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An Extraordinary Battle – The First Humans

Genesis 3:1–5

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

² The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’ ”

⁴ The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!

⁵ “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



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God's Plan

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed; He shall
bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on
the heel.”



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An Extraordinary Battle – The Birth of Christ

Matt 2:1-5

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he {began} to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,



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An Extraordinary Battle – The Temptation of Christ

Matthew 4:1–3

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.

³ And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”



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An Extraordinary Battle – The Betrayal

Luke 22:1–4

¹ Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching.

² The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

³ And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve.

⁴ And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them.



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An Extraordinary Battle – The End

Revelation 20:7–10

⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,

⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰ And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.



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An Incredible Redemption

Luke 19:10

¹⁰ “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Titus 3:5

⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit...



2 Corinthians 5

Paul's Perspective



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The Believer's Longing

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

² For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven,

³ inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked.

⁴ For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.

⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge.

⁶ Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight—

⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.



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The Believer's Pursuit

⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

¹² We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.



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The Believer's Motivation

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.



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The Believer's Perspective

¹⁶ Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.



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The Believer's Mission

¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.



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The Believer's Message

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



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Our Lord's Command

Matthew 28:18–20

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



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Our Lord's Command

Acts 1:8

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”



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The Testimony of Peter and John

Acts 4:20

²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”



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Don't Be Ashamed

Mark 8:34-38

34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

35 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

36 "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

37 "For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 "For whoever is **ashamed** of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be **ashamed** of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."



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Don't Be Ashamed

2 Tim 1:7-12

7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

8 Therefore do not be **ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

11 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not **ashamed** ; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.



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Don't Be Ashamed

Rom 1:16

16 For I am not **ashamed** of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



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The Need for Prayer

Ephesians 6:18–19

¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

¹⁹ and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,



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The Need for Prayer

2 Thessalonians 3:1

¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;

