

GOD'S STORY OF HIS PROMISE

(A ONE-PAGE SUMMARY OF THE BIBLE)

In the beginning was God. He had always existed, but now He spoke into being all that we know – the heavens, the earth & all they contain. He then created man & woman in His own image. He created each of us to know Him in a personal relationship. And in creating us to be loved by Him, He gave us free will to choose to love Him back or not. He placed the man & woman in the garden – a perfect place. He gave permission to Satan to entice them. There had to come the choice– trust God or not...love God or not. Man chose the latter, and this gave birth to sin and our separation from God.

God did not give up on man though. He gave man work and pain, but also, He gave The Promise. He gave The Promise of a Savior. God held back evil with a flood. He held back evil by scattering. He held back evil with His promise given to an old man named Abraham, who passed it to his son, Isaac, who passed it to his son, Jacob, until a nation was born from his twelve sons. A nation that would be called God's people, a nation called to carry The Promise.

The Promise remained through 400 years of slavery, through 40 years of wanderings, through 500 years of conquering and falling away striving to be a kingdom, through 500 years of brokenness and banishment, through 400 years of silence, UNTIL....

Until one silent night in a small town called Bethlehem, a child was born of a virgin. The Promise was given birth and breath filled His lungs as the only Son of God took on human flesh. God stepped down to earth and became a man to open the Way for man to return to Him.

It would take blood. It would take sacrifice. It would take His very life, the life of Jesus, God's Son. Yet none of this was actually taken; He gave all as a free gift...as another chance...to choose God...to trust and love Him. Another chance was given to restore relationship with Elohim, our Creator...another chance for redemption.

Yet no choice is automatic; it is an act of our free will. The choice is given; a choice must be made.

The Word came. The Word spread. Many have chosen. And The Promise continues unto That Day...the Day Jesus returns for His Bride. There is still time. What will we choose?

Choose The Promise!