

Bible Top 5

God Prepares His People

Week 1

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Course Description

Think Hebrew

Look for the CARGO.
Don't focus on the VEHICLE.
Words are the Vehicle.
Listen for the Cargo.

Forms of Literary Media (TOOLS)

Words - Picture we try to pass into the minds of those we speak to
Receiver may or may not have their camera focused the same

Historical Reporting = Straight events the way they happened
Poetry = Poetic description of an event or message
Personification = Inanimate objects are given human qualities
Fable = Makes a moral point using a fictional story
Allegory = Extended metaphor - One action or thing is symbolic of another
Imagery & Symbolism = Figurative language

Concept Question - Does the Bible tell us everything we need to know about the origin of the world?

Creation and Its Concepts

Hands lifting the earth out of hazy mist = God created the heavens and the earth
Halo of white light circling the earth = God created all things good

Fingers opened on the right hand = God relinquished the earth to humankind as a gift
White links attached to the arms and globe = God binds Himself to His creation

Lettered banner flying on the earth = God claims ownership of all that He's fashioned
Figure grasping staff = Humankind, too, is owned by God
Banner furling around figure = Man has freedom within limits
Halo of light behind figures' heads = Mankind was fashioned in the image and likeness of God

Figures holding crowns = Man is the crown of God's creation
Four jewels in crown = God gave mankind four basic responsibilities toward the earth
Jewel 1 = To replenish the earth (Multiply)
Jewel 2 = To subdue the earth (Make Use)
Jewel 3 = To dress, till and keep the earth (Take Care)
Jewel 4 = To have dominion over the earth (Take Charge)

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Concept Question - Did God put troubles and pain in this world so we would long for heaven?

Divine Intentions

- Garden* = Paradise - God's creation was *very good*
- Banner extended from heavens* = God designed His creation with a Perfect Harmony
- Four mountain peaks* = God intended a four-fold harmony for man
 - Raised arms of figures* = Harmony with God
 - Banner enfolding figures* = Harmony with self
 - Clasped arms of figures* = Harmony with others
 - Banner flowing through peaceful lake scene* = Harmony with nature
- Figures with faces lifted upward* = Harmony is contingent upon obedience to God
- Halos behind figures' heads* = Made in God's image, man was able to perfectly obey God's will

Concept Question - How did God react when mankind sinned? Did He over-react?

Disharmony

- Broken Note* = God's Divine Intention of Perfect Harmony is mutilated
- Figure facing away from outstretched hand* = Disobedience leads to disharmony
- Outstretched arms of central figure* = Man revolts against God & "limited freedom"
- Space between figure and outstretched hand* = Revolt brings separation from God
 - Painful countenance on figure's face* = Disharmony with God
 - Broken note piercing side* = Disharmony with self
 - Broken note striking other figure* = Disharmony with others
 - Broken note penetrating earth* = Disharmony with nature
- Cracked earth & parched ground* = Disharmony with nature leads to misuse of creation
- Yokelike appearance of broken note* = Sin leaves burden of guilt & "sense of guilt"
- Large hand in beckoning position* = God didn't abandon sinful man, He gave a promise

Genesis 1-11

Memory Concept Review

- Genesis 1 - = God created all things good
- Genesis 2 - = Divine intentions
- Genesis 3 - = The fall
- Genesis ___ - The Flood = 7
- Genesis ___ - Brother's Keeper = 4
- Genesis ___ - Tower of Babel = 11
- Genesis 12 - = Blessed to be a blessing

Sin, Judgment, Grace

<u>Chapter</u>		<u>Disharmony</u>	<u>Sin</u>	<u>Judgment</u>	<u>Grace</u>
3	=	Self	The Fall	Death	Christ Promise
4	=	Others	Murder	Expulsion	Mark
6-9	=	Nature	Wickedness	Flood	Noah
11	=	God	Pride	Dispersed	Abraham

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Concept Question - Why did God find it important to pick a person and family to Bless to be a Blessing?

Pronouncement of a Destiny

A Promise

Shaft of light strikes prism = I will bless you

An Obligation

Light diffuses & passes through figure = so that you will be a blessing

A Prophecy

Rays of light extend over earth = by you all on earth shall be blessed

Concept Question - Why was it important for God's people to be Separate?

The Ardent Dreams of a Destiny

Figure sitting on a rock ledge = Israel

Ring encircles figure = Israel is set apart by God for a unique destiny

Figure surveys scenes in misty clouds = Israel considers promises & disciplines of future

Land Scene = Covenant entails promise of a land

Kingdom Scene = Covenant entails promise that seed of Abraham will multiply into a great nation

Small figures encircled by ring = Israel is called to maintain ethnic separation

Small figure separated from circled figures = God brings separation within families to insure destiny

Circled figure and land scene = Divine circumstances lead Israel to geographic separation

Prism symbol = Land, kingdom & separation to allow Israel to become the blessing it was called to be

Memory Concept Review

Circumcision instituted	= Genesis 17
Separation within families (Abram-Lot)	= Genesis 13
Hagar and Ishmael	= Genesis 16
Geographic separation in Goshen	= Genesis 47
Deliberate ethnic separation (Isaac chooses Rebekah)	= Genesis 24
God can use evil for good	= Genesis 50
Birth of Moses	= Exodus 2
The Excuses of Moses when faced with a Challenge	= Exodus 4

Top 5 Concepts - God Prepares His People

Creation

Divine Intentions

Disharmony

Pronouncement of a Destiny (Selection)

Ardent Dreams of a Destiny (Separation)

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Closing Prayer

Next Week - God Empowers His People

Hebrew vs. Greek Thought

Hebrew (Eastern)

Corporate
Concrete
Non-Systematic
Paradox
Religious Definition
Allusion to Things
Numbers used as Ideas
Reality Found in History
Time is Linear
Cargo (Meaning Behind a Story)
Eye
2 Dogs Killed a Lion
Evil == Snake
Live in Time
Passive, Likes to Contemplate
Accept World as it is
Live in Peace with Nature
Freedom of Silence
Marry first, Then love
Conceal love from world
Desire to want less
Austerity
Poverty is spiritual elevation

Greek (Western)

Individual
Abstract
Systematic
Syllogism (Logic)
Scientific Understanding
Everything is Defined
Numbers are Quantitative
Reality Found in Eternity
Time is Cyclical
Vehicle (Details of a Story)
Ear
In Union There is Strength
Evil - 20 Definitions in Dictionary
Live in Space
Aggressive, Likes to Act
Try to Change the World
Try to Impose on Nature
Freedom of Speech
Love first, Then marry
Show love to the world
Desire to want more
Gracious living
Poverty is degradation