

The Bible: God's Plan for Salvation

Chapter 2 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will explore ways God has guided humanity through a number of events in salvation history.
- The participants will examine the Bible to see examples of people chosen by God to do his will.
- The participants will reflect on how they participate in salvation history.

Content Summary

1. Salvation history is the pattern of events through which God reveals himself and his saving actions to us.
2. Salvation history can be divided into eight stages—six stages found in the Old Testament, and two stages found in the New Testament.
3. The Old Testament stages are the following: (1) primeval history, (2) the patriarchs, (3) Egypt and the Exodus, (4) the Promised Land and the judges, (5) the kings and the prophets, and (6) the Exile and the return.
4. The New Testament stages are the following: (7) the life of Jesus Christ and (8) the Church.
5. The final stage of salvation history continues today through the Church.
6. The Church will continue to share the Gospel until the end of time.
7. We, as members of the Church and with the help of the Holy Spirit, take part in Christ's mission today.

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