

AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT GOD IS DOING IN

The Story of the Bible

A. Beginnings

1. From creation to the curse,
2. From Cain to the flood,
3. From the covenant with Noah to the tower of Babel,

God gives life and punishes sin.

B. Fathers

1. God chose Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
2. God grew Jacob's family.
3. God used Joseph to protect Israel.

God chooses, grows, and protects a family.

C. Planting a Nation

1. God brought Israel out of Egypt.
2. God gave Israel the promised land.
3. God gave Israel judges.

God plants the family as a nation.

D. Growing the Nation

1. God made Saul king but then rejected him.
2. God chose David and gave him the kingdom.
3. God gave Israel rest under Solomon.

God grows the nation into a kingdom.

E. Pruning the Nation

1. God divided Israel into two kingdoms.
2. God sent Israel to Assyria.
3. God sent Judah to Babylon.

God punishes His nation's idolatry.

F. Restoring the Nation

1. God replaced Babylon with Persia.
2. God used Persia to send His nation home.
3. God protected His nation as they rebuilt their home.

God restores and preserves His nation.

INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

G. Visiting the Nation

1. God sent a messenger before His Son.
2. John preached a baptism of repentance.
3. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit.

God enters into the story of His nation.

H. Rejected by the Nation

1. Jesus taught.
2. Jesus healed.
3. Jesus was rejected.

God reveals Himself through Jesus.

I. Saving the Nation

1. Jesus died.
2. Jesus was buried.
3. Jesus was raised from the dead.

God makes a way for salvation.

J. From the Nation...

1. Jesus ascended to heaven.
2. God poured out the Holy Spirit.
3. God sent out His witnesses.

God grows the church around Jerusalem.

K. ...To the World

1. Jesus appointed Paul.
2. Many Jews rejected Paul's preaching.
3. God opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

God grows the church among the nations.

L. New Beginnings

1. God showed John things to come.
2. God will finally punish all evil.
3. God will give eternal life in the New Jerusalem.

God gives life and punishes sin.