

## The Story of the Gospel

### I. The Story of the Gospel Begins and Ends with God.

#### **YHWH/LORD is His name**

Ex 3:14-15

#### **YHWH is Holy and unique, there is none like Him.**

Is 46:9

He exists outside of matter.

He exists outside of time.

He exists outside of space.

#### **YHWH is Triune (3 in 1) in nature; He exists in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Ge 1:26a, 3:22a, 11:7a; Ma 28:19

#### **YHWH is Omnipresent:** He exist everywhere at once.

Ps 139; Ex 6:7, 2Cor 6:16; Ge 17:7; Ex 6:7, 29:45; Le 26:12; Je 7:23, 11:4, 24:7, 30:22; Ez 11:20, 14:11, 36:28, 37:27; He 11:16, Re 21:3

YHWH is ageless; He has always been, He is, He always will be.

Ge. 26:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.

The LORD dwells with humanity through the:  
 Tabernacle Temple Immanuel Holy Spirit  
 King Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven

#### **YHWH is Omniscient:** He knows/sees everything at once universally.

Ps 147:5; Job 21:17; He 4:12-13; 1Jo 3:20  
 1Sa 10:2; 1Ki 13:1-4; 2Ki 8:12; Ps 139:4; Ac 2:23, 4:27-28

\*Is YHWH ignorant about some things as appears in Genesis 18:20-21? No.

#### **YHWH is Omnipotent:** He is sovereign and all powerful.

All-Powerful There is nothing that can stop God's will.

Ge 18:14; La 3:37-38; Ps 115:3, 139; Is 55:11; Jer 32:17; Matt 6:26-30, 10:29-30  
 Ro 8:28, 11:33-36; Ep 1:11

He is Creator ([bara] ex nihilo) of all things

Ge 1:1-2; Ex 20:11; Job 38:4; Ps 8:3; Ps 96:5; Ps 102:25; Ps 134:3, Ps 136:5; Je 32:17, 51:15; Mark 13:19; Jo 1:1-3; Acts 24:4; 17:24; Ro 1:19-20; 1Co 8:6; Ep 3:9; 2Pe 3:5; Re 10:6, 21:6; 22:13

He is Sustainer of All Things  
Acts 17:22-28; Co 1:15-18; Ps 103-107

The LORD is sovereign over Wicked  
Ge 45:5-8; Ex 4:21; 1Kings 22:22; Ro 9:18; Ac 2:23, 4:28

YHWH has the power and the desire to save.  
Ep 2:8-10; Ac 13:48, 16:14-15; Jo 6:44, Ph 1:29

**\*Things God cannot do because He is God.**

God cannot Lie  
Nu 23:19; 1Sam. 15:29; Romans 3:4; Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2;  
1John 1:10, 5:10

God cannot change  
Malachi 3:6; Psalms 90:2,4; 102:27; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17;  
Revelation 1:8

God cannot break a promise  
Psalm 89:34; Leviticus 26:44; Jeremiah 14:21; and Jeremiah 33:20-22

God cannot be stopped  
Daniel 4:35; Job 34:39; Job 42:2; Proverbs 21:30; Isaiah 43:13; Acts 5:39;  
1Corinthians 10:22

God cannot tolerate sin  
Isaiah 59:1-2; Proverbs 15:29; Jeremiah 5:25; Ezekiel 18:4, 20; Ezekiel 39:23-24; Romans 6:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 6:7-8; and 1 John 3:4

God cannot despise a broken and contrite heart  
Psalm 51:17; Psalm 102:17; Psalm 138:6; Luke 15:10; and Romans 12:1

God cannot be pleased without faith  
Hebrews 11:6; Numbers 14:11; John 3:18 John 8:24; Hebrews 3:12, 18-19; Hebrews 11:1; and Revelation 21:12

God's church cannot be destroyed  
Matthew 16:18; Psalm 125:22; Matthew 7:25; Acts 5:39; Romans 8:33-38

God cannot stop loving you  
Jeremiah 31:3; Deuteronomy 7:7-9; Psalm 103:17; 2 Timothy 1:9;



II. The Story of the Gospel Reveals God's Love for Humanity through  
Seven Covenants.

Through the seven covenants God explains sin, grace and His plan for redemption of humanity.

**Adam Sin = Death Conditional Gen. 1-2**  
*The LORD warned Adam that sin would bring death.*

**Adam Messianic Grace Unconditional Gen. 3-5**  
*Adam and Eve chose and also were deceived to sin against God physical and spiritual death became part of life but the LORD showed His underserved love, called grace.*

**Noah Provision Unconditional Gen. 6-9**  
*The LORD allowed man and the fallen angels to co-exist and man again chose to rebel against the truth of God until only one righteous family was left - Noah. The LORD saved Noah and His family in an Ark symbolic of Christ and destroyed the rest of creation by flood.*

**Abraham God betrothed to Israel Unconditional Gen. 12, 15, 17**  
*After the flood and the next rebellion at the Tower of Babel the LORD physically divided humanity into nations with borders. Choosing the barren family of Abram who was at the time worshipping false idols. The LORD invited Him to receive the blessing of being the patriarch of the future nation of God.*

**Moses God Husband of Israel Unconditional Ex. 6:7**  
*The LORD raised up Moses, a Hebrew adopted by the Pharaohs daughter, to lead His people out of bondage that they might become His nation. The LORD revealed Himself to the Hebrews in ways that humanity has never seen since.*

**David Kingdom Unconditional 2Sam. 8:7-16**  
*After Saul, the LORD chose for Himself a King to govern the Hebrews. The LORD promised to establish through David a Kingdom that would last forever through the coming Messiah.*

**Jesus Messianic Redemption Unconditional Jer. 31:31-34**  
*The Messiah Jesus of Nazareth was born ~4BC through a virgin named Mary betrothed to a man named Joseph. The when, where of the birth and life of the Messiah was foretold by the prophets hundreds of years before His birth. The First Adam (first family) produces death but the Messiah also known as the 2nd Adam is promised to destroy the works of the enemy and restore humanity.*





#### IV. The Story of the Gospel Reveals the Messiah (Savior) in the Fullness of Time.

The covenantal marriage of God to Israel - produces a son, not a son of death but the son of life - the Messiah also called Immanuel (Isa. 49:6; Re.12).

The Messiah, the One who spoke through the prophets and who was spoken about for 4,000 years has arrived!

The life of Jesus was so important that his birth split the Gregorian and Julian calendars into two halves: Before Christ and After Death (Anno Domini)

The Gospels provide the lineage of Jesus from Abraham to Joseph in Matthew 1 and Joseph to Adam in Luke 3 in order to show that Jesus is from the line of righteousness as given in scripture beginning with Seth who replaced Able after he was killed by Cain.

The Gospels record the perfect sinless, obedient, life of obedience laying down His life as a sacrifice (dowry) for His bride (the Church) that will grow throughout the world in the next two-thousand years.

Through the redemption of Jesus, the Messiah, we can become new creations by grace through faith in Christ not by the will of man or the flesh but by the will of God. (2Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:8; John 1:12-14).

Jesus came to serve and save the lost (Mark 10:45).

Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy (1John 3:8).

Romans 3:10-18, 23; 5:8; 6:23; 8:1, 38-39; 10:9-13; John 1:11-14

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## V. The Story of the Gospel Reveals the Mystery of the New Covenant Church Age

Jesus accounts the birth of the Church (Matthew 16:17-19).

Jesus tells His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the power of the Church (Acts 1:1-5).

The metaphor of the Church as the Bride of Christ begins with the Apostle Paul and is used again in the Book of Revelation (Eph. 5:22-33; Rev. 19:6-14).

To understand the fullness of this relationship we need to understand the ancient Jewish wedding custom which has basically 3 parts: betrothal, preparation, marriage feast.

Jesus is betrothed to His Bride ratified by offering Himself as the perfect and final blood sacrifice.

Jesus went back to His Father's house but now works to prepare the bride and her home until He returns to receive His bride.

Jesus will soon return to receive His bride to Himself and judge the world for their rejection of the bridegroom (Matthew 22:1-14).

The Bride of Jesus is the New Covenant Assembly of Born-again Believers (first called the Christians at Antioch (Acts 11)).

Christ is one with the Father, we are one with Christ spiritually.

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VII. The Story of the Gospel Reveals the Eternal New Heaven and Earth  
1,000 Year Reign of Christ over the Nations of the Earth (Rev. 20)

King Jesus will rule the nations of the restored earth for 1,000 years (Rev. 20).

The Church known then as the bride will teach and govern the Gentile nations.

The Apostles will teach and govern the tribes of Israel.

Satan will be bound and locked away during the earthly reign of Christ (Rev. 20).

Lifespans will be similar to the days of the patriarchs but death will still exist.

No war or violence will be tolerated in humans or animals.

Temple sacrifices will be instituted because sin will still exist.

Rebellion against Christ will grow throughout the generations because the heart of man is still evil.

Satan will be loosed at the end of the 1,000 years to gather the wicked and one last time come against Jerusalem the city of God.

God Himself will destroy the enemies with fire.

Satan will be thrown into Hell (the lake of fire) with the Beast and False Prophet.

The final judgment against the unrighteous known as the Great White Throne of Judgement will be set up.

All of the souls of the unrighteous dead from the beginning of man until that day will be taken from Hades and will be joined with their resurrected bodies this is known as the 2nd Resurrection.

The books of deeds and the Lamb's Book of life will be opened and when their names are not found they will be thrown into the fiery lake with Satan, Beast, False Prophet to exist in the pain and suffering of their rebellion for eternity.

The last enemy death and the grave will be thrown into the lake of fire and all will have been completed.

## New Heaven, New Earth, New City of Jerusalem (Rev. 21-22)

Everything in the universe is made new, no more curse of sin exists.

The Bride of Christ, the wife of the Lamb, is the centerpiece of the new heaven and earth and their home is the New City of Jerusalem.

Who is the Bride? Every believer, including both Jew and Gentile, who believed by grace through faith in Christ from Adam to the rapture of the Church.

Everyone who came to faith by sight after the rapture of the church and/or was born during to 1,000 year reign are known as the nations of the earth.

The city of New Jerusalem sustains all the people of the new heavens and earth.

From the center of the city flow the river of life and on the banks of the river are the trees of life both of these things sustain all creation.

The city of New Jerusalem needs no light and the gates are never shut so the people of the new heaven and earth enter into the presence of the Lord all the time.

### Revelation 21:1–8 (ESV)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

## Revelation 22:12–17 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.

<sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

My friend I have shared with you the truth of the Gospel and the invitation by Jesus to become a child of God and share in the heritage of the bride.



