

# THE GOSPEL STORY

## Lesson 9 "He has visited and redeemed His people"

### Text Under Consideration: Romans 6

#### Scriptural & Historical Context:

Between 1500 - 1400 years before the birth of Jesus, the Lord redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 6.6). However, our study of the Old Testament has shown that Israel did not remain free; because of their many sins they were taken captive and lived in exile (2Kings 17; 2Chronicles 36). Yet, there was still hope because even though their captors (Assyria and Babylon) were mighty nations, Israel's "Redeemer is strong; the Lord of hosts is his name" (Jeremiah 50.34). However, the Lord did not plan to merely redeem the physical nation of Israel from captivity; His aim was to redeem His people from their true captor... sin! "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression" (Isaiah 59.20). Significantly, the New Testament opens with the acknowledgment that God was about to fulfill this promise. At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah prophesied, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed His people" (Luke 1.68). Notably, this redemption would bring "salvation to His people in the forgiveness of their sins" (Luke 1.77).

#### Key Verses & Events:

- 📖 Jesus is born in ~ 3 B.C.
- 📖 Jesus' public ministry begins in ~A.D. 27.
- 📖 Jesus is crucified, resurrected and exalted in ~A.D. 30. He completes His mission "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10.45).

Creation  
Genesis 1-2 · Undated

The Flood  
Genesis 6-9 · c. 2350 BC (trad.)

Abraham  
Genesis 12-25 · c. 2000-1800 BC

The Exodus  
Exodus · c. 1446 or 1270 BC

Conquest of Canaan  
Joshua · c. 1406-1380 BC

David's Reign  
2 Samuel · c. 1010-970 BC

Babylonian Captivity  
2 Kings 25 · c. 605-539 BC

Return from Captivity  
Ezra, Nehemiah · c. 538-432 BC

Life of Jesus  
Gospels · c. 6/4 BC – AD 30/33

Establishment of the Church  
Acts 2 · c. AD 30/33 (Pentecost)

## The Story

1. Redemption involves release from \_\_\_\_\_ through outside \_\_\_\_\_. The concept assumes weakness or inability on the part of the one being redeemed — social, physical, or spiritual.
2. Redemption was embedded in Israel's \_\_\_\_\_. The kinsman-redeemer was obligated to buy back a poor relative's property or even their freedom if they had sold themselves into servitude, and the "avenger of blood" redeemed innocent life with the life of the guilty.
3. God's call for Israel to redeem one another was rooted in His own redemption of them from \_\_\_\_\_. Because God had claimed Israel as His own by freeing them, they were to reflect that same redemptive concern toward each other.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ captivity deepened the concept. God promised through the prophets to redeem Israel from exile, identifying Himself explicitly as their Redeemer — the Holy One of Israel.
5. God's ultimate redemptive purpose went beyond national deliverance to freedom from \_\_\_\_\_ itself. Isaiah 44:22 shows God's heart was always to blot out transgressions, not merely to move people from one geography to another.
6. Isaiah's suffering \_\_\_\_\_ is the centerpiece of this redemption. Framed by promises of redemption in chapters 52 and 54, Isaiah 53 reveals that the cost of man's redemption would be the life of one pierced and crushed for human sin.
7. Jesus' ministry demonstrated His \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem. Just as God proved His power over Egypt through the plagues, Jesus proved His power over sin's effects through healing and exorcism before accomplishing redemption on the cross.
8. The Passover \_\_\_\_\_ foreshadowed Jesus. The blood of the lamb that protected Israel from judgment and the lamb required to redeem every first-born son both point forward to Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."
9. \_\_\_\_\_ needs this redemption. Sin is the universal condition, and no one has the power to free themselves from it — redemption must come entirely from outside.
10. Redemption in Christ means belonging to God, not \_\_\_\_\_. As Israel was freed from Egypt not for independence but to be God's people, those redeemed by Christ are freed from sin not to live as they please but to live as servants of righteousness.