

## **THE PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION**

Lesson 3 – The Prologue

The Progress of Redemption - Dave Sturkey – STUDENT ANSWERS VERSION

Review:

### I. THE MOST IMPORTANT UNIFYING PRINCIPLE

Every portion of Scripture is, to some degree, in **HARMONY** with the heartbeat of God. Stated another way, all of Scripture **RELATES** in some way, to God's ultimate goal.

God gives us a **SELECTIVE** history and the **ONLY** thing He includes in his scrap book is material that is important for his goal, his theme.

### **CHAPTER 1 – CREATION**

Content: The creation of all things; Firsts: Creation of universe, earth, plants, animals, humans.

God's Great Goal Involves Men and Women Glorifying Him.

To Glorify -- Gadol -- it Means "To Make **LARGE**" or "To **MAGNIFY**".

To Glorify -- Kabad -- it Means "To Make **HEAVY**" or "To Make Weighty"

To Glorify -- Halal -- it Means "To Make **Clear**" or "**TO SHINE**"

All of these words carry the idea of making the "largeness" or "weight" or "sight" of someone or something **GREATER** in the sight of others.

Central to God's plan is people **MULTIPLYING** and **FILLING** the earth with others who reflect and glorify the Lord.

### **CHAPTER TWO – THE TEST: MAGNIFYING GOD OR MAGNIFYING SELF?**

Content: Focus on the creation of man, Adam and Eve, and perfection. Instructions/law for man.

FIRST TEST: DON'T EAT THE FRUIT – or, WHO WILL YOU GLORIFY?

FIRST MARRIAGE - TWO INTO ONE. Is man glorifying God here?

For God's goal to be accomplished, we must know WHO the object of glory is!

## **CHAPTER THREE -- THE GREAT OBSTACLE TO BE OVERCOME**

Content: First Sin, the Fall of man and woman, and the judgment of God.

What are these genealogies? They are fast-forwards through time where God is saying that there was nothing during this time that mattered to God's great drama that you need to know. They also trace the redemptive line to Christ. We are following a specific family line from Eve to Christ.

### **SECTION ONE -- FAILURE OF THE FIRST FAMILY**

Chapter 4 - Cain and Abel - Genealogy of Cain to Lamech.

Chapter 5 - Fast Forward: - Genealogy of Adam to Noah.

### **SECTION TWO -- FAILURE OF THE FIRST WORLD**

Chapter 6 - Noah's Favor and Ark Finished. Read Gen. 6:5.

Chapter 7 - Flood: - Noah's family saved, everything else dies.

Chapter 8 - Flood Finished: Noah's altar, God's promise.

Chapter 9 - Failure of New Beginning in Noah - God's Covenant.

### **SECTION THREE -- FAILURE OF THE SECOND WORLD**

Chapter 10 - Fast Forward: - Genealogy of Japheth to nations of Earth, Genealogy of Ham to nations of Earth, Genealogy of Shem to nations of the Earth.

Chapter 11 - Failure of Nations. The Tower of Babel. Genealogy of Shem to Abram.

What was the sin at the Tower of Babel? (see also Gen. 9:1) – The sin was NOT trying to build a tower to God, but rather, not being willing to spread and fill the earth.

What is the greatest break in all of Scripture? What is the greatest division in all of Scripture?

**GOD IS NOT MOVING TOWARDS HIS GOAL IN THESE CHAPTERS! WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE CHAPTERS??????**

What is a prologue? An introduction to a story or drama. It gives us the setting and things we need to know to put the story in context.

The Bible is going to present to us a **DRAMA**.

God begins by setting the stage for us, He gives us the setting. The main character has not entered and the main story has not yet begun, we see only the problem.

1. If you owned a business, and were hiring, what 4 qualities would you look for in a person?
  
2. If you were going to reach the United States for God, what kind of person would you hire and what would you have him do?
  
3. Read Gen. 12:1-3, what 6 things does God promise Abraham?
  
4. What is a nation? What do you need to have in order to call yourself a nation? (use your imagination, brainstorm)
  
5. What do Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have in common?  
(There are 3 important ones; Think about their biographies, aren't these biographies a little strange?)
  
6. For the Diligent Student: Read Gen. 37-50. Answer: What does Joseph have to do with the Goal of God?