the life and morals of the boys of a family,*
- *Ancient Roman society, slaves would be made to watch over children and teach them morals*
- *The Law kept Isarel grounded morally until a greater way came.*
- *The Law was supposed to show them aspects of God but not become their God.*

2. The Law exposes our need for a savior.

Romans 7:7 -12 (NKJV) What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.”⁸ But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.⁹ I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.¹⁰ And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.¹¹ For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.¹² Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

- *Sin is like a dormant gene. The Law is like an x-ray machine.*
- *You wouldn't know it was there unless something showed it.*
- *Sin compels us to do what we know not to do.*
- *The Law is like the speed limit.*

- *And sin uses something that is holy the law to bring death upon us.*

Romans 3:19-20(NKJV) Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become [a] guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

- *The Law had one goal not to save you but to show why you needed a savior.*
- *The Law's power was only suited for condemnation not salvation.*

3. To show the need for a greater covenant.

Hebrews 10:1-3(NKJV) For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. ² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once [a] purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. ³ But in those sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins every year.

- *Blood has spiritual significance.*
- *Shadows always point to a greater reality.*
- *Animal Blood was only substitutionary not satisfactory.*
- *The sacrifices served as a reminder of sin each year not a remover of sins.*
- *Showing mankind that they needed something greater than animal blood.*

Prophets, Priest and Kings

- *Prophets were the spokesmen of God, pointed people back to the covenant, warned of judgment for breaking the covenant with God, and prophesied of the coming messiah.*
- *Priest- served as the representors of God to Man and Man to God, ministered in the temple, served in the house of God guided the sacrifices and maintained the religious worship of God.*
- *Kings – Governed Israel, maintained order and justice in the Nation, Defended Israel against enemies.*

The Son of David, The Messiah

2 Samuel 7:12-16 (NKJV) “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the ^[d]blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before ^[e]you. Your throne shall be established forever.”

- *The Son of David would also be the seed of the woman.*
- *David was a figure of this future Messiah, operating as Prophet, Priest and King.*

Israels disobedience and exile

Israel enters the promised land, but they defile the Land with idolatry and unfaithfulness to Gods Covenant.

- Davids immediate sons fell into idolatry The Kingdom of Israel splits into two.
- The Kings of Israel lead their Nation into Idolatry they are exiled by the Kingdom of Assyria in 732 B.C
- The southern of Kingdom of Judah did Good for a while but they eventually fell and the Babylonians came in 587 B.C and destroyed and Jerusalem.
- God raised up Prophets to still point them towards the Covenant and the coming Messiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Isaiah.

They eventually come back to their land, but they are still waiting for the seed of the woman.