

# God's Plan Through the Ages - PT I

TIME FRAME: Sixteen Weeks

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Session 1: Meet & Greet, Intro  
Session 2: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 1, Prologue & Steps 1-2  
Session 3: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 1, Steps 3-4  
Session 4: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 1, Steps 5-6  
Session 5: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 1, Steps 7-8  
Session 6: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 1, Steps 9-10  
Session 7: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 1, Steps 11-12  
Session 8: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 2, Steps 1-3 \*  
Session 9: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 3, Steps 1-2  
Session 10: PT 1: ACT 1 Scene 3, Steps 3-5  
Session 11 : PT 1: ACT II & III \*  
Session 12: PT 2: Vol 1-3  
Session 13: PT 2: Vol 4-6  
Session 14: PT 2: Vol 7-8 & Epilogue

## CLASS BREAK DOWN

6:30 - 6:50 Fellowship/Prayer

6:50 - 7:40 Workbook

7:40 - 8:00 Q&A

## Vision

We aim to arm the people of God with the Word of God so that in this day of false teaching and attacks on our faith, God's people will be able to see all deception and stand firm on the Word of God. With the Holy Spirit inside every believer and with the Word of God in their hearts, false teaching and blasphemies will be exposed and defeated, and revival in individuals hearts can and will take place.

## Mission

In each session will tell a piece of the Progress of Redemption/God's Plan Through the Ages. We want to help people connect the dots of scripture so that they can see that the Bible is not only a book of stories, but it is all one story that points to Jesus and to His everlasting dominion. A handout will be provided for all in attendance to fill in the blanks so that after we tell a piece of the story, we will facilitate discussion for deeper understanding and passion, and for real life application.

# Introduction

Suggested Reading: Genesis 1 and Ephesians 1: 1-23

- Mark 4: 35-41      The wind and the sea are calmed
- Mark 5: 1-20      Demons are cast out
- Mark 5: 21-43     Two people are healed

How do these stories fit together? Is there any unifying principle?

Welcome to God's Plan Through the Ages!

Approaches to the Bible as a whole

The Red Line -----> of Redemption

The Covenants

The Dispensations (periods of time)

Topical Studies

Content Survey

History

Doctrine; Theology

Progress of Redemption emphasizes the relationship of content

Question: Is the Bible...		
One Book	- Yes	No?
Two Books - OT & NT	- Yes	No?
Sixty-six books?	- Yes	No?

The *relationship* between stories, events, activities in the Bible

The *relationship* between the teachings in the Bible

The *relationship* between A & B!

Progress of Redemption is based on several **assumptions**:

God is \_\_\_\_\_

The Bible is written in \_\_\_\_\_

There are two assumptive principles throughout the Scripture that will help us understand the Bible as a whole as well as understanding the various parts.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

What unity is not:  
Monolithic (everything identical)

EXAMPLES:

What unity is:  
*Unity in diversity*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

What \_\_\_\_\_ is not: 25¢ -> 50¢ -> 75¢ -> \$1.00 ->  
Simply accumulation

What \_\_\_\_\_ is:



Progress of Redemption focuses on two topics:

What God is \_\_\_\_\_

History; Facts

“In the beginning God Created...”

What God is \_\_\_\_\_

Doctrine

“The Lord said...”

Examples:

Numbers 23:19

“Does he Speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”

2 Chronicles 6:4, 15

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who with his hands has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth... With your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it.”

Amos 3:7

“Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plans to his servants...”

Romans 4:21

“Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”

Acts 1:1

“I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach.”

Luke speaking of the gospel of Luke - God is speaking to our head and to our heart and giving works for our hands.

## What God is Saying

## What God is Doing

These two topics, “*Doing*” and “*Saying*”, form the structure of this small group:

Part I:  
What God is Doing  
ACTS I, II, III  
*Unity and Progress*

Part 2:  
What God is Saying  
VOLUMES I-VIII  
*Unity and Progress*

“Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing with revealing his plans to his servants...” (Amos 3:7)

God has a plan???

Of course! And we need to know where God is going...so we can go with Him!

Genesis 1:27,28

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.’”

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel”

Numbers 14:21

“Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth...”

Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Ephesians 1:11-14

“In him we were chosen... in order that we... might be to the praise of his glory...; the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.”

Other information about Progress

Origin, nature

Graphics

Review Questions

Course Vocabulary

Suggested Reading in the Bible

Reviewing the Lectures

## Review Questions and Vocabulary

Of the seven approaches, which best summarize this study? Explain.

What are the assumptions of this study?

What is and is not meant by “unity” in this study? Include an illustration.

What is and is meant by “progress” in this study? Include an illustration.

How does Acts 1:1 illustrate the two topic of this study? Explain

## Introduction Vocabulary

Unity - Scissors - opposite ends working together, not the same, but to complete a purpose

Progress - A seed to a tree, baby to an adult

Doing - the narrative, the stories

Saying - the doctrine

Acts 1:1

Facts - Doing

Doctrine - Saying

Just for fun:

Circle any of the following books in which the greater emphasis is on what God is “doing” rather than on what God is “saying”

Acts

Ester

Judges

Psalms

Ecclesiastes

Genesis

Matthew

Ruth

Ephesians

Jeremiah

1 Peter

2 Samuel