

ACT 1 THE ORIGINAL INTENT

Chapter 1 - God

We start The Story with the Everlasting Eternal God who is without either beginning or end. God calls Himself by many names. These names are given to help us understand Him. One of His names is "The Trinity". He is The Trinity because, while He is One Being, He also exists as three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Trinity lives in Heaven for the purpose of enjoying each other. I can imagine an important conversation that took place in eternity past about a bride for Jesus....let's listen.

Dramatic Reading #1:

The Father said: This relationship we have with one another is so awesome let's create human beings to enjoy it with us.

The Spirit said: Yes, a bride for Your Son! ...but there will be a problem, she will rebel and choose to be independent from us. This will cause her to be infected with sin and separated from us.

The Son said: I will solve the problem. I will save her. I will become human and live a perfect life on her behalf. I will be made to be sin and take the punishment she deserves.

The following chapters are being re-evaluated for possible revisions and thus are not included in this presentation

Chapter 2 – Man

Chapter 3 – Angels

Chapter 4 – The Plan

Chapter 5 – Man's Representative

Chapter 6 – The First Rebellion

Chapter 7 – Creation

And so we fast forward to the physical creation of heaven and earth and on the 6th day of, God finished the creation of man by forming Adam a physical body from the dust of the ground and breathing into his nostrils the breath of life (i.e. his spirit/soul form) and blessing him.

Chapter 8 – Adam

I can imagine what Adam must have been like, let's listen to Moses describe him...

Dramatic Reading #5:

Moses: Adam's intellect was the clearest. His memory was the best. His will was the most straightforward, all in the most beautiful tranquility of mind, without any fear of death and without any anxiety. To these inner qualities came also the most beautiful and superb qualities of body and limb that surpassed all living creatures. His eyes were sharper and clearer than those of an eagle. He was stronger than the lions and bears, perhaps he could fly faster than birds; perhaps he could out-swim the fish.

Chapter 9 - Garden Life

I can imagine what Adam & Eve's life in the garden must have been like, again let's listen to Moses describe it...

Dramatic Reading #6:

Moses: They enjoyed an up close personal relationship with God. God was to Adam & Eve a father and intimate friend. Their proximity to God would have made them radiant and stunningly beautiful. Imagine the explosion of joy and sense of worth that must have swelled up in their hearts as they hear God say "You are very good"! They were naked and unashamed; they were led by the Spirit; they lived in a state of innocence and had nothing to hide and nothing to prove. This is the remarkable state we were created to live in and will return to one day both personally and corporately.

Chapter 10 - First Covenant

I can imagine God reminded Adam of the Plan and his purpose for them and then made a covenant with him. Let's listen:

Dramatic Reading #7:

God: I will prepare you for the day when you will be ready to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life and live and reign forever as the Bride of My Son. BUT...you have a part in the covenant, it is very simple...you cannot eat from this tree until I tell you it's time. If you eat from it before it's time you will die spiritually and eventually physically...you will live a life of independence from Me. Oh, by the way, you must subdue the enemy and keep him out of the garden.

ACT 2 THE PROBLEM

Chapter 11 – The Second Rebellion

In his hatred for God, Lucifer, now called Satan, went after those made in God's image, the part of creation that mattered most to God. Satan approached Eve and sought to discredit God and convince her that He was holding out on them...that He couldn't be trusted. I imagine the conversation that the Trinity had at this moment. Let's listen:

Dramatic Reading #8:

The Father said: In spite of her glorious position, she's longing for promotion.

The Spirit said: She thinks she can be more than a creation made in Our image.

The Son said: She thinks she can become just like Us, independent of Us with her own glory.

And so she led Adam to join her in this rebellious treason of reaching for Godlike status.

Chapter 12 –The Repercussions of Disobedience

The fire of the spirit in their lamp was extinguished. They were now led by their soul. The covenant was broken. They ceded authority of the Kingdom of the World to Satan. God sent them out of the garden. The Father & son relationship was broken. The son became an orphan, alone and on his own. The son became an enemy, a hater of His Father. All of mankind with infected with sin and became spiritually dead with Adam. In fact, after 1656 years on the earth, God declared that the wickedness of man had become so great He was sorry that He had made man and so He unleashed a world-wide flood that destroyed all of man with the earth. But in His mercy He preserved man by sparing righteous Noah and starting over with he and his family.

ACT 3 THE SOLUTION

Chapter 13 – The Second Covenant

God the Father and God the Son cut an unbreakable covenant to redeem the Bride from the curse and restore her to right relationship with the Father and make her suitable as a bride for the Son. It was a plan for reestablishing His kingdom rule in all the earth through the people of His covenant, those who belong to the Son, His Bride. They revealed it to Abraham, who was known as the father of all who walk by faith, because only those who are of faith, those who belong to the Son, the Bride are heirs of the promise. We know that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Chapter 14 - The Standard

God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses to show man His standards for righteousness and to show man his depravity. Whoever breaks one of the laws, one time at any time, is guilty, in God's eyes as having broken them all. Only righteousness delivers one from God's wrath against sin on judgment day.

Chapter 15 – Man's Rule

God made David a king and promised him a royal dynasty. He made him a victorious warrior. He gave him a heart after His own heart. These were given to David as a picture for us to show us how He sees us now and in the future.

Chapter 16 – Jesus, The Solution

The Son came as a human named Jesus to save His bride from her sins, to give her eternal life and restore her to the garden condition and to destroy the works of the enemy.

Chapter 17 - His Incarnation

God sent forth His Son, conceived of the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin...He was born under the law. He was fully God, fully man.

Chapter 18 - His Life

If He wasn't fully God He could not have kept all the commandments and lived the perfect life His Bride was meant to live.

Chapter 19 - His Death

If He wasn't fully man He could not have died and paid the price for her sins. Someone will pay the price for your sins. Will it be YOU or JESUS?

Chapter 20 - His Work

He sweat great drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane not in anticipation of being beaten and tortured beyond recognition as a human being; nor in anticipation of suffering the most brutal form of death imaginable- slow death by asphyxiation on a cross: nor in anticipation of tasting the pangs of Hades on her behalf. NO, He sweat blood because He knew He would soon be being separated from His Father for the first time in all eternity and be made to be sin on her behalf and bear the full brunt of the fist of the fury of God's wrath against her sin on the cross.

Chapter 21 - His Blood

Without the shedding of His holy blood, there would have been no remission for her sin, no eternal life in His presence.

Chapter 22 - The Trade

God took an eternity of what she deserved, bound it up in a moment, and unleashed it on His Son so He could spare her and give her an eternity of what she doesn't deserve.

Chapter 23 - In Hades

After His accomplishment of making her one with the Father on the cross, but prior to His ascension/resurrection, Jesus proclaimed the gospel in Hades to the wicked and in Paradise to the Bride. This proclamation accomplished two things: 1) it set at liberty the Bride and 2) it made a public spectacle of Satan and his demons (including Death and Hades) by declaring that His work on the cross paid the sin debt, which did away with sin's power, and effectively signed their death warrant to an eternity in the Lake of Fire.

Chapter 24 - His Resurrection

The Father validated His sacrifice on her behalf by having the Spirit raise Him from the dead.

Chapter 25 - His Ascension

When He arrived in Heaven, He was appointed by God the Father as her High Priest, who intercedes for her, who sympathizes with her weaknesses and allows her to come to Him for mercy and help in time of need.

Chapter 26 –Spirit Outpouring

Before the Ascension Jesus told His disciples that they would soon be baptized with the Holy Spirit unto the power they would need to witness for Him. When He arrived in Heaven, He asked the Father to pour out His Spirit on His people as He promised thru the Old Testament Prophet Joel.

Chapter 27 - His Rule

When He arrived in Heaven, the Father also gave Him a Kingdom to rule over, through His Bride, until He puts all enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be defeated is death. Death is only necessary as a wage for sin, and so there will be a people, the Bride of Christ, on earth one day who will put their feet on death by keeping the commandments and thereby defeating sin. Death, Hades and Satan will be cast into the Lake of Fire for all of eternity.

THE OFFER

I am here today, sent by God, as ambassador, to introduce you to your Savior and to tell you what He has done for you and what He has to offer you:

Chapter 28 – Inheritance

We are promised a purpose driven life, a call uniquely designed for us by God... the in-dwelling Spirit...an eternal life relationship with Him in a glorified, indestructible body while displaying all the glory of God for all to enjoy and love for all eternity.

Chapter 29 – Forgiveness

Your sins are forgiven and He wants you in the Family.

Chapter 30 – Marriage

He loves you, and wants to offer you a marriage proposal. He wants you to know that nothing or no one will snatch you out of His hands.

Chapter 31 - His Return

Oh...by the way He is coming back...it's an event called the Parousia. This time He's not coming as a Lamb, but as a Lion to take vengeance on His enemies. His enemies will be separated from His presence in the Lake of Fire for all eternity. But, He's also coming for His bride.

Chapter 32 – The Son's Kingdom

This gospel of the kingdom (Matt 24:14)

Chapter 33 – The Father's Kingdom

Eternity...Heaven

THE RESPONSE

Do you hear Him calling you in the good news Gospel I have just shared with you?...it's an irresistible call.

You may be asking: What must I do to be saved from my sins? Or How do you receive His offer?

Repent, believe and confess.

I've introduced you to your Savior, your Lord. He is real. He is here. His name is Jesus.

What will you do with Jesus?

Will you receive His offer?

Will you embrace Him or reject Him?

Are you His enemy or His Bride?