

ISRAEL: FROM GENESIS TO MALACHI GOD'S PURPOSE AND PLAN

BACKGROUND

God created mankind (Adam and Eve) perfect (Genesis 1:31).

Adam and Eve sinned against God (Genesis 3:1-14) and a personal relationship with God was severed.

Genesis 3:1-5	The serpent's temptation
Genesis 3:6-7	Adam and Eve's sin
Genesis 3:8-19	The consequence of their sin
Genesis 3:14-15	The curse on the serpent and God sets in motion a plan to redeem man from his sinful condition and provide us a way to have a personal relationship with God again.

Michael Rydelnik gives six considerations why the snake is "more than a mere serpent but an animal that is animated by an evil force, The Messianic Hope, B & H Academic, 2010, page 135-145.

1. The messianic interpretation fits the broader context of Genesis.
2. A snake, as part of the creation, is not inherently evil but part of what the text calls "very good" (Gen. 1:31).
3. A mere serpent from the good creation, apart from an evil force animating it, would have no reason to challenge God's word or tempt humanity.
4. It is not the serpent's seed that will be crushed by the woman's seed after a long conflict but the serpent itself, indicating a longevity not normal for mere snakes.
5. Later biblical writers identified Satan with the serpent of Genesis - Romans 16:20; Revelation 12:9.
6. Ancient Jewish interpreters explained Genesis 3:15 messianically.

In Genesis 3:15 we have the story of two "seeds": The woman's seed (vs. 15) and Satan's seed (vs. 15). The story of two "seeds" continues through chapter 11 and beyond. "Immediately, in fact, in the very next chapters of Genesis. The trail of the two seeds becomes evident," Rydelnick.

	Woman's "seed"		Satan's "seed"
Genesis 4:25	Righteous line of Seth	Genesis 4:17-24	Wicked line of Cain
Genesis 9:26	Righteous "seed" of Shem	Genesis 9:25	Cursed line of Canaan
	Patriarch seed blessed Abraham, Isaac and Jacob		Ishmael and Esau Not in line of blessing

"Furthermore, what this text reveals about the Messiah is significant. While not predicting the virgin birth of Messiah, it does promise that Messiah will descend from humanity and that He will destroy the evil force that tempted Eve, humanity's ancient enemy later revealed as Satan. Moreover in defeating this enemy, the Messiah himself will be struck, bringing victory over the enemy of our souls through His own death," Rydelnick.

ABRAHAM: THE CALL AND BIRTH OF A NATION

2166 B.C. – 1991 B.C.

Genesis 12:1-3 – The Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT - 3 BASIC PROMISES

LAND "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country...unto a land that I will shew thee:"

SEED "And I will make of thee a great nation..."

BLESSING "...and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

In essence, the rest of the Bible, from Genesis 12:4 through the end of the New Testament is "commentary", or the outworking of these three basic promises.

ISAAC – THE PROMISE CONTINUES

2066 B.C. – 1866 B.C.

Genesis 17:19

JACOB - THE PROMISE CONTINUES

2005 B.C. - 1859 B.C.

Genesis 28:13-14

Jacob would have 12 sons and thy would become the 12 Tribes of Israel.

JUDAH - THE PROMISE CONTINUES

The kings of Israel (and Messiah) would come from the tribe of Judah. Genesis 49:10

JACOB AND HIS FAMILY GO TO EGYPT

1876 B.C.

Exodus 1:1-5

EGYPTIAN BONDAGE FOR 430 YEARS

Exodus 12:40

JEWISH PEOPLE LEAVE EGYPT

1446 B.C.

Exodus 13:1-5

JEWISH PEOPLE SPEND 40 YEARS IN DESERT

Joshua 1:1-2

MOSAIC LAW GIVEN TO ISRAEL

Moral, civil, and ceremonial laws given to the nation to guide and rule them, so they would be different (holy) from the surrounding nations. (See Exodus 19:1-6)

THREE ANOINTED OFFICES SET UP IN ISRAEL

PROPHET - God's spokesman to the people.

PRIEST - The people's representative to God.

KING - God's appointed ruler over the people

JEWISH PEOPLE GO INTO ISRAEL

1406 B.C.

Joshua 24:17

JUDGES FROM SIN TO DELIVERANCE BACK TO SIN

1400 B.C. - 1051 B.C.

12 Judges ruled Israel during this time - Othiel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, and Samson.

Sin Judgement Repentance, Deliverance (Judge) is the cycle of the book of Judges.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

Othniel delivered the Israelites from the Mesopotamians or Edomites (Judges 3:7-11)

Ehud from the Moabites (Judges 3:12-30)

Deborah and Barak from the Canaanites (Judges 4; 5)

Gideon from the Midianites (Judges 6-8)

Jephthah from the Ammonites (Judges 10:6-12,17).

In the strife with the Philistines, which was not terminated during this period, Samson (Judges 13-16), Eli (1 Samuel 4-6), and Samuel (1 Samuel 7:3-14; 9:16) figure. Of these six wars those which brought Othniel, Ehud and Jephthah to the front were less serious and significant than the other three. The conflicts with the Canaanites, Midianites and Philistines mark distinct stages in the history of the period.

KINGS OF ISRAEL

1051 B.C. - 586 B.C.

Saul
David
Solomon

As a result of the rule of Solomon, Israel was divided into two nations. The northern kingdom was called Israel the southern kingdom was called Judah.

ISRAEL (NORTHERN KINGDOM) FALLS TO THE ASSYRIANS

722 B.C.

Many from Israel escaped to Judah - 2 Chronicles 35:17-18

The annals of the Assyrian Sargon, discovered by archaeologists, says only 27, 290 people were taken into captivity. With the population of Israel being 400,000 - 500,000 most of them remained in the land.

The Kings of the United and Divided Kingdoms

United Kingdom	
Saul - good→bad	
David - good	
Solomon - mostly good	
Israel	Judah
Jeroboam I.....bad	Rehoboam.....good→bad
Nadab.....bad	Abijah.....bad
Baasha.....bad	Asa.....good→bad
Elah.....bad	Jehoshaphat.....good
Zimri.....bad	Jehoram.....bad
Tibni.....bad	Ahaziah.....bad
Omri.....bad	Queen Athaliah.....bad
Ahabs.....bad	Joash.....good→bad
Ahaziah.....bad	Azariah.....mostly good
Joram.....bad	Uzziah.....good
Jehu.....bad	Jotham.....good
Jehoahaz.....bad	Ahaz.....bad
Jehoash.....bad	Hezekiah.....good
Jeroboam II.....bad	Manasseh.....bad→good
Zechariah.....bad	Amon.....bad
Shallum.....bad	Josiah.....good
Menahem.....bad	Jehoahaz.....bad
Pekahiah.....bad	Jehoiakim.....bad
Pekah.....bad	Jehoiachin.....bad
Shozea.....bad	Zedekiah.....bad

BABYLON: FIRST DISPERSION CAPTIVITY

586 B.C.

Jeremiah 25:11-12

THE IMPORTANCE OF 490 YEARS

2 Chronicles 36:20-21
Daniel 9:24

JEWISH PEOPLE RETURN TO ISRAEL FROM BABYLON

537 B.C.

Ezra (1:7-11) depicts Sheshbazzar's Aliyah (**1,000 Jews**) as a consent and encouragement of the Persian King Cyrus.

536 B.C.

The second wave of Aliyah, known as Zerubbabel's Aliyah, was led by Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the grandson of Jeconiah, king of Judah, and a descendant of the house of David as well as Joshua the son of Jehozadak who was appointed the High Priest. According to the book of Ezra (chapter 2) **42,360** returned (vs. 64) plus **7,539** servants and singers (vs. 65).

459 B.C.

The third aliyah of the Jewish return was led by Ezra (chapters 7-8).
Around **5,000** Jews made Aliyah in this wave of Zion Returnees

445 B.C.

The fourth Aliyah was led by Nehemiah (chapter 2). The Bible doesn't record how many returned at this time

About **60,000** Jewish people returned over a period of 92 years.

ARE THERE 10 LOST TRIBES?

2 Chronicles 14:11-17

927 B.C.

Notice "out of all the tribes of Israel" they came to Jerusalem, with the Levites. They left Israel and moved to Jerusalem to worship God because Jeroboam, king of Israel, led his nation (Israel) into idolatry.

2 Chronicles 14:8-10

942 B.C.

Some from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon went to Judah

2 Chronicles 30:5,6,11,18,25

726 B.C.

In 2 Chronicles 30 people from the northern kingdom are invited to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover by Hezekiah. Some of the tribes are named - Asher, Manasseh, Zebulun, Issachar - but the invitation went throughout the land, verse 5, and more than likely every tribe would have been represented. And some of them "dwelt in Judah."

2 Chronicles 34:9

623 B.C.

Godly people from Israel, the ten tribes, came to Jerusalem to help rebuild the Temple after the Assyrian captivity.

2 Chronicles 35:17-18

623 B.C.

People from Israel, the ten tribes, kept the Passover. This was after the Assyrian captivity. The annals of the Assyrian Sargon, discovered by archaeologists, says only 27,290 people were taken into captivity. With the population of Israel being 400,000 - 500,000 at the time most of them remained in the land.

Ezra 6:17

516 B.C.

When Ezra came back from Babylon an offering of 12 he-goats was made for the tribes of Israel. Obviously, all the tribes were represented, in Babylon and in Jerusalem at this time.

Acts 26:7

59 A.D.

When Paul presented his defense before King Agrippa he spoke of his Jewish brethren having a common hope and promise.

James addresses the 12 tribes scattered abroad (James 1:1). The 12 tribes were both in and out of the land and were all known as Jews.

Anna was of the tribe of Asher - Luke 2:36

Revelation 7:4

In the Tribulation period there will be people out of every tribe set aside by God (Rev. 7:4-8) so there must be people from every tribe in the world today. These from every tribe are called Jews today.

"Israel, during her 4,000 years of existence, has been by far the most literate people in the history of the world. Rabbi Kleman's DNA studies demonstrate that, 'Genetics research as described has clearly shown that the Jewish people today are the descendants of the ancient biblical Hebrews.' In addition, no nation has kept better records of her own history, whether through divinely inspired Scripture or mere human writings than the Jewish people. These records provide ample evidence that the Jews of today have had continual existence, even though they were often scattered around the world for much of their existence. We see that not only do recent DNA studies provide a scientific basis for verifying the modern Jewry really are descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, this view is also supported by biblical logic and the testimony of history. Jews are a racial class that stands in contrast with Gentiles, according to the Bible. Only bias or prejudice would lead one to a contrary opinion when examined in the light of Scripture. Therefore, it is with utmost certainty that anyone examining the record should conclude that those who are Jews today, whether in or out of the land of Israel, have the blood of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob flowing through their veins. This fact provides a basis for their Zionistic claim that the land of Israel belongs to the Jews because God gave it to them." Dr. Thomas Ice, The Case for Zionism: Why Christians Should Support Israel, page 145-46, New Leaf Press, 2017

400 "SILENT YEARS"

400 B.C. – 1 A.D.

From the close of the "Old Testament" canon to the beginning of the "New Testament" era is a period of about 400 years. They are called the "silent years" because there was not inspired revelation from God.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ISRAEL

1. Bring the Word of God (the Bible) into the world.

Romans 3:1-2

2. Declare the one true God to the world

Isaiah 43:10

3. Bring the Savior (Messiah) into the world.

- ✧ Descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David
- ✧ Born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2
- ✧ Born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14
- ✧ Come before 70 A.D. – Daniel 9:26
- ✧ Died, buried, and resurrected for the payment of sin for all – Isaiah 53

CHRIST = MASCHIACH = MESSIAH = ANOINTED ONE

Hebrews 1:1-3

Vs. 1 Prophet

Vs. 2 King

Vs. 3 Priest

MESSIAH REVEALED

Matthew 1:1, 18, 20-23; 2:1, 4-5

**THE JEWISH PEOPLE (ISRAEL) WERE (ARE BEING) USED BY GOD
TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSES FOR THE WORLD.**

**ALL HISTORY IS HIS STORY THE WORLD IS MOVING
TOWARD A COLLISION WITH IT CREATOR!**