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## Week 1: Genesis - The First Promises of the Messiah (The Seed of Victory)

### A. The Seed of the Woman - Genesis 3:15

#### Original Prophecy

*"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15)*

#### Simple Explanation

Right after humanity's first sin, God promised that a future descendant (the 'Seed') of the woman would be wounded by evil but would ultimately crush evil's power forever. This is the Bible's very first gospel promise.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Galatians 4:4** – “But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”
- **1 John 3:8** – “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”
- Ultimately completed in **Revelation 20:10**.

### B. The Seed of Abraham - Genesis 12:3

#### Original Prophecy

*"...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:3)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Matthew 1:1** - Jesus as the son of Abraham.

- **Galatians 3:16** - 'The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed... who is Christ.'

### **C. The Seed of Isaac - Genesis 17:19; 21:12**

#### **New Testament Fulfillment**

- **Matthew 1:2; Luke 3:34; Hebrews 11:17-19**

### **D. The Seed / Star of Jacob - Genesis 28:14; Numbers 24:17**

#### **New Testament Fulfillment**

- **Matthew 2:2; Revelation 22:16**

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#### **Key Theme**

From the very first pages of Scripture, God revealed His plan through the promised 'Seed' who would bring blessing and victory.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is it powerful that the very first promise after the fall points directly to Jesus?
2. How do the progressive 'Seed' promises build our confidence in God's detailed plan?
3. Which of these early prophecies speaks most personally to you right now?

#### **Guided Prayer**

*Lord God, thank You that from the moment sin entered the world, You already had a plan of victory through Your Son, Jesus--the promised Seed. Amen.*

#### **Weekly Application & Journaling**

Read the Genesis passages slowly. Write down one way each promise points to Jesus. Share one with someone this week.

## Week 2: Exodus-Deuteronomy - The Deliverer, Prophet, and Perfect Sacrifice

### A. The Passover Lamb - Exodus 12

#### Original Prophecy

God commanded the Israelites to sacrifice a perfect, unblemished lamb and apply its blood to the doorposts. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. No bone of the lamb was to be broken.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **1 Corinthians 5:7** - 'Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.'
- **John 19:36** - 'Not one of his bones will be broken.'

### B. The Prophet Like Moses - Deuteronomy 18:15-18

#### Original Prophecy

*"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you... You must listen to him."*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Acts 3:22-23; John 5:46**

### C. The Curse of the Tree - Deuteronomy 21:23

#### Original Prophecy

*"Anyone who is hung on a pole is under God's curse."*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Galatians 3:13** - 'Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.'

#### Key Theme

Jesus is our true Deliverer, the Prophet we must hear, and the perfect Sacrifice whose blood covers us.

#### Discussion Questions

1. How does the Passover story prepare us to understand Jesus' sacrifice?
2. What does it mean to 'listen to' Jesus as the greater Prophet?
3. How does the curse of the cross become a blessing for us?

### **Guided Prayer**

*Father, thank You for Jesus--our Passover Lamb whose blood covers us, the Prophet we must hear, and the One who bore our curse. Amen.*

### **Weekly Application & Journaling**

Read Exodus 12 slowly this week. Write down every detail about the Passover lamb and note how each one points to Jesus.

## Week 3: Historical Books - The Eternal King from David's Line

### A. The Davidic Covenant - 2 Samuel 7:12-16

#### Original Prophecy

*"I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever... Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Luke 1:32-33** - The angel declares Jesus will reign on David's throne forever.
- **Matthew 1:1** - Jesus as the Son of David.
- **Acts 2:30-31** - Peter explains David foresaw the resurrection of the Messiah.
- **Hebrews 1:5; Revelation 22:16**

### B. The Kinsman-Redeemer - Ruth 4

Boaz, as the kinsman-redeemer, willingly paid the price to redeem Ruth and restore her to full inheritance. This is a beautiful picture of what Jesus does for us.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Ephesians 1:7** - Redemption through the blood of Christ.
- **Galatians 4:4-5** - God sent His Son to redeem those under the law.

#### Key Theme

Jesus is the eternal King from David's line and our willing Kinsman-Redeemer who paid the full price to restore us.

#### Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus' kingdom will last forever?
2. In what ways do you see Jesus as your personal Kinsman-Redeemer?
3. How does the story of Ruth and Boaz deepen your appreciation of the gospel?

#### Guided Prayer

*King Jesus, You are David's greater Son and our Kinsman-Redeemer. Thank You for willingly paying the price to restore us to full inheritance. Amen.*

#### Weekly Application & Journaling

Read the book of Ruth this week in one sitting. Journal about the ways Boaz reflects the love and sacrifice of Jesus for you personally.

## Week 4: Wisdom & Poetry - Suffering and Resurrection Hope

### A. The Suffering Messiah - Psalm 22

#### Original Prophecy

*"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ... They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." (Psalm 22:1, 17-18)*

Written a thousand years before the crucifixion, Psalm 22 describes the Messiah's suffering in remarkable detail: abandonment, mocking crowds, pierced hands and feet, and soldiers gambling for His garments.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Matthew 27:35-46** - Jesus quotes Psalm 22:1 from the cross; soldiers cast lots for His clothing.

### B. Resurrection Hope - Job 19:25-27

*"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." (Job 19:25-26)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **John 5:24-29** - Jesus speaks of resurrection to life.
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** - Christ the firstfruits of the resurrection.

### C. The Priest-King Forever - Psalm 110

*"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:4)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Hebrews 5:6; 7:17, 21** - Jesus is our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

#### Key Theme

The Messiah would endure deep suffering, yet rise again and serve as our eternal Priest-King--interceding for us forever.

#### Discussion Questions

1. How does reading Psalm 22 deepen your appreciation of what Jesus endured for you?
2. How does Job's confident hope in a living Redeemer speak to your own faith?
3. What does it mean to you that Jesus is your eternal Priest-King?

### **Guided Prayer**

*Lord Jesus, I am in awe that Your suffering was foretold so precisely. Thank You for enduring the cross and rising as my eternal Priest-King. Amen.*

### **Weekly Application & Journaling**

Read Psalm 22 slowly, then read the crucifixion narrative in Matthew 27. Write down every parallel you discover. How does this strengthen your faith?

## Week 5: Isaiah - Immanuel and the Suffering Servant

### A. Immanuel - God With Us - Isaiah 7:14

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Matthew 1:22-23** - The birth of Jesus fulfills Isaiah's sign exactly.

### B. The Child Who Is Mighty God - Isaiah 9:6-7

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Luke 2:11** - 'Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'
- **John 14:27** - Jesus gives His peace to those who trust Him.

### C. The Suffering Servant - Isaiah 53:1-12

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **1 Peter 2:24** - 'He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross... by his wounds you have been healed.'
- **Acts 8:32-35** - Philip explains Isaiah 53 is fulfilled in Jesus.
- **Matthew 8:17** - Jesus heals the sick, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy.

#### Key Theme

Jesus is Immanuel--God with us--who became the Suffering Servant to bear our sins and heal us by His wounds.

#### Discussion Questions

1. What does the name 'Immanuel--God with us' mean to you personally?
2. How does Isaiah 9:6 describe Jesus in ways that still amaze you?
3. Which phrase in Isaiah 53 is most meaningful to you, and why?

### **Guided Prayer**

*Immanuel, thank You for coming to be with us. Thank You for being the Suffering Servant who bore my sins and healed me by Your wounds. Amen.*

### **Weekly Application & Journaling**

Read Isaiah 53 as if for the first time. Slowly substitute your own name for 'our' and 'we.'  
Journal your response to what Jesus did specifically for you.

## Week 6: Isaiah's Little Apocalypse (Chapters 24-27) - Judgment and Restoration

### A. Universal Judgment - Isaiah 24

Isaiah 24 describes a coming day of worldwide judgment in which God will hold the earth accountable. The language is cosmic and sweeping--nothing will escape His righteous reckoning.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Matthew 24:29** - The sun darkened, stars falling--cosmic signs of judgment.
- **Revelation 6:12-17; 16:17-21** - The great day of God's wrath.

### B. Victory Banquet & Defeat of Death - Isaiah 25:6-9

*"On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples... he will swallow up death forever." (Isaiah 25:6, 8)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Revelation 21:1-4** - God wipes away every tear; death is no more.
- **1 Corinthians 15:54** - 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

### C. Resurrection - Isaiah 26:19

*"But your dead will live, Lord; their bodies will rise--let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy." (Isaiah 26:19)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **John 5:28-29** - Jesus declares a coming resurrection of both the just and unjust.
- **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** - Christ the firstfruits of resurrection.

### D. Slaying of Leviathan - Isaiah 27:1

*"In that day, the Lord will punish with his sword--his fierce, great and powerful sword--Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea." (Isaiah 27:1)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Revelation 20:2, 10** - The dragon (ancient serpent) is bound and ultimately cast into the lake of fire.

### Key Theme

God's consistent pattern through Scripture: judgment on sin, followed by glorious restoration. Death itself will be defeated, and God will host a victory banquet for His people.

### Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important that judgment and restoration are both part of God's plan?
2. How does the promise that 'death will be swallowed up forever' give you hope today?
3. What does the defeat of Leviathan tell you about God's ultimate authority?

### Guided Prayer

*Lord, thank You that the final word is not judgment but restoration. Thank You that death will be swallowed up in victory through Jesus. Amen.*

### Weekly Application & Journaling

Read Isaiah 25:6-9 slowly. Write a journal entry describing what the 'victory banquet' means to you. How does this future hope affect how you live today?

## Week 7: Jeremiah & Ezekiel (Part 1) - New Covenant and Shepherd

### A. The New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34

*"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah... I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts." (Jeremiah 31:31, 33)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Luke 22:20** - 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'
- **Hebrews 8:8-12** - The author of Hebrews quotes Jeremiah 31 and declares it fulfilled in Jesus.
- **1 Corinthians 11:25** - The Lord's Supper is the ongoing remembrance of the New Covenant.

### B. The Good Shepherd - Ezekiel 34:23-24

*"I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd." (Ezekiel 34:23)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **John 10:11, 14** - 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

### C. A New Heart and Spirit - Ezekiel 36:26-27

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you." (Ezekiel 36:26-27)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **2 Corinthians 5:17** - 'If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.'
- **Romans 8:9-11** - The Spirit of God lives in every believer.

#### Key Theme

Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant and the Good Shepherd who gives us a new heart and plants His Spirit within us--transforming us from the inside out.

#### Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between the old covenant written in stone and the new covenant written on the heart?
2. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for you?
3. How have you experienced God giving you 'a new heart' since coming to faith in Christ?

### **Guided Prayer**

*Good Shepherd, thank You for laying down Your life for me. Thank You for the New Covenant and for writing Your law on my heart through Your Spirit. Amen.*

### **Weekly Application & Journaling**

Read John 10:1-18 this week. List every characteristic of the Good Shepherd that Jesus describes. Journal about what each characteristic means in your daily walk with Him.

## Week 8: Ezekiel (Part 2) & Joel - Final Conflict and the Day of the Lord

### A. The Valley of Dry Bones - Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### Original Prophecy

God shows Ezekiel a valley full of dry bones and commands him to prophesy. The bones come together, flesh covers them, and God breathes life into them. This is a vision of national restoration for Israel and spiritual resurrection for all who believe.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **John 5:25** - 'A time is coming... when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.'
- **Romans 8:11** - The same Spirit who raised Christ will give life to our mortal bodies.
- **Revelation 20:4-5** - The first resurrection of those who belong to Christ.

### B. Gog and Magog: The Final Battle - Ezekiel 38-39

#### Original Prophecy

Ezekiel 38-39 describes a future invasion of Israel by a coalition of nations led by 'Gog of the land of Magog.' God Himself intervenes dramatically to destroy this army, demonstrating His power to the entire world.

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Revelation 20:7-10** - After the millennium, Satan gathers the nations (called 'Gog and Magog') for one final battle--and is defeated forever.

### C. The Outpouring of the Spirit - Joel 2:28-32

#### Original Prophecy

*"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." (Joel 2:28)*

#### New Testament Fulfillment

- **Acts 2:16-21** - On the Day of Pentecost, Peter declares that Joel's prophecy is now fulfilled.
- **Acts 2:38-39** - The gift of the Holy Spirit is available to all who repent and are baptized.

### D. The Day of the Lord - Joel 2:1-2, 30-31

## Original Prophecy

Joel describes the 'Day of the Lord' as a day of darkness and gloom, accompanied by cosmic signs: blood, fire, and smoke. It is both a warning of coming judgment and an invitation to repentance.

## New Testament Fulfillment

- **Matthew 24:29** - Jesus describes similar cosmic signs preceding His return.
- **Revelation 6:12-17** - The sixth seal mirrors Joel's cosmic language exactly.
- **Acts 2:20** - Peter cites Joel's 'Day of the Lord' language in his Pentecost sermon.

## Key Theme

God is both the God of resurrection and the God of final judgment. He pours out His Spirit on all flesh so that 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved' (Joel 2:32). History is moving toward a climax that God controls entirely.

## Discussion Questions

1. What does the Valley of Dry Bones teach you about what God can do in hopeless situations?
2. How does the fulfillment of Joel 2 at Pentecost demonstrate that we are living in the 'last days'?
3. Knowing that the Day of the Lord is coming, how should that shape how you live and share your faith?

## Guided Prayer

*Lord God, You are the God who raises the dead and pours out Your Spirit on all flesh. Fill me afresh with Your Spirit today. Help me live ready for the Day of the Lord. Amen.*

## Weekly Application & Journaling

Read Acts 2:1-42 this week--the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy at Pentecost. Journal about how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is God's gift to you personally. How are you responding to His presence in your life?

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