The Unfolding of God’s Plan
Two Ways of Looking at the World

• This world is all there is
• There is something more
HENCEFORTH THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE,

2 TIMOTHY 4:8

WILL AWARD TO ME ON THAT DAY, AND NOT ONLY TO ME BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LOVED HIS APPEARING.
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- Pay the price for man’s sin and offer salvation on that basis
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• Creation
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

GENESIS 1:5
I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;

HE SHALL BRUISE YOUR HEAD,
AND YOU SHALL BRUISE HIS HEEL.

GENESIS 3:15
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• Flood
Inside Noah's Ark

Gopher wood, caulked with pitch
1,396,000 cubic feet, 14,000 tons
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• Scattering of People
The Tower of Babel would have been built in ziggurat form. It probably was ancient Babylon's Etemenanki—the "temple of the foundation of heaven and earth." Many Babylonian legends and documents describe this structure, as does the Greek historian Herodotus.

Ancients believed that deities dwelt on high places and associated the gods with hills and mountains. Babylon was on low ground—the ziggurat was a substitute mountain. It towered above the dust in the lower air and was an excellent place to observe the stars. From a ziggurat's top, heaven seemed closer.
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I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 12:3
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• Exodus from Egypt
When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:4-5)
Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.

Exodus 19:18
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But the Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book."

EXODUS 32:33
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your HEART & with all your SOUL & with all your MIGHT.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5
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Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.

Joshua 21:43
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And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.

2 Samuel 7:16
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And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

2 Chronicles 36:15–16
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And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:11
“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

Amos 8:11
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Luke 1:32
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And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:15–16

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- Letters to Christians
And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:29
The Unfolding of God’s Plan for Man’s Redemption
God’s Terms for Redemption and Fellowship

• Believe
• Repent
• Confess
• Be Baptized
• Imitate Jesus