

**Unseen World of the Bible**  
Session 10: Hidden in Plain Sight  
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**Learning objectives**

1. We shall describe Israel's eight failures.
2. We shall recognize<sup>14</sup> names and titles of Messiah.
3. We shall identify the new divine council members.

**Failure one: the fall of Satan**

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you... You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. Genesis 3:14

**Failure two: the fall of humanity**

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Genesis 1:28

<sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' Cursed is the ground because of you." ... <sup>23</sup> God banished him from the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:17, 23

**Failure three: humanity's wickedness**

<sup>1</sup> When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created. Genesis 5:1-2

<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup> The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. Genesis 6:5-6

**Failure four: humanity's disobedience**

<sup>1</sup> God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. Genesis 9:1

<sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." Genesis 11:4

**Failure five: Israel's disobedience**

<sup>21</sup> Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. Exodus 23:21

<sup>22</sup> Not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times <sup>23</sup> Not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. Numbers 14:23

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### **Failure six: Israel's idolatry**

<sup>19</sup> When you look up to the sky and see ... all the heavenly array —do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. Deuteronomy 4:19

#### *Ahab in Israel*

<sup>16</sup> He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. <sup>33</sup> Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him. 1 Kings 16:32-33

#### *Zedekiah in Judah*

<sup>13</sup> He became stiff-necked and hardened his heart and would not turn to the LORD, the God of Israel. <sup>14</sup> Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful, following all the detestable practices of the nations and defiling the temple of the LORD, which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 36:13-14

### **Failure seven: Israel's theocide**

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22

<sup>52</sup> You have betrayed and murdered him — <sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it." Acts 7:52-53

### **Failure eight: Israel's persecution**

<sup>36</sup> Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." <sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do? Acts 2:36-37

<sup>1</sup> And Saul approved of their killing [Steven]. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Acts 8:1

### **God himself become human to fulfil his plan**

<sup>9</sup> In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ... <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. ... <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:9-15

<sup>9</sup> This mystery ... for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Ephesians 3:9-11

### **Rebellious spirits misunderstood God's plan**

<sup>6</sup> The rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing... <sup>7</sup> We declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

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<sup>1</sup>You were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. Ephesians 2:1-2

### Jesus' disciples misunderstood God's plan

<sup>31</sup> [Jesus] was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. Mark 9:31-32

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:44-45

### 17 Names and titles of the hidden messiah

All these terms have both a social meaning (1<sup>st</sup> reference) and a predictive meaning (2<sup>nd</sup> reference).

1. Anointed (Heb. *Messiah*, Grk. *Christ*): Isa 45:1, Psa 2.2
2. Branch: Jer 1.11, Isa 11.1
3. David Ruth 4.22, Jer 30.9
4. Holy one, Dan 4.23, Jer 30.9
5. King <sup>2</sup>Sam 5.3, Hos 3.5
6. Lord Gen 18:12, Psa 110.1
7. Messenger 1 Sam 23.27, Mal 3.1
8. Prince Dan 10.20, Dan 9.25
9. Root Isa 14.29, Isa 11.10
10. Scepter Psa 60.7, Num 24.17
11. Righteous one Psa 64.10, Isa 53.11
12. Root isa 14.29, Isa 11.10
13. Ruler Gen 44.26, Mic 5.2
14. Scepter Psa 60.7, Num 24.17
15. Seed 'thy seed', 'her seed' Gen 3.15
16. Servant Gen 9.25, Isa 53.11
17. Shepherd Isa 44.28, Ezek 34.23
18. Son (of God) Hos 11.1, Dan 3.25
17. Star Amos 5:26, Num 24.17

### God himself redeemed humanity

<sup>1</sup>See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3

### Spirits recognize Jesus as the Messiah

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to [Jesus], "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ... <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:3, 13

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<sup>29</sup> “What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?” Matthew 8:29

<sup>22</sup> An impure spirit ... cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup> “Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are —the Holy One of God! Luke 4:33-34

### **Satan has been demoted to lord of the dead**

<sup>44</sup> The devil ... was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. John 8:44

<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. Genesis 3:14

<sup>4</sup> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil. Hebrews 2:14

<sup>18</sup> “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.” Luke 10:18-19

### **Faithful Christians will be resurrected to everlasting life**

<sup>20</sup> Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

<sup>9</sup> This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1:9-10

### **Faithful Christians join the divine council as the new sons of God**

<sup>12</sup> To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children [sons] of God.” Matthew 5:9

<sup>35</sup> Those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead ...

<sup>36</sup> they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children [sons].” Luke 20:35-36

<sup>26</sup> “In Christ Jesus you are all children [sons] of God through faith.” Galatians 3:26

<sup>6</sup> Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. Galatians 4:6

<sup>19</sup> The creation waits in eager expectation for the children [sons] of God to be revealed. Romans 8:19