

THE MESSIAH PLAN

The Coup and the Promise

Genesis 3:1-15

What to know about the darkness

1. It is not eternal. It had a beginning; it will have an end.
2. It's leader is a created being. While he is powerful, he is not omnipotent.
3. God did not create evil—it entered the world through the willful disobedience of created beings.

What to know about “the Plan”

1. It is not just a prediction, it is a promise.
2. It was in place BEFORE the creation of man.
3. It called for a “Champion.”

What to do with what we know

1. The power of darkness cannot overcome the presence of Light. We can live in victory.
2. The promises of God are guaranteed. We can live in hope.
3. The choice of man is still available today. We can live in relationship.

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For those who are passionate about their faith!

The promise of the Messiah is repeated often in the Old Testament, and with most of the “reminders” comes increased revelation. What can you learn about Jesus this week?

Through the New Testament in 2018: Read Mark 13-Luke 1

Monday | **Genesis 12:1-9**

What promise was given to Abraham? How would he bless all the peoples of the earth? (How strongly did Abraham believe in the promise? Hebrews 11:17-19)

Tuesday | **Job 19:23-25**

Job lived in the same era of the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob). About whom is Job talking in these verses? What does he reveal about the Messiah? How is Jesus a Redeemer?

Wednesday | **Psalms 89:19-37; 132:17,18**

What promise is made to David? What role will the Messiah eventually assume? How could he / can we find hope from this additional information given about the Promise?

Thursday | **Isaiah 9:1-7**

What is the great light? How would the Messiah dispel darkness? What other names are given for Him? How would you describe Him?

Friday | **Zechariah 9:9; 11:11-13; 12:10:13:7**

What prophecies did Zechariah make about the Messiah? Why are these details important? How do they indicate a divine plan?

Sunday preview | **Matthew 11:1-6**

Even John the Baptist wasn't sure about who Jesus was—why? What expectations was Jesus not meeting as the “Champion”?