

The Story of the Bible Part 3

If you have been here the past couple weeks you know that we are doing a series called, "The Story of the Bible." We're studying together how we got the Bible. I said to you the past two weeks how you got your Bible is not the way the world first got the Bible. When you got your first Bible you got your Bible finished with verses and chapters and maps and table of contents. It was already complete.

How the Bible came to be is fascinating and once we understand how the Bible came to be here's what I believe. Your appreciation for and the power of the stories in the Bible will be greater for you.

The Bible started because _____

- Matthew, Mark, Luke & John

Gentiles became enamored with the sacred texts of the Jewish people because _____

- Old Testament

Gentiles saw in the Hebrew text the story of _____

And all people on the earth will be blessed through you -- God to Abraham Genesis

Egyptian Slavery - God kept His people from extinction.

Moses and the Sinai Covenant with His people.

I'm will be your God and you will be my people. Exodus

1. I am going to give you your own land.
2. If you obey me I will prosper you.
3. But if you disobey me, I will punish you.
4. If you take on the customs and the religious traditions of the surrounding nations, if you embrace the morality of the surrounding nations, if you embrace the polytheism of the surrounding nations, I will give you into the hands of the surrounding nations.

Period of the Kings

Israel now a nation decides, "We want a king" but God wanted to be their king.

Period of the Temple

Period of the Prophets

He was despised and rejected by everyone. He's a man of suffering and familiar with pain. And look at this. He was pierced (punished) for our transgressions.

He was crushed for our iniquities.

The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed [we are made right with God.] The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of all of us...

And after he suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied.

*By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many and he will bear their iniquities. -- **The Jewish Prophet Isaiah - chapter 53***

*When the set time had fully come, then and only then, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption to be his children. -- **Letter from Paul to Christians living in Galatia.***