

We all have our favorite Bible verses that we quote and read on a regular basis, but few understand why the books of the Bible were actually written. How does it all fit together? For some, this book of books sits on a nightstand collecting dust day after day. For others, it is used as a weapon to clobber over the head of people trying to persuade them to our way of thinking so they can escape the fires of hell. Still, some people just believe it is a story book of fairy tales.

One of the reasons I write, is to show people that God had a purpose in everything He did, and He continues to have a purpose for everything He does. Reading an article recently, I became acutely aware of how many people love and read the Bible, but do not have a clue to what God had in mind from even before He created the earth and the heavens and everything in them.

We must go back to the beginning. Every book in the Bible points to Jesus, and His Kingdom coming to earth. The Kingdom already exists in heaven. Jesus is already King. The plan of God in the beginning was to create a place for a new type of creation He had in His heart. This creation would expand that Kingdom that is in heaven, to this planet where God would place His new creation, humans.

These humans would cooperate with the King in heaven on how to bring the Kingdom to earthly realms. This would not be a labor-intensive task and carried out as if humans were servants. Instead, it would be for the joy and delight of this new creation to use their creative power and godly talents to make their habitation beautiful like heaven with Jesus as King.

As God prepared to create this place, and these human creatures that existed in His heart, He knew what they would do. He had to give them the will to choose. He wanted sons and daughters who could love Him, not serve Him like robot slaves. He knew that the further away they got from His heart, the less they would recognize His voice and know His ways.

There was a rebellion in heaven among the angels and the rebellious were kicked to earth. Pride had caused the rebellion. If God's new creation made the wrong choice, it would be for the same reason the angels rebelled, because of pride. But His plan would provide for their weakness.

The plan of God for the earth that Adam and Eve knew in the beginning would soon be lost to humanity unless it was somehow preserved. The Old Testament is filled with examples of humans living out the truths and plans of God, so the people would remember who God really is, and what He had planned for humans from the beginning of time. We look at these stories and think they are great stories and have spiritual truths that we can all gain from them, but we fail to see the overall plan of God in them.

Adam and Eve would rebel sending mankind on a tail spin. The enemy would do everything he could to get humans to follow his ways instead of following God. He was labeled the deceiver because that is what he did to Eve in the garden and continues to do to people today. But God had a plan.

The enemy in the garden was told he would not win in the end. Eve, after their rebellion, would eventually have someone come through her bloodline who would

destroy the enemy. It was a promise God was making to His creation. Even though they had rebelled against God, He would provide a way back into the presence that was so real in the Garden. God would restore His plan for mankind to inherit the earth and the privilege of making it look like heaven. More than that, they would bring heaven to earth. That way back to God would be through a human child.

And I will put hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 3:15 (MEV)

The enemy would strike the heel of this one to come, meaning he would try to take advantage of Him. The enemy would try to thwart the purpose for which this seed (Jesus) would come. He would try to stop Him from leaving His footprints in the sands of time. But this seed to come (Jesus) would strike the enemy's head. What do you do to kill a snake? Yes, cut off its head.

The word translated as “strike” also means “crush, which brings to mind the following verse.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Romans 16:20 (MEV)

The Son of God who was in the beginning with the Father and Holy Spirit would come to earth as a man and shed His blood to purify us. He would rise from the dead, ascend into heaven and pour His blood on the mercy seat in heaven, just as the Israelites poured the blood of lambs on the earthly mercy seat as recorded in the Old Testament. He would crush the enemy's plan for mankind. This was all planned by God in the beginning.

The stories of the Israelites throughout the Old Testament were pictures of God's plan for mankind. The high priest of the Jewish tribe of priests would go into the Holiest of Holies once a year to pour blood on the ark of the covenant as a picture of Jesus who was to come. Jesus is the true High Priest as these verses indicate. The Israelites were to do this so people would see and hear the message of the coming Messiah and for them to understand the One and Only True God.

But Christ, when He came as a High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies so that the flesh is purified, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 11:11-14 (MEV)

The earth had become so rebellious that God sent a flood to the earth, but there was one man and his family that could hear God and would obey Him. After all that, it is amazing and bitterly sad that within four generations of the flood the world was evil

again. Remember, the enemy is a deceiver. He is full of pride. He thinks he can rule better than God. He knew God created man to rule and reign in the earth. He usurped that rule when Adam and Eve rebelled. He knew God's plan was to establish a Kingdom on earth, so the enemy looked for someone who would follow his plan and create a counterfeit kingdom instead.

That man was Nimrod, Noah's great grandson. He would build a tower to heaven and call it Babel. He would establish the foundation that would later be called the kingdom of Babylon and it would be everything that was anti-God. It would be built on a foundation of pride. They did not need God, or so they thought.

That physical kingdom was a picture of the kingdom satan builds behind the scenes to capture humans and keep them from following God's plan for establishing His Kingdom in the earth. It is completely opposite of what God desires. It is all about pride and deception. Babylon exerts control and manipulation, while God's Kingdom is about freedom and peace. So much of what we believe today to be a part of God's Kingdom is really deception and a part of the enemy's kingdom.

Back in the 1980s I heard God tell me to declare to the people "Come out of Babylon" and to those who restricted and controlled God's people, "Set My people free" and "Let My people go". That is still the message. There are many coming out of Babylon and want to be free, but they do not know how. They do not yet understand their life's purpose and there is a Kingdom which God wants established in the earth. That is the message on my heart.

God knew in the beginning that man would choose the wrong way, so He called forth a man around the same time as the tower of Babel was being built. This man was Abraham and God told him He would make him into a mighty nation. They were chosen. They were not chosen because they were special, but because there was a man who heard God and obeyed. That is a key to living in the Kingdom of God.

This man would raise up a family that would become a nation. This nation would birth this one that God spoke about in the garden. The nation, called Israel, was chosen as the one through which the Savior and King of kings would come. They were also chosen to be the nation that would hold the truth of God's plans from the beginning and make sure it was known to the other nations, so all people could find their way back to God.

This is the reason there are so many life stories in the Old Testament. They were tasked with making known to the earth the truth of who the real God was, and what His plan was for planet earth. They were to live in such a way that other nations would desire to follow this God. We know most of them didn't but every real-life story from the Old Testament reveals some aspect of God that He wants humans to know. They are not just cute stories.

The Old Testament is not just stories and rules and regulations. It is meant to show us that the law and rules and regulations will never be successful in making us into who God designed us to be. We need a Savior to restore to us, the original plan and intent of God's heart. Only then can we return to His heart and His ways and receive our inheritance.

Again, God knew that humans would walk further away from Him until they could no longer hear His voice. Jesus was crying out to His Father in these verses. Notice the crowd response.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.
John 12:28, 29 (KJV)

Some heard a voice and thought it was an angel. Some heard thunder. I am sure that some heard nothing at all. They did not recognize the voice of the Father. God's plan was that the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus would change this. Not only would people be able to hear His voice again, but they would be able to walk and talk with Him as Adam did in the garden. As they obeyed Him, His voice would become clearer and easier to hear.

If we are to change things in the earth, we must find our way back to Him. We must desire more than knowing about Him. We can't obey Him just because in doing so, it will go well for us. That is rooted in pride. We can't just do works because we think it will please Him and it will go well with us. That also is pride.

We must get to know Him, and in knowing Him discover the depths of His love for us. In that love, we are secure, knowing His way is far superior to our ways and we love Him enough to see His ways done in the earth, therefore, we obey. We become one with Him, so we are not going our own way. Instead, we go where He goes. The Kingdom of God is where Jesus is King. Our greatest desire is for the King to have His way, not only in our lives, but in the communities, the cities, the states, the nations of the world. His way will bring joy, peace, and love to all. We carry the solutions to all the problems, because we live and move and have our being in Him.

God knew the end from the beginning and He chose people who would listen to Him and understand the part of the plan of God for the earth that He wanted preserved. Those people wrote their stories. The Bible is a collection of those stories preserving God's plan for humans, so they would know how to return to Him and hear His voice and begin to possess their inheritance again.

We write our own stories today to preserve the knowledge of God's love and plan so others can read and follow. Our lives are living stories of the goodness of God and how He woos us back to Him and into His heart where He reveals secrets to us. He hides His plan in plain sight so only the hungry can see it.

It all begins with a desire for more of God and a will to listen and obey. We need a hunger to know this One deeply who created us and desires for us to call Him, Father. We can live to serve Him, like a servant, or we can live to love Him like a son or daughter. The choice is ours.

The earth is waiting for the revealing of those who have chosen to live in the Father's heart. He calls them sons and daughters. They live and move and have their being in Him. They hear His voice and another they will not follow.

I, John, am that disciple who has written these things to testify of the truth, and we know that what I've documented is accurate. Jesus did countless things that I haven't included here. And if every one of his works were written down and described one by one, I suppose that the world itself wouldn't have enough room to contain the books that would have to be written! John 21:24, 25 (TPT)

The authors of the individual books of the Bible wrote down the historical details accurately so truth would be known and Jesus would be revealed for their generation and generations to come. John, the beloved disciple, could not write of everything Jesus was or did. It was too massive. We, who choose to write today of our wonderful King, feel the same way. There are not enough books to contain everything about our Heavenly Father and Jesus. He continues to work in our lives.

If we cannot hear His voice, we have the Bible. It points to God on every page. The Bible is meant to point us to Jesus, not to replace Him. We get to know about Him from its pages, which should develop in us a desire to know Him and the Father heart of God. It is meant to show us the plan of God for our lives from the beginning. The Bible is not a replacement for communion with God. If we are going to change the world and fulfill the desire of the Father planned from the very beginning of time, we must be able to hear His voice and we must know Him well enough to know His heart!

For your tender mercies mean more to me than life itself. How I love and praise you, God! Daily I will worship you passionately and with all my heart. My arms will wave to you like banners of praise. I overflow with praise when I come before you, for the anointing of your presence satisfies me like nothing else. You are such a rich banquet of pleasure to my soul. I lie awake each night thinking of you and reflecting on how you help me like a father. I sing through the night under your splendor-shadow, offering up to you my songs of delight and joy! With passion I pursue and cling to you. Because I feel your grip on my life, I keep my soul close to your heart.
Psalm 63:3-8 (TPT)

