

Our journey is divided into
16 stages



12 in the Old Testament *and* **4** in the New Testament.

1. CREATION

God displayed His awesome power
As the universe He made
Creating the heavens, then the earth
With sure foundation laid.

He worked in order through the week
According to His plan
Reaching the climax on day six
When He created Man.



2. CORRUPTION

But sin came in and ruined all
It led to death and pain
Man expelled from the presence of God
And Abel murdered by Cain

Although there were some who sought after God
Mankind sank lower in sin
As Satan sought to destroy the seed
God promised would one day destroy him.



3. CONDEMNATION

To Noah God said, A boat you must build
In order your family to save
Then the earth was immersed in a fearful flood;
Man destroyed in a watery grave.

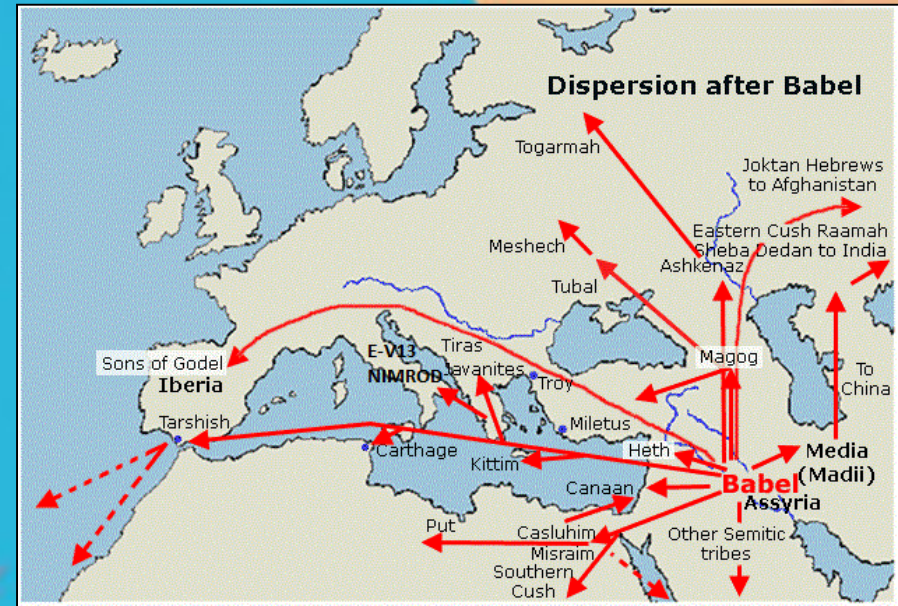
For over a year they remained in the ark,
Then out to restart on new ground;
With memories spreading across the world
The proof in the rocks still is found



4. CONFUSION

But sin still remained in the nature of man,
And he sought to increase his own power
By building a city in defiance of God,
Then constructing a gigantic tower.

God came down to see what men had done
Which was contrary to what He had said;
He confused their speech & the work had to stop
And out from that place they were spread.



5. COVENANT

Abraham heard the call of God
And moved out to a land unknown.
Through Isaac, his son, God's choice can be seen
In calling a people His own.

Jacob, the twister, spent time in God's school
Experiencing much of His care;
And Joseph submitted his life to God
Of His control he was so much aware.



6. CONFLICT

In Egypt the people were subdued as slaves,
Then came Moses, God's man for the hour;
Preserved and prepared for his leadership task
And to demonstrate God's mighty power.

Ten plagues hit the land with an awful result
Causing Egypt to reel from its plight;
Then God moved for His people; His final display
They came out on that Passover night.



7. COMMANDMENTS

A new nation born, they crossed the Red Sea
On the way towards their new land
God's presence among them and food for their need
And the law written down by God's hand.

Their hard hearts delayed the blessings of God
They began to complain and to moan;
So God turned them back to the desert again
And for forty years there they did roam.



8. CONQUESTS

And so into Canaan at Joshua's command
Sounds of victory filling the air
Defeating the foe and dividing the land
So each of the tribes had their share.

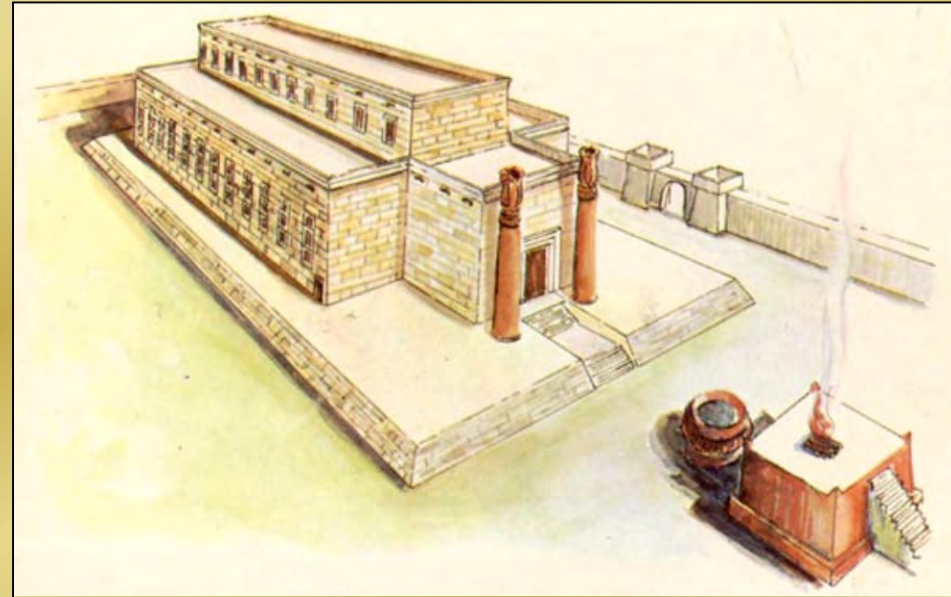
But they never learned God's way is the best,
Repeating the cycles of sin;
With nations allowed to subjugate them
Through which God brought them back to Him.



9. CROWNINGS

They wanted a king like the nations around,
So Saul was the first on the throne;
But he wasted his life and David was crowned,
A man with a heart like God's own.

Solomon's wisdom and wealth were known near and far,
God's temple with glory did shine;
Then the nation divided, the North and the South
And both kingdoms went into decline.



10. CAPTIVITY

Because of their sin, the enemy came,
And took them away from the land;
The temple and city were razed to the ground,
And they tasted the force of God's hand.

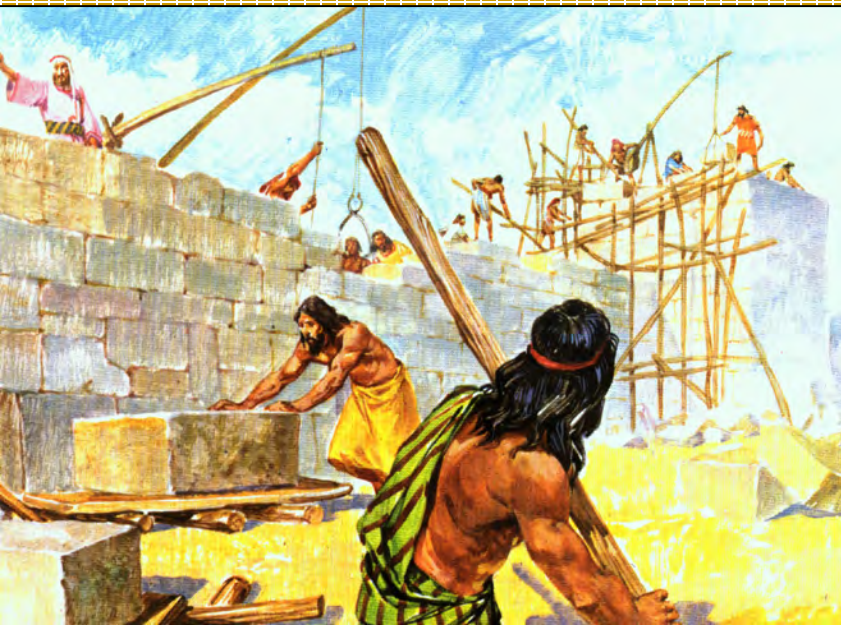
But in exile some stayed faithful to God,
Such as Daniel and his three friends;
God made known His control in the kingdoms of men,
And His use of them for His own ends.



11. CONSTRUCTION

Seventy years on, it was time to return
To the land that is close to God's heart
Rebuilding the temple, the city and walls
So the people could have a new start.

They met opposition and the work had to stop
Problems within and without
Men of God took the lead with courage and strength
And a great reform came about.



12. CHALLENGE

But the nation went back to it's old ways
Not giving to God what was right
With attitudes hard they questioned His love
Their values not true in His sight

The Inter-Testament times were hard
Under Greek and Roman control
As ever, a remnant standing for God
Divine plan moving on to its goal.



13. CHRIST

In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son
Upon Him all the ages depend;
Miraculous birth, impeccable life,
He is both God and Man – perfect blend.

But man gave God's Son a cruel cross
Where He died an object of shame;
But He rose from the grave in conquering power,
And He'll never die again.



14. CHURCH

The church, the bride of Christ, began
The day the Spirit came;
From Jerusalem the gospel spread
Like an unquenchable flame.

And so, today, the people of God
Are found in every land;
Upholding the truth of the Word of God
For Christ they make their stand.



15. CLIMAX

The Lord has promised to return,
We do not know the hour;
But He will come to take us home
In an act of mighty power.

And from the clouds He will descend,
Shout, voice and trumpet blast;
And those 'in Christ' all caught away,
This present life then passed.



16. COMPLETION

Upon the earth turmoil and fear
The full results of sin
Then Christ in glory shall appear
Every eye focused then on Him.

He will defeat His every foe,
And then in righteousness reign;
With Christ and His people triumphant at last
As God did foreordain.



GOD CREATING

GOD CONTROLLING

GOD CARING

‘casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you’

1 Peter 5.7

