



The Message of the Bible

In Seven Statements

Message of the Bible

1. God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1, 31).
 - The key phrase: “Then God said...”
 - Psalms 33:8–9.
 - This vast, orderly universe is His handiwork, a booming declaration of His glory, power, and wisdom (Psalms 19:1–6).
 - So much so that man is “without excuse” (Rom. 1:20).

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2. God created man and woman (male and female) in His own image, and gave them dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26–30).
 - “The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’s, but the earth He has given to the children of men” (Psalms 116:15–16).
 - He made man from the dust of the ground; He made woman from one of the man’s ribs (Genesis 2).

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3. God appointed someone to save men and women from their sins, even before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:20).
 - Praise God, because we've all done the same thing Adam and Eve did in ch. 3—we have all sinned and come short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23).
 - Sin changed everything, and not for the good!
 - The world needed a Savior!

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4. God created a nation of people through whom this Savior would come (Genesis 12:1–3).
 - This nation which came from Abraham was the nation of Israel, and the land they were given was the land of Canaan.
 - Most importantly, through ONE of Abraham's descendants, all nations of the earth would be blessed (Acts 3:24–26).
 - Abraham...Isaac...Jacob...Tribe of Judah...David

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5. God prepared the world to receive this Savior.
 - Through the law of Moses and the sacrificial system.
 - Through the preaching done to other nations and the judgments against sin pronounced on these nations.
 - Purpose: “That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God” (Rom. 3:20).
 - Through the many prophecies of His coming.
 - Through the preaching of John the Baptist (John 1:29).

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6. God sent this Savior, at just the right time (Galatians 4:4).
 - Anticipation was building, because God had been silent for 400 years. *Amos 8:11*
 - Prophecy had pinpointed the days of the Roman Empire. *Daniel 2*
 - One language for the most part universally spoken.
 - The message was spread about this Savior.

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7. God will send this Savior again, this time for eternal salvation (Hebrews 9:28).
 - “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also” (John 14:3).
 - 1 Thess. 4:14–17.
 - All that was lost in Eden will be restored in the “new heavens and new earth” (Rev. 2:7; 22:1–4).