

WORDLESS *Panoramic* BIBLE

*The Illustrated Bible from Creation
to the Great Commission*

Panorama #1 – Creation

Creation

1 This is the story of how everything began. In six days, God created the universe and all that exists within it. Initially, the earth was dark and empty, with nothing formed upon it, but God’s Spirit hovered over the waters.

2 Then God declared, “Let there be light!” And light came into being. God saw that the light was good, naming it “day,” and He separated it from the darkness, which He called “night.” This marked the first day of creation.

3 On the second day, God spoke again, creating the sky by separating the waters above from those below.

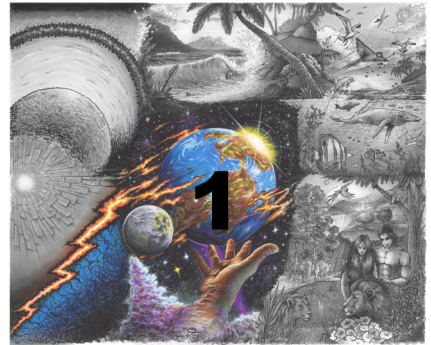
4 On the third day, God commanded the waters to be gathered, allowing dry land to appear, which He called “earth,” while the waters He named “seas.” God observed that this was good. He then said, “Let the earth produce all kinds of trees and plants,” and it happened. Again, God saw that it was good.

1 On the fourth day, God created the sun, moon, and stars to illuminate the earth and to distinguish day from night, as well as to mark the seasons and years. Once more, God saw that it was good.

5 On the fifth day, God commanded the waters to teem with living creatures and the skies to be filled with birds. He saw this was good and blessed them.

6 On the sixth day, God said, “Let there be all kinds of land animals!” And so it was. Some were farm animals, some crawled on the ground, and others were wild. God saw that it was good. Then He said, “Let us make human beings in our image to be like us. They will have authority over the earth and all the animals.”

God formed a man from the dust and breathed life into him, naming him Adam. He planted a garden for Adam to care for and placed him there. In the center of the garden, God planted two special trees: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He





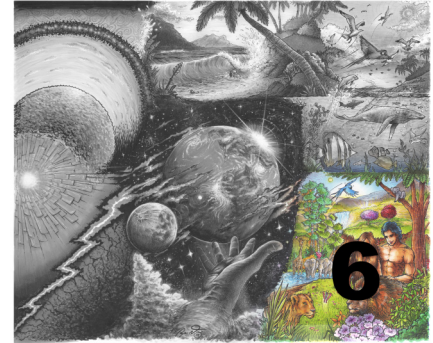
instructed Adam that he could eat from any tree except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, warning that eating from it would lead to death.

Then God observed, "It is not good for man to be alone," but none of the animals could serve as a suitable helper for Adam. So, God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, took one of his ribs, and fashioned it into a woman, bringing her to him.

When Adam saw her, he exclaimed, "At last! This one is like me! She shall be called 'Woman,' for she was taken from Man." This is why a man leaves his father and mother and unites with his wife.

God created both man and woman in His own image, blessed them, and commanded, "Have many children and grandchildren and fill the earth!" God saw that everything He had made was very good and was pleased with it all. This occurred on the sixth day of creation.

When the seventh day arrived, God had completed His work and rested from all He had done. He blessed the seventh day and made it holy because on this day He rested. This is how God created the universe and everything within it.



Panorama #2 - The Fall

Sin Enters the World

1 Adam and his wife lived joyfully in the beautiful garden that God had created for them. They were naked, yet felt no shame, for there was no sin in the world. They frequently strolled through the garden, enjoying conversations with God.

2 However, a cunning serpent lurked in the garden. He approached the woman and asked, "Did God really say you must not eat from any tree in the garden?"

The woman replied, "We may eat the fruit from any tree except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned us, 'If you eat that fruit or even touch it, you will die.'"

The serpent countered, "That's not true! You won't die. God knows that as soon as you eat it, you will be like Him, understanding good and evil."



3 Seeing that the fruit was beautiful and appealing and that the woman desired wisdom, she picked the fruit and ate it. She then shared it with her husband, who was with her, and he ate as well.



Instantly, their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked. To cover themselves, they sewed leaves together to make garments.

4 Later, as they heard God walking through the garden, they hid from Him. God called to Adam, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “I heard you in the garden and was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

God then asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree I commanded you not to?” Adam responded, “The woman You gave me gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” God turned to the woman, “What have you done?” She replied, “The serpent deceived me.”

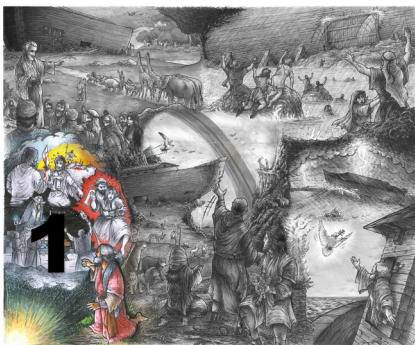
5 God addressed the serpent, declaring, “You are cursed! You will crawl on your belly and eat dust. You and the woman will be enemies, and your descendants will oppose each other. The woman’s offspring will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

To the woman, God said, “I will greatly increase your pain in childbirth, and you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.” Then God spoke to Adam, “Because you listened to your wife and disobeyed me, the ground is cursed. You will toil for your food, and eventually, you will return to the dust from which you came.”

Adam named his wife Eve, meaning “life-giver,” for she would be the mother of all humanity. God then made garments for Adam and Eve from animal skins.

6 Finally, God declared, “Since humans have become like Us, knowing good and evil, they must not be allowed to eat from the tree of life and live forever.” Consequently, He expelled Adam and Eve from the garden and stationed a mighty angel at its entrance to prevent anyone from accessing the tree of life.

As the first human, the consequences of Adam’s sin would pass to every human who would ever be born. The relationship between God and His creation was broken. Death and separation from God would be the fate of humanity. However, God had a plan for redemption. Through the sacrifice of a promised son, God would one day redeem the world and provide healing and restoration to mankind.



Panorama #3 – Noah and the Great Flood

The Flood

1 As the years passed, the world became increasingly populated, but unfortunately, the people had turned wicked and violent. The situation grew so dire that God decided to cleanse the earth with a great flood.

However, there was a man named Noah who found favor in God’s eyes. A righteous man living among a corrupt society, Noah received a warning from God about the impending flood. He was instructed to build a massive boat, known as an ark.



2 God detailed the specifications for the ark: it was to be approximately 140 meters long, 23 meters wide, and 13.5 meters high. Noah was to construct it from wood, creating three levels with numerous rooms, a roof, and a window. This vessel would shelter Noah, his family, and every kind of land animal during the flood.

Noah faithfully obeyed God's commands. He and his three sons worked diligently to build the ark as instructed. The construction took many years due to the size of the boat. Throughout this time, Noah warned the people about the coming flood and urged them to turn to God, but they did not heed his warnings.

In addition to building the ark, God instructed Noah and his family to gather enough food for themselves and the animals. When everything was prepared, God told Noah it was time for him, his wife, his three sons, and their wives—eight people in total—to enter the ark.

God then sent pairs of every kind of animal and bird to Noah, ensuring their safety during the flood. He also sent seven pairs of every type of animal suitable for sacrifice. Once all were aboard, God Himself closed the door of the ark and sealed it shut.

3 Then the rain began. It fell continuously for forty days and nights. Water surged from the earth as well, and soon the entire world was submerged, even the tallest mountains.

All living creatures on dry land perished, except for those in the ark. The vessel floated securely on the water, protecting its occupants from drowning.



4 After the rain ceased, the ark remained afloat for five months as the waters gradually receded. Eventually, the ark came to rest on the summit of a mountain, but the earth was still covered in water. Three months later, the peaks of the mountains became visible.



After another forty days, Noah released a raven to search for dry land, but it found none. He then sent out a dove, which also returned empty-handed. A week later, he sent the dove out again, and this time it returned with an olive branch in its beak, signaling that the waters had receded enough for plants to begin growing once more.

Noah waited another week and sent the dove out for a third time. This time, it did not return, indicating that it had found a place to rest and that the land was drying up.

5 Two months later, God spoke to Noah, saying, "You and your family, along with all the animals, may leave the ark." He commanded them to multiply and fill the earth. Thus, Noah and his family emerged from the boat.

Once on dry land, Noah built an altar and offered sacrifices of each kind of clean animal. God was pleased with Noah's offering and blessed him and his family.



God then declared, "I promise never again to curse the ground because of human wickedness or to destroy the earth with a flood, even though people are sinful from birth."

As a sign of this promise, God created the first rainbow. Whenever it appeared in the sky, it would serve as a reminder of His covenant, both to God and to His people.

Panorama #4 – The Story of Abraham

God's Covenant with Abraham

Years after the flood, the world was once again filled with people who spoke a single language. Rather than spreading out as God had commanded, they gathered to build a city and a towering structure to reach the heavens. Their pride and disobedience concerned God, who realized that their unity in evil could lead to even greater sin.

To intervene, God confused their language, causing them to speak in many different tongues. This disruption halted the construction of their city and tower, and the people scattered across the earth.



1 Some years later, God spoke to a man named Abram. He instructed Abram to leave his homeland and family and journey to a land He would reveal. God promised, "I will bless you and make you a great nation. I will make your name great. Those who bless you will be blessed, and those who curse you will be cursed. All families on earth will be blessed through you."

Abram obeyed, taking his wife, Sarai, along with his servants and possessions, and traveled to the land of Canaan as God directed. Upon arriving, God told Abram, "Look around you; all the land you see will be given to you and your descendants as an inheritance." Abram settled in the land, trusting in God's promise.

2 One day, Abram met Melchizedek, the priest of God Most High, who blessed him, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth." In gratitude, Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything he owned.

Years passed, and Abram and Sarai remained childless. Again, God spoke to Abram, reaffirming His promise of a son and descendants as numerous as the stars. Abram believed God, and because of his faith, God declared him righteous.



3 God then established a covenant with Abram, saying, "You will have a son from your own body, and I will give the land of Canaan to your descendants." Yet, still, Abram and Sarai had no child.





The Son of Promise

4 Ten years after their arrival in Canaan, Sarai, seeing that she was old and could not bear children, suggested to Abram, “Take my servant, Hagar, as your wife. She can bear a child for me.” Abram agreed, and Hagar gave birth to a son named Ishmael. However, Sarai soon grew jealous of Hagar.

5 When Ishmael was thirteen, God appeared to Abram, accompanied by two angels. He said, “I am God Almighty. I will establish my covenant with you, and you will be the father of many nations. I will give you and your descendants the land of Canaan, and I will be their God forever.”

God continued, “Your wife, Sarai, will have a son. He will be the son of promise, not Ishmael. While I will make Ishmael a great nation, my covenant will be with Isaac.”



Sarai laughed in disbelief upon hearing this news, given her old age. God instructed, “You will name him Isaac, meaning laughter, and I will make my covenant with him, and he will become a great nation.”

God then changed Abram’s name to Abraham, meaning “father of many,” and Sarai’s name to Sarah, meaning “princess.”

About a year later, when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90, she gave birth to their son, Isaac, just as God had promised.



God Tests Abraham

6 When Isaac was still young, God tested Abraham’s faith, saying, “Take Isaac, your only son, and sacrifice him to me.” Abraham obeyed and prepared to offer his son.

As they walked to the place of sacrifice, Isaac asked, “Father, we have the wood, but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?” Abraham replied, “God will provide the lamb, my son.”

Upon reaching the altar, Abraham bound Isaac and laid him down. Just as he was about to sacrifice him, God called out, “Stop! Do not harm the boy! Now I know that you fear me because you did not withhold your only son.”

Nearby, Abraham spotted a ram caught in a bush, which God provided as a substitute sacrifice. God then promised Abraham, “Because you were willing to give me everything, including your only son, I will bless you. Your descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the sky, and through your family, all the nations of the earth will be blessed.”

Panorama #5 – Joseph Sold

Joseph is Enslaved

Several years later, Abraham's promised son, Isaac, married and had twin sons. Their names were Jacob and Esau. Jacob became the favored son who would inherit Isaac's blessing and carry forward God's covenant. As Jacob prospered, he had several sons.



1 One day, Jacob sent his son Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending the sheep. Joseph was the favored son of his father. This became obvious by the multi-colored coat Jacob made for him. He was also a dreamer, with visions of one day ruling over his brothers.

2 When he shared these dreams, his brothers grew to hate him. Fueled by their jealousy, Joseph's brothers kidnapped him and sold him into slavery.



3 To cover their tracks, they tore Joseph's robe and dipped it in goat's blood, deceiving their father Jacob into believing that a wild animal had killed him. Jacob was heartbroken over the loss of his son.



Meanwhile, Joseph was taken to Egypt, where he ended up in the household of Potiphar, a high-ranking Egyptian official. Despite being a slave, Joseph served his master well and maintained his faith and integrity. As a result, God blessed Joseph and Potiphar's household.

Joseph is Imprisoned

4 One day, Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Joseph, but he refused to sin against God and fled. In retaliation, she falsely accused him, and Potiphar, believing his wife, had Joseph arrested and thrown into prison. Even there, Joseph remained faithful to God, and God continued to bless him.



5 In prison, Joseph met two royal officials from Pharaoh's court: the Cup Bearer and the Baker. Both had troubling dreams one night and sought an interpreter. Hearing of Joseph's reputation for interpreting dreams, they asked for his help.



Joseph listened carefully to their dreams. The Cup Bearer dreamed of a vine with three branches that bloomed and bore grapes, which he squeezed into Pharaoh's cup. The Baker, however, dreamed of three baskets of bread on his head, with birds eating from the top basket.

With divine insight, Joseph interpreted the dreams. He told the Cup Bearer that within three days, he would be restored to his position, while the Baker would face execution. Three days later, Joseph's interpretations came true: the Cup Bearer was reinstated, and the Baker was hanged. Unfortunately, the Cup Bearer forgot about Joseph until Pharaoh had troubling dreams of his own.



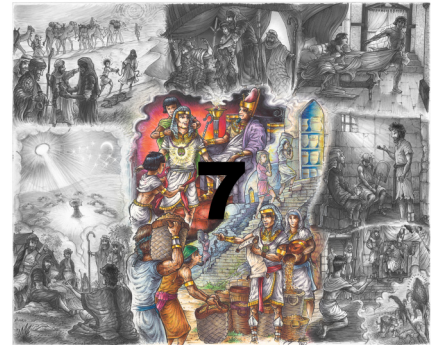
Joseph is Promoted

6 Pharaoh had two disturbing dreams: in the first, seven fat cows were devoured by seven lean cows; in the second, seven healthy ears of corn were consumed by seven thin, withered ears. None of Pharaoh's advisors could interpret these dreams.

At that moment, the Cup Bearer remembered Joseph and told Pharaoh about his ability to interpret dreams. Pharaoh summoned Joseph from prison. Joseph explained that the dreams were a divine message

warning of seven years of abundance followed by seven years of severe famine. He advised Pharaoh to store food during the years of plenty to prepare for the coming hardship.

7 Impressed by Joseph's wisdom, Pharaoh released him from prison and appointed him as the second most powerful man in Egypt. Joseph organized efforts to store vast amounts of food during the seven years of abundance, ensuring that the Egyptian people would not go hungry during the famine.



Panorama #6 – Joseph Revealed



God Saves Joseph and His Family

1 As Joseph had predicted, the seven years of plentiful harvests were followed by seven years of famine, which affected not only Egypt but also Canaan, where Joseph's father, Jacob, and his family lived. When Jacob learned of the food available in Egypt, he sent his older sons to buy grain.

2 Upon their arrival, Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. Deciding to test them, Joseph accused them of being spies and imprisoned Simeon until they could return with their youngest brother, Benjamin. He also secretly returned their payment for the grain in their sacks.



3 After consuming the grain from their first trip, Joseph's brothers returned to Egypt, but Jacob was reluctant to let Benjamin go, fearing for his safety. Ultimately, they convinced him to allow Benjamin to accompany them.



4 During their second visit, Joseph hosted a meal for them and replenished their grain supply. However, he secretly placed his silver cup in Benjamin's sack and later accused him of theft, insisting that Benjamin must remain in Egypt as his slave.



5 Witnessing his brothers' distress and their genuine concern for Benjamin and their father, Joseph was overwhelmed with emotion. He revealed his true identity, explaining that he was their brother Joseph, the one they had sold into slavery years earlier.

Joseph forgave his brothers for their past actions and reassured them that everything that had happened was part of God's plan to save them from the famine. He invited them to bring Jacob and their families to Egypt, where he would provide for them during the remaining years of famine.



The emotional reunion between Joseph and his brothers marked a powerful moment of forgiveness and redemption.

6 When they returned home and told Jacob that Joseph was alive, he rejoiced. Despite his old age and frailty, Jacob moved his entire household to Egypt, escaping the famine. They settled in the land of Goshen and thrived.



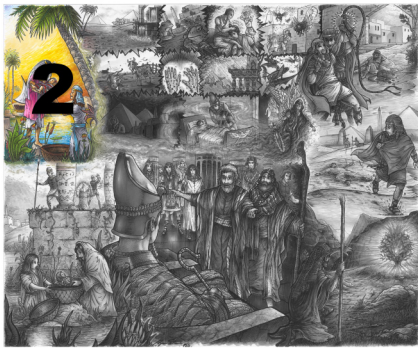
Before Jacob passed away, he blessed each of his sons, passing on the covenant promises God had made to Abraham, then to Isaac, then to Jacob, and finally to Jacob's twelve sons. Their descendants became the twelve tribes of Israel, fulfilling God's promise to Abraham and forming a great nation that would bless all others.

Panorama #7 – The Story of Moses

God Rescues Moses

After Joseph’s death, his relatives remained in Egypt, where they and their descendants thrived over the years, becoming known as the Israelites. As time passed, their numbers swelled significantly. The Egyptians, having forgotten Joseph and his contributions, grew fearful of the increasingly large Israelite population. In response, the Pharaoh in power enslaved the Israelites, forcing them to labor on numerous construction projects, including entire cities. Despite their harsh conditions, God blessed the Israelites, and their population continued to grow.

1 Concerned about the rising number of Israelite children, Pharaoh ordered that all Israelite baby boys be thrown into the Nile River to prevent their survival. One Israelite woman gave birth to a boy and hid him as long as she could.



When it became impossible to keep him hidden, she placed him in a basket among the reeds in the river. She was hoping to somehow save him. His older sister stood watch to see what would happen next.



2 Pharaoh’s daughter discovered the basket and, upon seeing the baby, decided to adopt him. Unbeknownst to her, the woman she hired to nurse and care for him was the baby’s own mother. When the child grew old enough to be weaned, he was returned to Pharaoh’s daughter, who named him Moses.

God Calls Moses

3 As Moses grew up, he witnessed an Egyptian beating an Israelite slave. In an attempt to defend his fellow Israelite, Moses killed the Egyptian and buried his body, believing no one had seen him. However, someone did witness the act, and when Pharaoh learned of it, he sought to kill Moses. To escape, Moses fled to the wilderness, where he became a shepherd. He married a local woman and had two sons.



4 One day, while tending his flock, Moses came across a bush that was burning. However, it was not consumed by the flames. Curious, he approached it. From the bush, God called out, “Moses, take off your shoes; you are standing on holy ground.” God revealed His awareness of the suffering of His people and instructed Moses to confront Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of slavery, promising them the land of Canaan, which He had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Moses questioned God about what to say if the people asked who sent him. God replied, “I AM WHO I AM. Tell them, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ Also tell them, ‘I am Yahweh, the God of your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.’ This is my name forever.” Despite this assurance, Moses was uneasy about his ability to speak. As a result, God appointed his brother Aaron to assist him, warning them both that Pharaoh would be obstinate.



The Ten Plagues

5 Moses and Aaron approached Pharaoh with God’s command: “Let my people go!” However, Pharaoh refused. Instead he increased the Israelites’ workload. As Pharaoh persisted in his refusal, God unleashed ten devastating plagues upon Egypt, demonstrating His power over Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt.

6 First, God turned the Nile River into blood, yet Pharaoh remained unyielding. Next, He sent a plague of frogs, prompting Pharaoh to plead for relief. Once the frogs died, however, Pharaoh’s heart hardened again, and he refused to free the Israelites. Following this, God sent gnats and then flies, leading Pharaoh to offer a deal that he later retracted after Moses prayed for their removal.

God then afflicted the Egyptians’ livestock, causing them to fall sick and die, but still, Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened. Following God’s instructions, Moses scattered ashes before Pharaoh, resulting in painful sores on the Egyptians while sparing the Israelites. Yet, Pharaoh continued to resist.

God sent hail that devastated crops and harmed anyone caught outdoors. Pharaoh momentarily relented, admitting his sin and allowing the Israelites to go, but soon hardened his heart again. Next came swarms of locusts that consumed the remaining crops. Then, darkness enveloped Egypt for three days, although the Israelites enjoyed light in their dwellings.



Despite enduring nine plagues, Pharaoh remained obstinate. With no change in his stance, God prepared to send one final plague that would ultimately compel Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

Panorama #8 – The Exodus

The Passover

1 God warned Pharaoh that if he did not release the Israelites, every firstborn male in Egypt—both human and animal—would perish. However, He also provided a way for those who believed in Him to be saved. Each household was instructed to select a perfect lamb, kill it, and smear its blood on the doorposts and lintel of their homes. When the death angel came, He would pass over any home marked by the blood, sparing everyone inside. Additionally, God told the people to prepare for their departure by roasting the lamb and making unleavened bread, urging them to eat swiftly and be ready to leave Egypt.



The Israelites followed God’s instructions meticulously. In the middle of the night, the death angel passed through Egypt, striking down every firstborn son. Households marked with lamb’s blood were spared, saved by the sacrifice. Unfortunately, the Egyptians, who did not heed God’s warning, suffered tragic losses—from the firstborn son of the prisoner to that of Pharaoh himself. The cries of mourning filled the land.

That very night, Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron, demanding, “Take the Israelites and leave Egypt at once!” The Egyptian people also urged the Israelites to depart.

The Exodus

2 The Israelites rejoiced at their newfound freedom, leaving behind their lives as slaves to journey to the Promised Land. The Egyptians willingly gave them whatever they requested, including gold, silver, and other valuables. Some people from other nations who believed in God chose to join the Israelites on their exodus.

God guided them with a towering pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire by night, always leading the way. They simply needed to follow.



3 After a short time, however, Pharaoh and his people changed their minds, longing to reclaim the Israelites as slaves. God hardened Pharaoh's heart, ensuring that His power would be recognized as greater than that of Pharaoh and his gods.

Pharaoh and his army pursued the Israelites. When the Israelites saw the Egyptian army closing in, they felt trapped between Pharaoh's soldiers and the Red Sea. In fear, they cried out, "Why did we leave Egypt? We are going to die!"

Moses reassured them, "Do not be afraid! God will fight for you and save you." God then instructed Moses to tell the people to move toward the Red Sea.

To protect the Israelites, God shifted the pillar of cloud and fire between them and the Egyptians, obscuring the Egyptian army's view. God commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over the Red Sea, and a strong wind parted the waters, creating a dry path through the sea.

The Israelites marched through, flanked by towering walls of water on either side. Once they were safely across, God lifted the barrier so the Egyptians could follow. However, He caused confusion among the Egyptian soldiers, leading them to realize, "Run away! God is fighting for the Israelites!"

4 After all the Israelites had crossed safely, God instructed Moses to stretch out his arms once more. When he did, the waters returned to their normal state, drowning the entire Egyptian army.

Witnessing the destruction of their pursuers, the Israelites placed their trust in God and recognized Moses as His prophet. They erupted in joyous celebration, praising God for their deliverance from death and slavery. Freed at last, they sang songs of thanksgiving to honor God for saving them from the Egyptian army.



God commanded the Israelites to annually celebrate the Passover, commemorating their victory over the Egyptians. They would do this by sacrificing a perfect lamb and eating it with unleavened bread.

The Law

5 After leading the Israelites through the Red Sea, God guided them through the wilderness to Mount Sinai, the site where Moses had encountered the burning bush. The people set up their tents at the mountain's base.

God spoke to Moses and the Israelites, declaring, "If you obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation."

Three days later, after the people had spiritually prepared themselves, God descended upon Mount Sinai amidst thunder, lightning, smoke, and a loud trumpet blast. Only Moses was permitted to ascend the mountain.

God then delivered His Law, saying, "I am Yahweh, your God, who freed you from slavery in Egypt. You shall have no other gods before me."

He instructed them not to make or worship idols, to respect His name, and to keep the Sabbath holy. He outlined further commandments: to honor parents, to refrain from murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and coveting.

6 God inscribed these Ten Commandments on two stone tablets and entrusted them to Moses. He also provided detailed plans for the Tent of Meeting, a sacred space with two rooms separated by a curtain. Only the high priest could enter the innermost room, where God's presence dwelled.

Any Israelite who disobeyed God's laws could offer an animal sacrifice at the altar before the Tent of Meeting. A priest would kill the animal and burn it, with its blood covering the person's sins and restoring them in God's sight. God appointed Moses' brother, Aaron, and his descendants as priests.

The people agreed to obey God's laws and worship Him alone, becoming His special people. However, shortly after making this commitment, they sinned grievously.

7 While Moses remained on the mountain for many days, receiving the Ten Commandments and additional laws, the people grew impatient. They approached Aaron, demanding an idol to worship. In response, Aaron fashioned a golden calf, and the people began to worship it fervently.

God was furious at their betrayal and contemplated destroying them. Yet, Moses interceded on their behalf, and God relented.

When Moses came down and saw the idol, he was enraged and shattered the stone tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments. He then ground the idol into powder, mixed it with water, and forced the people to drink it. As a consequence, God sent a plague upon them, resulting in many deaths.

Moses later made new stone tablets to replace the broken ones and returned to the mountain to plead for God's forgiveness for the people. God listened and granted His mercy.

Moses descended once more with the new tablets containing the Ten Commandments, and God led the Israelites onward from Mount Sinai toward the Promised Land.



Transition to the Story of Jesus *(No panorama)*

God Promises a Messiah

From the very beginning, God intended to send a Messiah to redeem humanity from sin. The first promise of this Messiah was made to Adam and Eve after their rebellion in the Garden of Eden, when God declared that a descendant of Eve would be born to crush the serpent's head—representing Satan, who had deceived them. This promise signified that the Messiah would ultimately defeat Satan.

Later, God promised Abraham that through him, all nations of the world would be blessed. This not only established a responsibility for Abraham and his descendants to represent God to all peoples, but also indicated that the Messiah would emerge from his lineage, enabling salvation for every group of people.

Years after Abraham, God assured Moses that He would raise up another prophet like him—another promise concerning the coming Messiah. Additionally, God told King David that one of his descendants would reign as king over God's people forever, further solidifying the Messiah's connection to David's line.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God revealed His intention to establish a New Covenant, distinct from the one made with Israel at Mount Sinai. This New Covenant would allow all people to know God personally and provide forgiveness of sins. The promised Messiah would initiate this New Covenant.

A prophet is someone who receives God's words and shares them with the people. God indicated that the coming Messiah would fulfill the roles of prophet, priest, and king, embodying perfection and sinlessness.

In Israel, priests offered animal sacrifices to God on behalf of the people, serving as substitutes for their sins. The blood of these sacrifices provided a temporary covering for the people's transgressions. In contrast, the Messiah would offer Himself as the perfect and final sacrifice and serve as the ultimate high priest.

The Messiah would also be the ideal king, seated on the throne of David, ruling justly and honestly over the entire world for eternity.

God's prophets made numerous predictions about the Messiah. Malachi foretold that a great prophet would precede Him. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin, while Micah pinpointed that He would be born in Bethlehem.

Furthermore, Isaiah revealed that the Messiah would be unjustly hated, rejected, and ultimately killed. He would suffer greatly, being pierced despite having committed no wrong.

This perfect Messiah, without sin, would sacrifice Himself to bear the punishment for humanity's sins, providing the ultimate covering for all wrongdoing. His suffering would establish peace between God and humanity.

It was God's will for the Messiah to die, but the good news is that He would also be raised from the dead. Through His death and resurrection, God would fulfill His plan to save sinners and begin the New Covenant.

Panorama #9 – The Nativity



The Birth of John

1 For centuries, God communicated with His people through angels and prophets, but after 400 years of silence, an angel appeared to an elderly priest named Zechariah. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were devout but childless. The angel announced, “Your wife will bear a son, and you will name him John. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit and prepare the way for the Messiah!”

Zechariah replied, “We are too old to have children! How can I be sure this will happen?” The angel responded, “I am sent by God with this good news. Because you did not believe me, you will be mute until your son is born.” Immediately, Zechariah lost his ability to speak. After the angel departed, he returned home, and just as foretold, Elizabeth soon became pregnant.

2 Six months later, the same angel visited Mary, a relative of Elizabeth. Mary was a virgin, engaged to Joseph. The angel told her, “You will conceive and bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus. He will be the Son of the Most High God and will reign forever.”

Mary asked, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel explained, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of God will overshadow you. Therefore, the child will be holy, the Son of God.” Mary accepted this message with faith.



After the angel’s visit, Mary traveled to see Elizabeth. Upon hearing Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s baby leaped in her womb, and the two women rejoiced over what God had done. After spending three months with Elizabeth, Mary returned home.

When Elizabeth gave birth to her son, they named him John, as the angel had instructed. God then restored Zechariah’s speech, and he praised God, declaring, “He has remembered His people! You, my son, will be the prophet of the Most High, showing people how to receive forgiveness for their sins!”

The Birth of Jesus

Mary was engaged to a righteous man named Joseph. When he learned that she was pregnant, he realized it was not his child. Not wanting to disgrace her, he planned to divorce her quietly. Before he could act, an angel appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The child she carries is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Joseph obeyed and took Mary as his wife, but he did not consummate their marriage until after Jesus was born.

As Mary’s due date approached, the Roman government required a census, compelling Joseph and Mary to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, the hometown of Joseph’s ancestor, David. When they arrived, all accommodations were full, and the only place they could find was a stable. There, Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid Him in a feeding trough, as they had no bed for Him.

3 That night, shepherds in the nearby fields were startled by the appearance of a shining angel. “Do not be afraid,” the angel said. “I bring you good news: A Savior, the Messiah, has been born in Bethlehem! You will find Him wrapped in cloths and lying in a feeding trough.” Suddenly, the sky filled with angels praising God, proclaiming, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those He favors!”



4 The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Jesus lying in the feeding trough, just as the angel had described. Overjoyed, they returned to their fields, glorifying God for what they had seen and heard.

5 Later, wise men from the East noticed an unusual star that signified the birth of a new king of the Jews. They journeyed a great distance to find Him. Unfortunately, the local ruler, King Herod, felt threatened by the news of another king. He summoned the wise men, asking them to report back to him after finding the child.



The wise men’s search led them to Bethlehem, where they found Jesus with His mother. They bowed down and worshiped Him, presenting gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Afterward, they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they took a different route home.



6 When Herod realized he had been deceived by the wise men, he ordered the massacre of all male children two years old and younger in the region.

hometown of Nazareth, where Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and people.

7 Mary and Joseph were warned by an angel about Herod’s plot. He also instructed the to flee to Egypt until it was safe to return. They remained there until Herod’s death. Once it was safe, they returned to their



Panorama #10 – The Miracles of Jesus

Jesus Teaches the Children

1 Jesus stayed in Nazareth until his baptism by his cousin, John, in the Jordan River, which initiated his public ministry. At about 30 years old, he began teaching and performing miracles throughout the region. He had a special affinity for children, encouraging them to come to him. He warned anyone who would harm these little ones, highlighting that their faith mirrored what was necessary to enter the Kingdom of God.



Jesus Calms the Storm

2 After a day of teaching, as evening approached, Jesus told his disciples, “Let’s go over to the other side of the lake.” They then left the crowd in a boat along with others. Suddenly, a fierce storm arose, waves crashing into the boat and threatening to sink it.

Meanwhile, Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him, crying, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re about to drown?” Jesus stood up, rebuked the wind, and commanded the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind died down, and a profound calm settled over the water.



He then asked his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” Overwhelmed, they exchanged fearful glances and wondered, “Who is this that even the wind and sea obey him?”

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Man

3 Upon reaching the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes, a demon-possessed man ran up to Jesus. This man was so strong that chains could not hold him; he lived among the tombs, screaming day and night, often injuring himself with stones. When he approached Jesus, he fell to his knees. Jesus commanded the demon, “Come out of this man!” The demon cried out, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Please don’t torture me!” Jesus asked the demon for its name, and it replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” The demons pleaded with Jesus not to send them out of the region.



Nearby, a herd of pigs was feeding, and they begged, “Send us into the pigs!” Jesus consented, and the demons left the man, entering the pigs, which then rushed down a steep bank into the lake and drowned—about 2,000 in total. The pig herders rushed into town, spreading the news of what Jesus had done. When the townspeople arrived, they found the man sitting calmly, clothed, and behaving normally. Fear gripped them, and they asked Jesus to leave.

As he prepared to depart, the healed man begged to accompany him. Jesus replied, “No, go home and tell your friends and family about everything God has done for you and how he has had mercy on you.” The man obeyed, sharing his story, leaving everyone who heard it amazed.

Jesus Heals the Woman

4 Upon returning to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around Jesus. Among them was a woman who had suffered from a bleeding issue for twelve years. After exhausting her resources on doctors, she had only grown worse. Hearing of Jesus' miraculous healings, she thought, "If I can just touch his clothes, I will be healed." She approached him from behind and touched the hem of his garment, and instantly, her bleeding stopped. Jesus felt the power leave him and turned to ask, "Who touched me?" The disciples responded, "There are many people crowding around you. Why ask, 'Who touched me?'" The woman, trembling and afraid, fell at his feet and confessed what she had done. Jesus said to her, "Your faith has healed you. Go in peace."



Jesus Feeds Over 5,000 People

5 Jesus sent his apostles to preach across various villages. When they returned and shared their experiences, he invited them to a quiet place across the lake to rest. However, many people saw them leave and ran ahead to the other side. By the time Jesus and his disciples arrived, a crowd of over 5,000 men, not counting women and children, was waiting. Jesus was filled with compassion, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. He taught them and healed the sick among them. As the day wore on, the disciples urged Jesus to send the crowd away to find food, but he replied, "You give them something to eat!" They protested, "We only have five loaves of bread and two fish." Jesus instructed them to have the crowd sit down in groups of fifty. He took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, gave thanks, broke the bread, and distributed it through his disciples. Miraculously, the food multiplied, satisfying everyone. Afterward, the disciples collected twelve baskets of leftover food, all from just five loaves and two fish.



Jesus Walks on Water

6 After feeding the crowd, Jesus instructed his disciples to sail to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the people. After sending them away, he went up a mountainside to pray alone until late at night. Meanwhile, the disciples were struggling against the wind in their boat, having only reached the middle of the lake. When Jesus finished praying, he walked across the water toward them. The disciples, seeing him, were terrified, thinking he was a ghost. Sensing their fear, Jesus called out, "Do not be afraid. It is I!" Peter replied, "Master, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come!" Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus. But when he noticed the waves and felt the wind, fear overwhelmed him, and he began to sink. "Master, save me!" he cried. Jesus immediately reached out, grasped him, and said, "You man of little faith, why did you doubt?" Once they were back in the boat, the wind ceased, and the waters calmed. The disciples were filled with awe and worshiped him, exclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



Panorama #11 – The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus Celebrates the Passover

On the evening before his death, Jesus gathered with his disciples to celebrate the Passover. During the meal, he used the elements of the Passover to reveal the significance of his impending sacrifice. He broke the bread, explaining that it represented his body, which would be broken for them. He then took a cup of wine, declaring it to symbolize his blood, which would be poured out for the establishment of a New Covenant, offering forgiveness for sins.

As they shared this solemn meal, Jesus revealed that one of his disciples would betray him. Shocked, the disciples asked who among them could commit such an act. Jesus responded, “The one to whom I give this piece of bread.” He then handed the bread to Judas. Upon receiving it, Judas was possessed by Satan and left to conspire with the Jewish leaders to arrest Jesus.



Jesus Prays in the Garden

1 After the meal, Jesus and his disciples walked to the Mount of Olives. He warned them, “You will all abandon me tonight, as it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” Peter insisted, “Even if everyone else forsakes you, I will not!” Jesus replied, “Satan desires to sift you all, but I have prayed for you, Peter, that your faith may not fail. Yet tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter declared, “Even if I must die, I will never deny you!” The other disciples echoed his sentiment.

They then went to a garden called Gethsemane, where Jesus urged his disciples to pray to avoid temptation. He withdrew to pray alone, expressing his anguish with the words, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup of suffering pass from me. Yet, not my will, but yours be done.” His distress was so profound that his sweat became like drops of blood. An angel was sent to strengthen him.

After praying three times, he returned to find his disciples asleep. On his third return, he said, “Wake up! My betrayer is here.”

Jesus is Betrayed and Arrested

2 Judas arrived with the Jewish leaders, soldiers, and a mob armed with swords and clubs. Approaching Jesus, he greeted him with a kiss, signaling to the leaders whom to arrest. Jesus confronted Judas, asking, “Judas, do you betray me with a kiss?”



As the soldiers seized Jesus, Peter drew a sword and cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant. Jesus commanded, “Put your sword away! I could summon an army of angels for protection, but I must fulfill my Father’s will.” He then healed the servant’s ear. Following Jesus’ arrest, the disciples fled in fear.

Jesus is Tried Before the Jewish Leaders

Jesus was taken to the high priest, where the chief priests, elders, and scribes had gathered. Seeking evidence to condemn him to death, they found none, as many false witnesses contradicted one another. The high priest confronted Jesus directly, asking, “Are you the Christ, the Son of God?” Jesus affirmed, “I am. You will see the Son of Man seated at God’s right hand, coming with the clouds.”

In response, the high priest tore his robes in outrage, declaring, “What further evidence do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?” They unanimously condemned him to death.

Jesus is Tried Before Pilate

3 The following morning, the chief priests reconvened and bound Jesus before bringing him to Pilate, the Roman Governor. Pilate asked, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “You say so.” The chief priests accused him of many offenses, but when Pilate pressed him for a defense, Jesus remained silent, surprising Pilate.



4 The soldiers then took Jesus into the palace, where they mocked him, dressing him in a purple cloak, fashioning a crown of thorns, and hailing him as “King of the Jews.” They beat him and spat on him, pretending to pay him respect.



Jesus is Crucified

5 After the mockery, the soldiers led Jesus to be crucified. He carried his cross to a place called “the Skull,” where they nailed him to it. As he hung there, Jesus implored, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Pilate ordered a sign to be placed above Jesus’ head that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.”

As the soldiers gambled for his clothing, they fulfilled the prophecy that said, “They divided my garments among them, and gambled for my clothing.” Jesus was crucified in the midst of two robbers. One of them mocked him. However, the other defended Jesus, acknowledging his innocence and asking, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus replied, “Today, you will be with me in Paradise.”

The crowd taunted Jesus, challenging, “If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!” At noon, darkness engulfed the land for three hours. Finally, Jesus cried out, “It is finished! Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” With these words, he bowed his head and passed away. In that moment, an earthquake occurred, and the temple curtain was torn in two, symbolizing the new access to God through his death. A centurion witnessing these events declared, “Truly, this man was the Son of God.”

Jesus is Placed in a Tomb

Joseph and Nicodemus, two Jewish leaders who believed in Jesus, requested his body from Pilate. They wrapped it in cloth and laid it in a tomb carved from rock, sealing it with a large stone.

The Resurrection

Following the crucifixion, the unbelieving Jewish leaders approached Pilate. They expressed concern that Jesus’ disciples might steal his body and claim he had risen from the dead. Pilate instructed them to secure the tomb by placing a seal on the stone and assigning guards to ensure no one could tamper with it.

6 The day after Jesus was buried was a Sabbath, preventing any visitors to the tomb. However, early on the following morning, several women came to apply burial spices. Suddenly, a great earthquake shook the ground, and an angel, radiant like lightning, descended from heaven, rolling away the stone and sitting upon it. The guards, terrified, fell to the ground as if dead.

When the women arrived, the angel reassured them, saying, “Do not be afraid. Jesus is not here; he has risen, just as he said! Come see the place where he lay.” He instructed them to inform the disciples that Jesus had risen and would meet them in Galilee.

Filled with both fear and joy, the women ran to share the news. As they went, Jesus appeared to them, and they fell at his feet in worship. He said, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my disciples to meet me in Galilee.”



An Invitation to Receive Christ

The story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is not just a historical account; it is an invitation to each of us. Through his sacrifice, Jesus offers forgiveness and a personal relationship with God. If you haven’t yet accepted this gift, consider opening your heart to him today. Just as the women were told to share the good news, you too can experience the joy of knowing that Jesus is alive and desires to be part of your life.

Panorama #12 – The Great Commission

Jesus Meets Two Disciples

1 On the day of Jesus' resurrection, two of his disciples were walking to a nearby town, discussing the recent events surrounding Jesus. They had hoped he was the Messiah, but after his crucifixion, their hopes were shattered. They were confused by the reports from the women claiming he was alive. As they walked, Jesus joined them, though they didn't recognize him. He inquired about their conversation, and they shared the extraordinary events of the past few days, unaware they were speaking to the very man they were discussing.



Jesus went on to explain the scriptures concerning the Messiah, reminding them that the prophets had foretold his suffering, death, and resurrection on the third day. Upon reaching their destination as evening approached, the two men invited Jesus to stay with them. During the meal, Jesus took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, and broke it. In that moment, they recognized him as Jesus, but he vanished from their sight. They exclaimed to each other, "That was Jesus! No wonder our hearts burned as he explained the scriptures!"

Jesus Meets Eleven Disciples

2 Without delay, the two disciples returned to Jerusalem to share the news: "Jesus is alive! We have seen him!" While they were speaking, Jesus suddenly appeared among the other disciples, greeting them with, "Peace to you!" The disciples, startled and fearing he was a ghost, were reassured by Jesus. "Why are you afraid? Look at my hands and feet. Ghosts do not have bodies like I do." To further prove his physical presence, he asked for food and ate a piece of cooked fish.



He reminded them, "Everything written about me in the scriptures must be fulfilled." He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, explaining that it had been foretold that the Messiah would suffer, die, and rise on the third day.



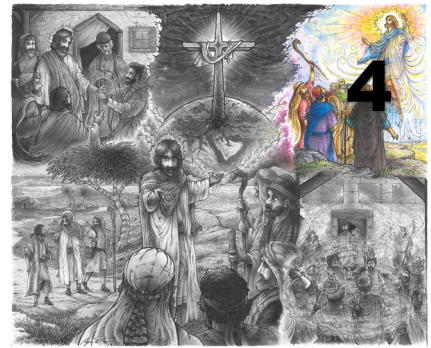
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3 Jesus continued, "It was also written that my disciples will proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." Over the next forty days, Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples, even revealing himself to more than 500 people at one time. He demonstrated his resurrection and taught them about the kingdom of God.

He declared, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Remember, I am with you always."

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

4 Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus instructed his disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit from the Father. He then ascended to heaven, concealed by a cloud, and took his place at the right hand of God to reign over all.



The Coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church

5 Following Jesus' ascension, the disciples obeyed his command and stayed in Jerusalem, where they gathered regularly to pray. Fifty days after Passover, Jews from around the world gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost, a feast marking the wheat harvest.

As the believers were gathered, a sound like a strong wind filled the house, and tongues of fire appeared above them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in various languages. A crowd gathered, drawn by the commotion, and was astonished to hear the believers proclaiming God's wonders in their own native tongues.



Some accused the disciples of being drunk, but Peter stood up and addressed the crowd. "Listen! They are not drunk! This is what the prophet Joel foretold: 'In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit.'"

"Fellow Israelites, Jesus performed mighty signs and wonders by God's power, and you crucified him! Yet God raised him from the dead, fulfilling the prophecy that his Holy One would not see decay. We are witnesses of his resurrection."

"Jesus is now exalted at God's right hand, and he has sent the Holy Spirit, just as he promised. The signs you see and hear are from the Holy Spirit."

"You crucified Jesus but know this: God has made him both Lord and Messiah!" The crowd was deeply moved by Peter's words and asked, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." About 3,000 people accepted Peter's message, were baptized, and became part of the Jerusalem church.

The disciples devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. They joyfully praised God and shared their possessions, earning the goodwill of all. More and more people joined them in faith daily to become followers of Jesus.





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