



## A Book for the World

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***These 66 books with thousands of accounts, stories, poems, songs, prophecies, and more are really telling one story!***

The [Old Testament](#) points us [out into](#) the [world](#)!

### **Genesis 12 (Abraham's call)**

Genesis 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup> *The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.*

<sup>2</sup> *"I will make you into a great nation,*

*and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,*

*and you will be a blessing.*

<sup>3</sup> *I will bless those who bless you,*

*and whoever curses you I will curse;*

*and all peoples on earth*

*will be blessed through you."*

<sup>4</sup> *So Abram went, as the Lord had told him...*

### **The Book of Jonah (The mission-heart of God)**

Jonah 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> *The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."*

<sup>3</sup> *But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.*

## **The servant Songs of Isaiah (The Suffering Servant)**

Isaiah 53:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray,

each of us has turned to our own way;

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

## **The Messianic Psalms (Psalm 22)**

Psalm 22:1-2

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,

so far from my cries of anguish?

<sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest.

***The heart of God, from the beginning of the Bible, is to save lost sheep!***

**Jesus called us to bring good news to the world!**

**It was Jesus who called us salt and light!**

Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

**It was Jesus who called ordinary people to pass on His extraordinary message!**

Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**It was Jesus who died and rose to save us**

John 19:28-30

<sup>28</sup> Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup> A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

<sup>30</sup> When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**It was the risen Messiah who called us to make followers of all the nations!**

Acts 1:7-8

*<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

***The life, message, and call of Jesus was a radical mission!***

The [Apostle Paul](#) presented a [mission mindset](#) for God's people

**Paul showed us that anyone could share God's great news**

1 Timothy 1:15-17

*<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Paul gave a simple road to salvation...**

Romans 5:8 (God's Love)

*<sup>8</sup> But **God demonstrates his own love for us** in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 3:23 and 6:23 (Our Problem)

*<sup>3:23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

*<sup>6:23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:3-4 (God's Solution)

*<sup>3</sup> For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

Romans 10:9-10 (Our Response)

*<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

Romans 12:1-2 (Our Joyful Journey with Jesus)

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

***From beginning to end, The Book shows God's great love and calls Christians to share it with the world!***