

# The Story of the People of God

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<b>Creation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Creation of heaven and earth (Genesis 1)</li><li>- <i>Covenant with Adam and Eve (Genesis 2)</i></li></ul>
<b>The Fall</b>	Genesis 3
<b>Redemption</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Covenant with Noah's family (Genesis 9)</i></li><li>- <i>Covenant with Abraham's clan (Genesis 15, 17, 22)</i></li><li>- <i>Covenant with nation of Israel (Exodus 24, Deuteronomy 29)</i></li><li>- <i>Covenant with Davidic kingdom (2 Samuel 7)</i></li><li>- Divided kingdom (Beginning in 1 Kings 12)</li><li>- Exile (Beginning in 2 Kings 17)</li><li>- Return (Ezra, Nehemiah)</li><li>- Maccabean revolt (1 Maccabees)</li><li>- Messianic fulfillment (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)</li><li>- <i>Covenant with the universal (catholic) Church (Acts of the Apostles)</i></li><li>- <b>What part will you play in the story of the People of God?</b></li></ul>
<b>Christ's Second Coming at the End of Time</b>	Revelation

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Canticle of Zechariah (*Benedictus*)

Luke 1:67-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.