

# Who is God's Messiah?

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Mark 1:1-3

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## Gospel of Mark

- Answers who is Jesus of Nazareth?
- Answers What is the Good News (Gospel) about Jesus?
- Starts by referencing the OT prophets

## An Overview of God's Word through the Prophets:

- Bible covers history of man: Creation ~4000BC to Destruction of the Temple 70AD.

## The Creation & Fall Period 4004-2234BC

- God created in 6 days. God had fellowship with man<sup>Gen3:8</sup>
- Mankind chose their own way rather than obeying God<sup>Gen3</sup>
- God judged & cursed. Clothed them shed blood<sup>Gen3:21</sup> and promised hope in a Messiah<sup>Gen 3:15</sup>
- Mankind began to multiply<sup>Gen1:28</sup> but again chose not to follow God<sup>Gen6:5-8</sup> but chose his own evil way
- God choose Noah<sup>Gen6</sup> & his family to save. God covenanted with Noah after flood to never destroy by global flood<sup>Gen 9:7-13</sup>
- After flood man chooses his own way<sup>Gen11</sup> language confused

## The Abraham & Sons Period 1996-1689BC

- God called Abraham from Ur and promised to bless him and make him a great nation with a descendant who would bless all the families of the earth<sup>Gen 12:3</sup>
- Abraham had a son, Isaac<sup>Gen21</sup> with Sarah though he tried by his own ways through Hagar<sup>Gen16</sup>. God tested Abraham<sup>Gen 22</sup>
- Isaac fathered Jacob<sup>Gen25:26</sup>, renamed Israel<sup>Gen35</sup>
- Israel: 12 sons, Joseph<sup>Gen35-50</sup> his favorite saves family

## The Moses and Exodus Period 1571-1451BC

- After 400yrs in Egypt new Pharaoh<sup>Ex1:8</sup> who oppresses<sup>Ex1:16-22</sup>
- Moses born, preserved by God<sup>Ex2</sup>, Israelites cry out<sup>Ex2:23-24</sup>
- God sends Moses as deliverer. 9 plagues; 10<sup>th</sup> passover under the blood for all who obeyed.
- Moses leads people out; God delivers miraculously<sup>Ex14</sup>
- God provides food & water takes people to worship @ Sinai
- While Moses gets commands; people rebel with calf<sup>Ex32</sup>
- Moses led people to edge of promised land<sup>Num13</sup>; people wouldn't trust God<sup>Num14:6</sup> wanting to go back to Egypt<sup>Num14:3</sup>
- God judged lack of faith<sup>Num14:22-23</sup> wandered 40 yrs

## The Joshua & Conquest Period 1451-1443BC

- Moses died but warned the people<sup>Deuteronomy</sup> about blessings of obedience and curse of disobedience<sup>Dt28</sup>
- Joshua led people over Jordan<sup>Josh3-4</sup> at flood stage
- Joshua led people to take Jericho as commanded<sup>Josh6</sup>
- Israelites failed to obey God and conquer the land as instructed but intermarried with idolators.

## The Judges & Samuel Period 1443-1095BC

- 7 cycles of sin, bondage, deliverance & blessing
- Book ends on sad note with "no king, everyone did what was right in their own eyes."<sup>Jdg21:25</sup>

## The David & Solomon Period 1085-922BC

- God sent Samuel, 1<sup>st</sup> great prophet
- People demand a king like nations, Saul annointed king
- Samuel annoints David, a man after God's own heart
- Saul dies, David crowned king. As a warrior king he can't build God's temple.
- Solomon, David's son, a man of peace builds the temple

## The Divided Kingdom & Exile 922-400BC

- Civil wars develop, kingdom divides
- God sends prophet after prophet to call people to faith
- Northern kingdom falls in 722BC; fall of Judah 586BC
- God allows people to return after 70yrs Cyrus edict; 540BC
- God sends more prophets to call people to faith
- 400 years of silence until...

## The Coming of God's Deliverer - Jesus Christ

- Gospel of Mark presents God's King & Savior
- Tells us of the Good News<sup>Rm1:16</sup>
- 2 Climaxes in Mark:
  - Mk 8:29 - Peter confesses Christ (Jesus is King)
  - Mk 15:39 - Roman centurion confesses Christ (Cross)
- Will you '*prepare the way for the Lord?*'
- Challenge read and/or listen to Gospel of Mark  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uln1U8j200>