

Welcome to the  
**Story of the Bible**  
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# 4-Week Overview of the Bible Outline

## I. The Beginning

- A. Creation → Babel (Gen. 1-11)
- B. Abraham → Joseph (Gen. 12-50)

## II. Old Testament History

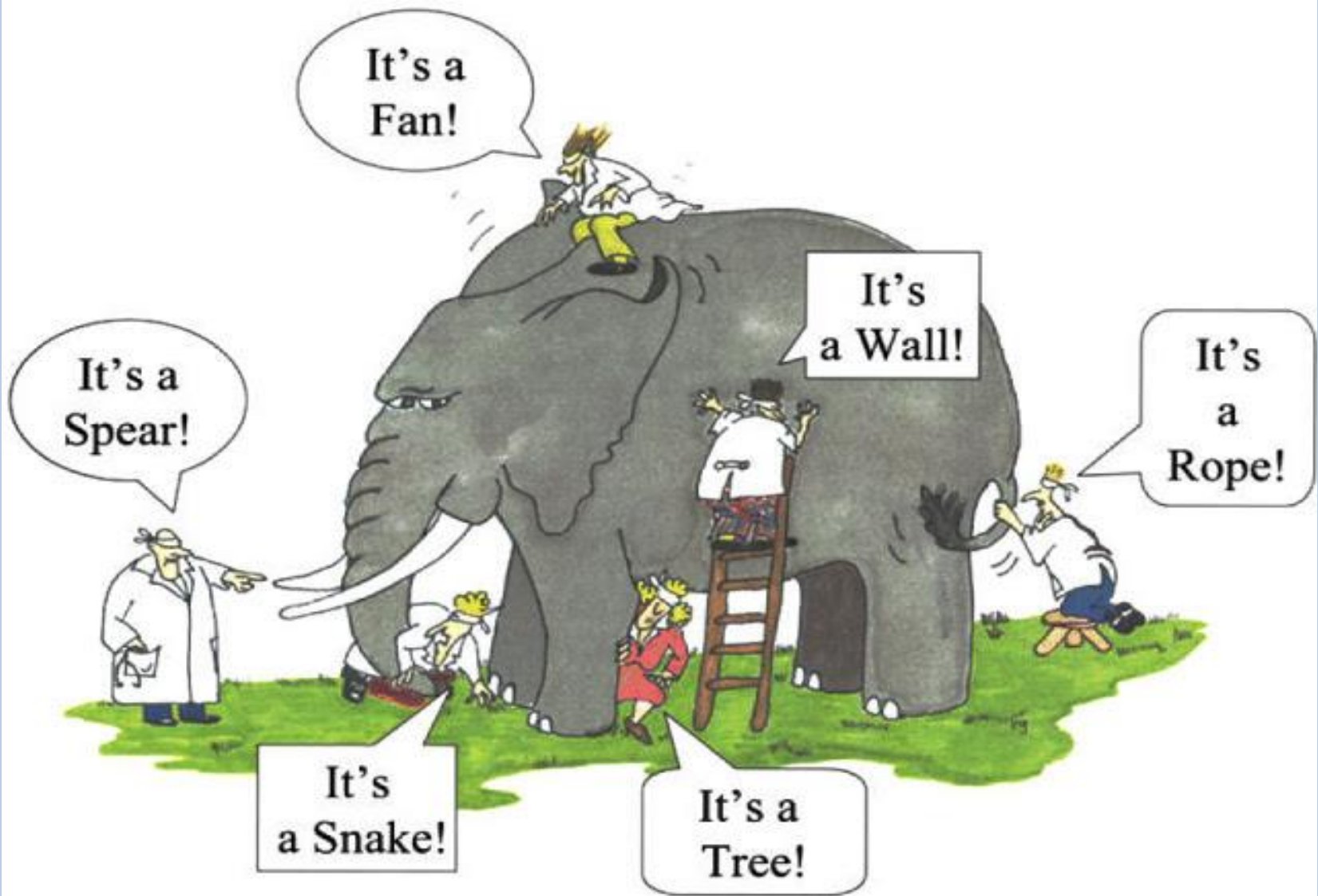
- A. Moses → Kings (Exodus-2 Chron)
- B. Exile → Return (Ezra-Esther, Prophets)

## III. Preparing the Way

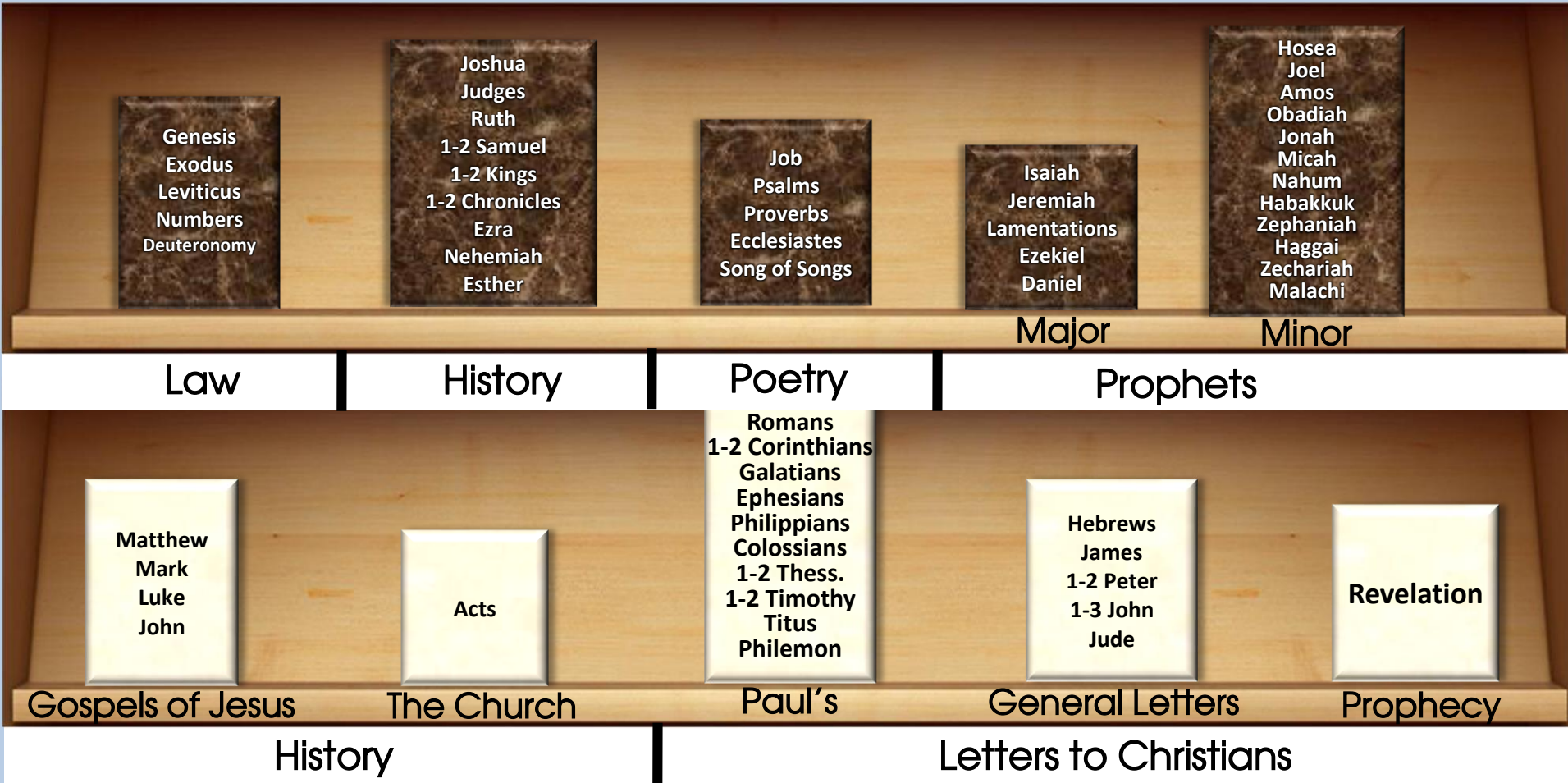
- A. Intertestamental Period
- B. Jesus in the Gospels (Matthew-John)

## IV. The Church

- A. The Beginning of the Church (Acts)
- B. Letters to the Churches (Romans-Revelation)



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The Bible is a Library of 66 books that tells a single story of God's interaction with people. Its purpose is to teach us what God has done, is doing and how we can be a part of it.



2. Genesis 1-11 Presents the plot for the entire story of human history.

3. Genesis 1 – God creates order from chaos. God’s word for His order is “good”

## Environment

## Inhabitants

Day 1 – Light —————→ Day 4 – Sun, Moon, Stars

Day 2 – Sky from Waters —————→ Day 5 – Living creatures in sky/water

Day 3 – Ground and Plants —————→ Day 6 – Land-dwelling creatures

Day 7 – Order and Rest

## 4. The Downward Spiral

a. The Garden: Good is defined by God. (Genesis 2)

\*Genesis 1:26-27 – God created man to join in His mission

b. The Fall: Evil was introduced by humans. (Genesis 3)

\* The tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was test/choice for Adam and Eve.

“Will you be a part of my plan? – check yes or no.”

Banishment 1: God protects His good creation. (Genesis 3:21-24)

c. The Murder: Human sin brings chaos (evil) (Genesis 4:1-9)

Banishment 2: God restores order (good) (Genesis 4:10-16, 25-26)

d. The Nephilim: Human sin brings chaos (evil) (Genesis 6:1-8)

Banishment 3: God restores order (good) (Genesis 6:9-9:28)

e. The Tower: Human sin breeds rebellion (chaos/evil) (Genesis 11:1-4)

Banishment 4: God restores His ordered (good) plan (Genesis 11:5-9)

That God is so persistent suggests there is a purpose for God’s order.



**D. As The Story begins we see a pattern developing in the relationship between God and man.**

**1. How does this pattern compare to your life?**

**2. Why is God's planned order for creation and us important?**



## B. Abraham → Joseph (Gen. 12-50)

### 1. Creation and the Downward Spiral (Gen. 1-11)

# Creation



**Banishment from Garden**

**Tree of Good/Evil**

**Banishes Cain**

**Cain Murders Abel**

**Worldwide Flood**

**Angels Marry Women**

**Confuses Language**

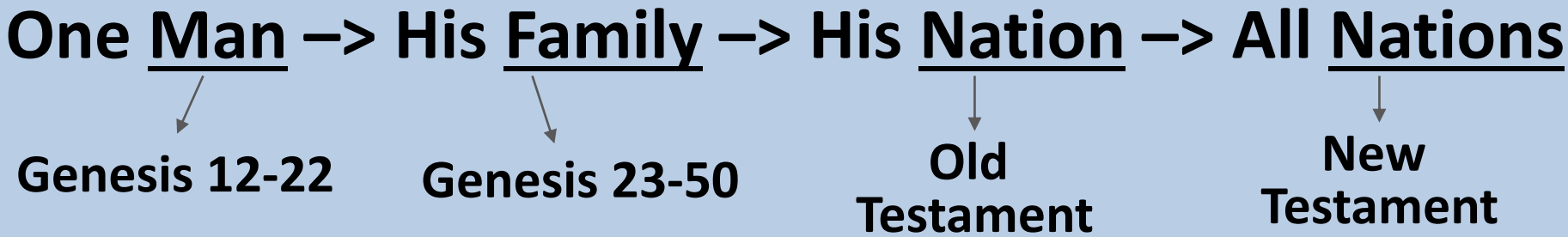
**Tower of Babel**

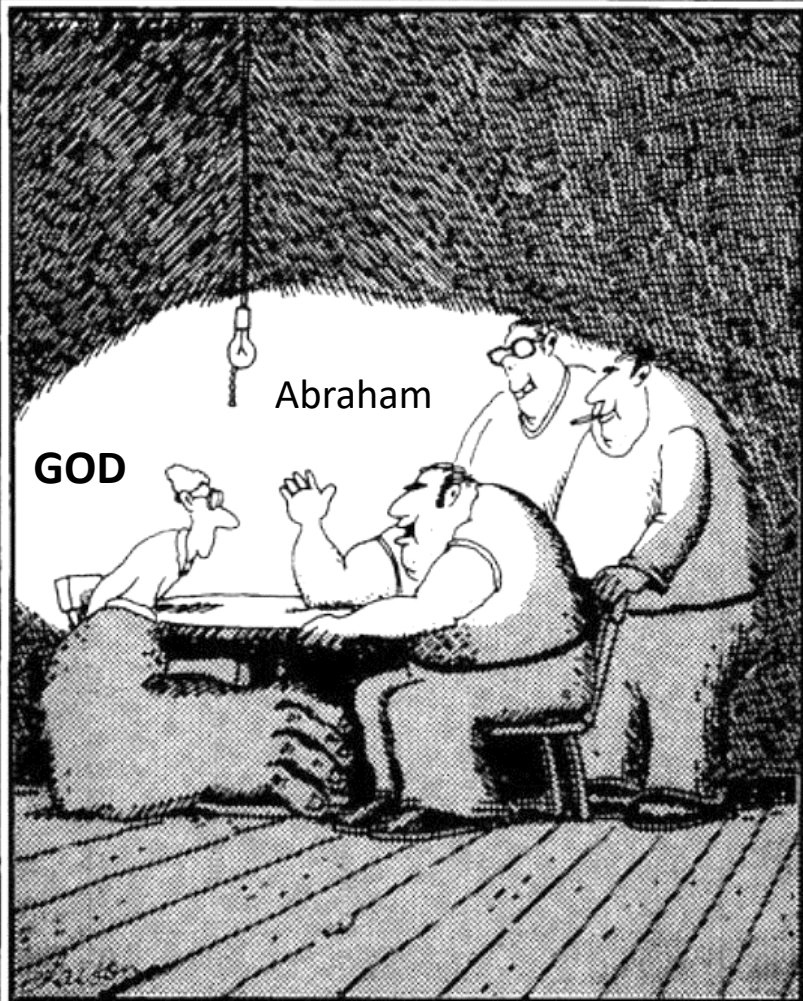
# GOD HAS A PLAN FOR FIXING THIS

- 2. Gen 12 - The call of Abram (Gen 12:1-3) – Three parts to the promise
  - a. I will bless you into a Great Nation.
  - b. You will be a blessing which will make your name great.
  - c. All people on earth will be blessed through you.

THIS FORMS THE PLOT FOR THE REST OF THE BIBLE

GOD’S PLAN FOR FIXING ALL OF THIS IS NOT TO BURST IN AND TAKE OVER, BUT TO WORK THROUGH PEOPLE.





"Okay, buddy. Then how 'bout the right arm?"

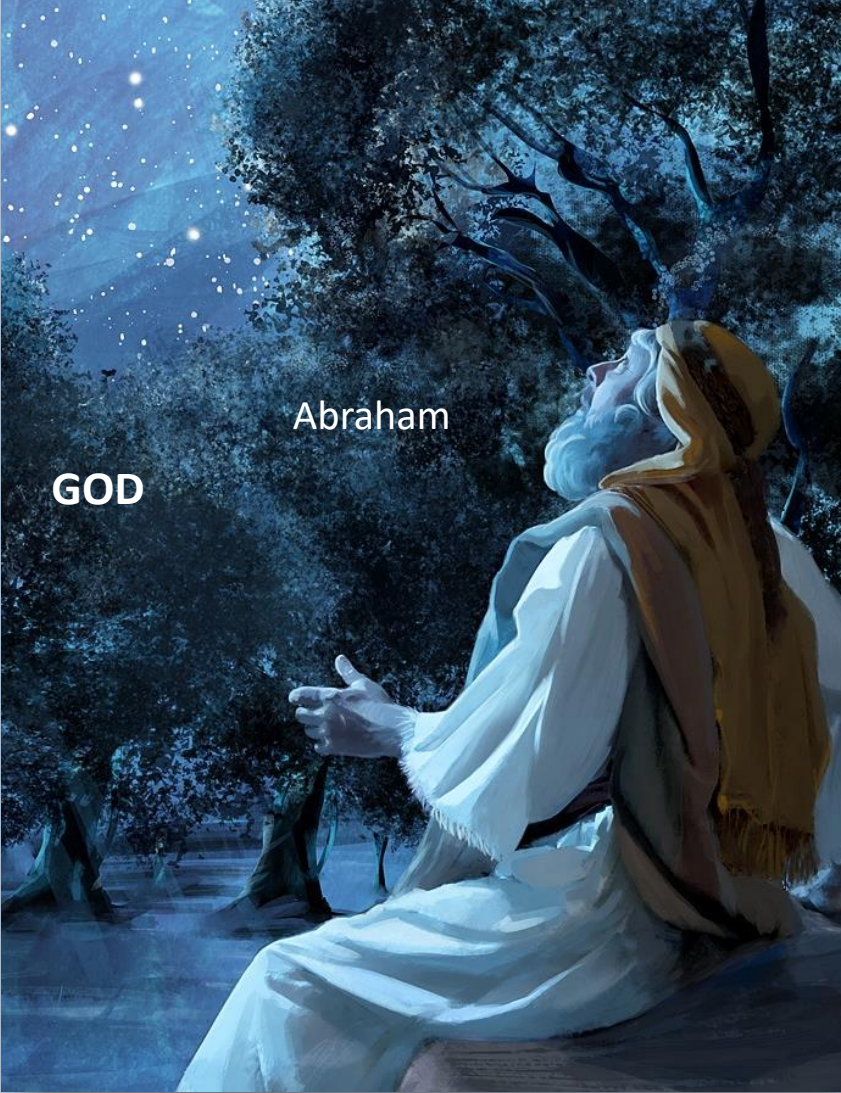
\* Abraham has been given the promise, but he doesn't understand how powerful God is!

- 3. Abram tests the promise three Times.
  - a. Abraham lies to Pharaoh to save himself. God re-promises Abraham.
  - b. Abraham sleeps with Hagar to have a son. God re-promises Abraham.
  - c. Abraham lies to Abimelech to save himself. God blesses Abraham with the birth of Isaac.

Finally, after 15 years – Abraham is ready, and God tests him

- d. God tells Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. God provides a lamb.





## Genesis 22:16-18 – God Repeats His Promise

<sup>16</sup>"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Genesis 22:16-18

4. Gen 26 – The call of Isaac (Gen 26:1-5) - three parts to God's promise to Isaac

- a. Bless you & descendants with land.(vs. 2-3)
- b. Make your descendants numerous.
- c. All nations on earth will be blessed through you.

5. Gen 27 – The blessing passed to Jacob

- a. Promise passed by Isaac. (Gen 27:28-29)
- b. Success confirmed by God. (Gen 32:28)  
“Jacob” becomes “Israel” → *Struggles with God*
- c. Promise confirmed by God. (Gen 46:1-4)

## 6. The Story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

### \* Joseph Get's It – **WHAT GOD SAYS MATTERS MOST**

- a. Jealous brothers sell him to Egyptian slave traders. (Gen. 37:12-36)
- b. Slave to Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard. (Gen. 39)
- c. Potiphar's wife gets him in trouble for not sleeping with her.
- d. Interprets Pharaoh's dream, becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in Egypt. (Gen. 41)
- e. Organizes Egyptian famine relief. (Gen. 41:41-57)
- f. Brothers come to Egypt for help. (Gen. 42)
- g. Moves family to Egypt where they will live 430 years. (Gen. 46-50)





## Conclusions for Genesis

- a. In Genesis, God outlined His plan and His promise for all humanity.
  - **His plan:** to form a people in His image with whom He can relate by bringing order from chaos.
  - **His promise:** to build a family, a people, and a nation through Abraham to bless the world.
- b. The events in Genesis demonstrate that God protects His plan at all costs.
- c. God proved that He is patient and forgiving towards those who want to conform to His plan and join His Mission.