

The Prophets' Story

Part 1 - Creation of Adam and Eve; Sin of Man

The story begins with Adam and Eve, who listened to the voice of the devil instead of God. They disobeyed, and mankind's perfect relationship with God - was broken. They became the first to experience sin - and the death sin causes. They tried to hide themselves with tree leaves to cover their shame, but God was not pleased with these coverings. He covered them instead with animal skin garments. God, Himself, made the first animal sacrifice to cover their shame.

Part 2 - Cain and Abel

Adam and Eve had 2 children: Cain and Abel. Cain made an offering to God from the food he had grown while Abel offered an animal sacrifice – a blood sacrifice. God accepted Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's. Why? Because sin demands death, separates us from God, and must be paid for... with life. In Cain's jealousy, he killed Abel and led a large portion of humanity down a dark path.

Part 3 - Noah

Hundreds of years later things had gotten so bad that God said there was no one on earth that deserved to live, no one except Noah and his family. God called Noah to build a boat – a big one – and in doing so preach this message: "Judgment for sin is coming, and there is only one way to escape and receive the mercy of God: the ark." They laughed and ridiculed Noah until rain came from the sky and water burst up from the deep – while the people were unprepared. The flood killed every person and animal, and the world perished for their sins. Only Noah, his family and the animals God had brought to the ark were saved.

Part 4 - Abraham

Then, came Abraham, the Father of Faith. God told him to take his son and sacrifice him on a mountain. Abraham was disturbed by this command, BUT HE OBEYED GOD. He proved his faith with action and took his son to Mount Moriah. But just as Abraham was about to sacrifice his son, God stopped him and provided an animal to take his son's place. The animal Redeemed – Replaced - Bought Back his son, blood for blood, life for life.

Part 5 - Moses

400 years passed, and God sent Moses to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. Pharaoh, king of Egypt, didn't like this, so God punished him with 10 plagues. For the final plague, God sent an Angel of Death to kill the firstborn son of every household. UNLESS!!! The people were commanded to sacrifice a lamb, and put its blood on the doorpost of the house. If the Angel saw the blood, he knew the children inside had been redeemed by sacrifice. Both Jew or Egyptian, slave or freeman, if they obeyed the command of God, their child would be saved. If not... That night it happened just as Moses prophesied, and a great weeping went up

all over Egypt in any household that had refused God's mercy by sacrifice.

Part 6 - Torah

Later, Moses gave the people the Torah in which God prescribed a ritual for covering the sins of the people. The offender brought an animal sacrifice to the priest, laid his hands on its head symbolizing his own sin and shame was transferred to the animal. Then the animal was sacrificed. Its blood spilt. His sin was covered.

Part 7 - King David and the coming Messiah

King David and the prophets followed the Torah given by Moses, but they wondered "can the blood of animals really cover the sins of a man or are they signs and symbols pointing to the future?" David prophesied of a Coming One, a King, A MESSIAH, a descendant of King David who would rule and reign in power, yet be a humble man with a heart of compassion. This Messiah would be sinless, perfect, blameless, innocent. He would suffer and die and be a worthy sacrifice. He would become "the Great Sacrifice."

Part 8 - Jesus' Birth and Ministry

Jesus was born in a barn because nobody had room for Him. Born of a virgin - born pure, a royal, but poor, descendent of King David. Palestinian shepherds and wealthy wise men from the East came to honor the Child and testify that He was indeed the Coming One, the Messiah, whom the scriptures had promised.

Jesus preached love, truth, peace, humility. He was a humble carpenter, but brilliant philosopher. He offended religious hypocrites who cared about rituals more than loving God, but He was loved by the poor, the humble, the repentant, the sinner. He healed the deaf, blind, deformed, and demon possessed. He even raised dead men back to life again. A homeless man, a wandering teacher, a revolutionary calling Lovers of God to live full lives. Jesus even called God his "Father," and showed mankind that "the All Powerful" loves you like a Daddy.

Part 9 - The Great Sacrifice

God wanted to relate to humans as His children, but there was a problem. They were still sinful and God is Holy! Man's sin, starting with Adam, had separated the people from their God, and the Messiah knew what He had to do to bring them back. John the Baptist prophesied of Jesus saying, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus was the Messiah, the Chosen One – chosen to become the Great Sacrifice. Having never sinned, he was holy, pure, perfect and worthy to pay the price for sin. The innocent One in exchange for the guilty; the Holy One in exchange for sinful people. He did this for His Father: to pay the price for mankind's sin, to free them from their slavery to sin, and to restore to them what Adam had lost — a perfect relationship with God.

Jesus died on the cross, not because of the Jews, nor the Romans, but by the

hand of God, his Father. God sacrificed Jesus to fulfill what was written by the prophets that He would become the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world – yours and mine.

Part 10 - Resurrection and Return

But He didn't stop there. Three days later, God raised Jesus, the Messiah, from the dead as a promise to those who believe in Him, that they too will rise again to eternal life. After this, Jesus promised his disciples that He would return again, but this time as Judge and King!

The Messiah is God's gift to mankind that they would not die in their sins and be separated from God, but by receiving Jesus' sacrifice, they could be restored back into a perfect relationship with Him. But like any gift, it's not yours until you take it.

The Prophet C2C <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dA2kBASOFhY>

Genesis 1:1-25 The Creation Story: God Created the World

Genesis 2:4-24 The Creation Story: The Creation of Man

Genesis 3:1-24 The Fall: The First Sin and Judgment

Genesis 4:1-12 Cain and Able

Genesis 6:1-9:17 The Fall: The Flood

Genesis 12:1-8, 15:1-6 Redemption: God's Promise to Abram

Genesis 22:1-19 Redemption: Abraham offers Isaac as a Sacrifice

Exodus 12:1-28 Redemption: The Promise of Passover

Exodus 20:1-21 Redemption: The Ten Commandments

Leviticus 4:1-35 Redemption: The Sacrificial System

Ps. 22 and 110 King David and the coming Messiah

Matthew 3; John 1:29-34 Redemption: Jesus is Baptized

Matthew 4:1-11 Redemption: The Temptation of Christ

Luke 5:17-26 Redemption: Jesus Forgives and Heals

Mark 4:35-41 Redemption: Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 5:1-20 Redemption: Jesus Casts Out Evil Spirits

John 11:1-44 Redemption: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

John 18:1-19:16 Redemption: Jesus is Betrayed and Condemned

Luke 23:32-56 Redemption: Jesus is Crucified

Luke 24:1-35 Redemption: Jesus Conquers Death

Luke 24:36-53 Redemption: Jesus Appears and Ascends

