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**1. The Father Promised a Plan for His People through the Patriarchs and Prophets. Gen.-Mal.**

- a. God created everything, and gave mankind limits, freedoms, mercy and grace (Gen.1-3).
- b. Mankind, destined to sin, continually was called by God to follow Him (Gen. 4-11).
- c. God chose a family to become a holy nation as His people for a His Promise (Gen.12-50).
- d. He gave them His Laws, Judges and plan (Ex.-Ruth), but they wanted a king (1 Sam.).
- e. The kings and kingdom failed repeatedly (1 Sam.-Mal.), but God promised a Savior (Isa.).

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion.’ And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” ... “Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 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.’ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him...” Gen. 1:27-28a, 12:1-4a*

**2. The Savior-Son Fulfilled the Promise as God’s Sacrifice for your Redemption. Matt.-John**

- a. Christ—in His birth, teachings and miracles—proved Himself Isaiah’s Messiah (Matt.).
- b. He became known to the Romans and Gentiles as mankind’s Servant, Son of God (Mark).
- c. Christ lived, died, and arose to life—fulfilling all that He said to His followers (Luke).
- d. Our Lord and Savior brought the Light to the world that He promised all along (John).

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this,” ... “Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life,’” Isaiah 9:6-7, John 8:12*

**3. The Holy Spirit Spread the Gospel of the Savior’s Redemption to the World. Acts-Rev.**

- a. Christ’s apostles proclaimed His Great Commission of redemption for believers (Acts).
- b. Paul and others planted churches and taught Christ’s Gospel of saving grace (Acts-Jude).
- c. Christ gave John a vision of future judgment for believers and non-believers alike (Rev.).

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth,”... “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied,” Acts 1:8, 9:31*

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