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# UNDERSTANDING AND EXPLAINING THE MISSION OF GOD

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## CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE OVERVIEW – SESSION FOUR

### THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED (JESUS, THE SPIRIT & THE NEW CREATION)

#### (MATT – REVELATION)

#### TERM 1; SESSION 5 – JOHN RISBRIDGER

#### Approaching the New Testament

*The 3 final stages in the kingdom are initiated through three key events.*

Coming (1<sup>st</sup>) of Christ – the **Present** Kingdom

Coming of the Spirit (Pentecost) – the **Proclaimed** Kingdom

Coming (2<sup>nd</sup>) of Christ – The **Perfect** Kingdom

*The coming of the King*

Malachi 3:1

Matt 3:2; 4:17

Luke 11:20

#### The Present Kingdom – the King has come

#### God's people – Jesus, the true Israel

*Groups: Matt 1:1-17*

*Which part of the OT story does each section of the genealogy relate to?*

*In the Bible '7' is often a number of fulfillment or completion so what is the point of v17?*

Matthew 1-4 – Jesus fulfills the story of Israel

*'And so was fulfilled...' a subtle revelation of Jesus' true identity*

Born by God's intervention - 1:22&3 – fulfilling Isa 7

Born in the place God promised - 2:4-6 – fulfilling Micah 5

Protected by escape to Egypt - 2:14&15 – fulfilling Hos 11

Unprotected children slaughtered - 2:16-18 – fulfilling Jeremiah 31  
Childhood in Nazareth - 2:23. – fulfilling something (not sure what!)  
Passing through water at his baptism, Jesus is identified as the Son of God who fulfils the OT promises (3:17 cf Ps 2:7; Gen 22:2; Isa 42:1).  
Temptation in the Desert (all his passages quoted from Deut when Israel in the desert)

*There are various striking parallels between the story of Jesus and the story of Israel*

Both are born through God's purpose and intervention (Abraham and Sarai were childless)  
Both are born in fulfilment of God's promise (God promised Abram a nation would come from him)  
Both are protected through a desperate journey to Egypt (story of Joseph)  
In both cases children who are unprotected are die in large numbers (Passover)  
Both are called out of Egypt by God (Exodus)  
Both pass through water (Red Sea)  
Both are tested / tempted in the wilderness (Numbers and Deuteronomy)

John 15 – Jesus, the true Israel, gathers a people to himself

### **The place of God's presence – Jesus, the God-man, the new temple**

John 1:14

John 2:21

John 4:24 – Jesus the new temple gathers a worshiping community to himself

### **Blessed to be a blessing – Jesus, the obedient son**

*Jesus is the truly blessed one (Luke 1:42, 19:38, Matt 21:9) and he blesses the poor, the mourning, the persecuted (Luke 6:20-22) and the children (Mark 10:16).*

Matt 3:17;

Matt 26:42

2 Cor 5:21 – Jesus obedience counts for us, so his blessing reaches to the nations

The blessing of sins forgiven (*the cross / atonement*)

The blessing of righteousness given (*justification*)

The blessing of victory over our enemies (*resurrection*)

Blessing for all the nations – Gal 3:13-14

'Every spiritual blessing in Christ – Eph 1:3-14

## **The Proclaimed Kingdom – the Spirit has come**

Acts 1:4-11 – the age of the Spirit

*Groups: Look at the following passages to see how our major themes are impacted by the coming of the Spirit.*

*God's people – Acts 11:4-18; Gal 4:4-7*

*In the place of his presence (temple) – Eph 2:17-22 – 'far away' = gentiles and 'near' = Jews.*

*Blessed with his covenant blessing to be a blessing – Gal 3:6-14, Rom 7:1-6 (esp 6); Gal 5:16-26; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:6-8*

### **God's people – alive in the Holy Spirit**

#### **In the place of God's presence – the temple of the Spirit**

**Blessed with his covenant blessing to be a blessing – blessed, transformed and empowered to be a blessing by the Holy Spirit.**

## **The Perfected Kingdom – the King is coming!**

Phil 1:23 - going to heaven when we die

Phil 3:20-21 - the resurrection of our bodies when Jesus comes again

2 Peter 3:11-13 – (see Isa 65:17ff) the New Creation

### ***The millenium (Rev 20)***

Pre-millennialism

Post-millennialism

Amillennialism

### ***Romans 8:18-20***

### ***Revelation 21:1-5, 22-4; 22:1-5***

New heavens, new earth (21:1)

New Jerusalem (21:2)

Explanation (21:3-5): I am making all things new

The glory of the nations (21:22-4)

The garden city (22:1-5)

**God's people – new community**

**In the place of his presence – new creation**

**Blessed and a blessing for eternity– new security**

**Conclusion**

***Our place in God's story***

***Passing it on (groups of 3):***

*Referring to the 'Bible at a glance' hand out, use what you have learned to explain the three stages in which the NT describes the three dimensions of our '3D Grid reference system' reaching their goal:*

The coming of Jesus

The coming of the Spirit

The (second) coming of Jesus.