

# ONE STORY FULFILLED IN JESUS

## THE OLD TESTAMENT SUMMARIZED IN NEHEMIAH 9

### CREATION OF THE WORLD



The one true God made the heavens and the earth, all things visible and invisible.

(NEHEMIAH 9:6)

### COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM



God chose faithful Abraham and made a covenant to give his offspring the land of Canaan.

(NEHEMIAH 9:7-8)

### EXODUS FROM EGYPT



Abraham's offspring were enslaved in Egypt, but God led them out through the waters of the Red Sea and guided them in the wilderness.

(NEHEMIAH 9:9-12)

### MT. SINAI AND WILDERNESS



God gave the people his law on Mt. Sinai and sustained them in the wilderness, even after they sinned with the golden calf.

(NEHEMIAH 9:13-21)

### CONQUERING OF CANAAN



God multiplied Abraham's descendants as he promised, and empowered them to subdue their enemies in the land of Canaan.

(NEHEMIAH 9:22-25)

### SIN LEADING TO EXILE



Israel fell into a cycle of sin until their refusal to listen to God's Spirit through the prophets led to exile from the promised land.

(NEHEMIAH 9:26-31)

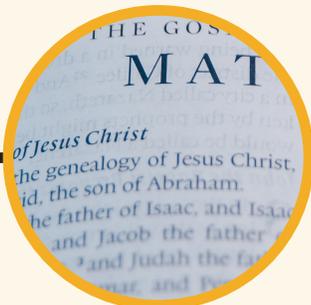
### RETURN TO THE LAND



Israel returned to the promised land but were slaves in their own land and still in need of a Savior.

(NEHEMIAH 9:32-37)

### COMING OF CHRIST



In the fullness of time, God sent his Son, the one through whom he **created** all things in the beginning (Jn. 1:3), to save his people from their **sins** (Mt. 1:21). Jesus Christ is "the son of **Abraham**" (Mt. 1:1), the **promised offspring** (Gal. 3:16) who fulfills God's **covenant promises**. Through Jesus, God's blessing comes to "all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:3), since anyone can become Abraham's offspring through union with Christ: "if you are Christ's, then you are **Abraham's offspring**, heirs according to promise" (Gal. 3:29). God multiplies Abraham's descendants as the gospel is preached and people join the church, "the Israel of God" (Gal. 6:6), Jew and Gentile united in Christ (Gal. 3:28).

Jesus leads us in a **new exodus**, delivering us from the **slavery** of sin and death by his cross and resurrection. He leads us out through **the waters of baptism** (1 Cor. 10:2) and sustains us in the wilderness of life by giving us his **word** and feeding us with the spiritual food and drink of **the Lord's Supper** (1 Cor. 10:3-4). Through his Spirit, poured out on the church at Pentecost, he breaks the **cycle of sin**, enabling us to live holy lives without fear of eternal **exile** in hell. Though we are currently **exiles** and sojourners in this world (1 Pet. 2:11), Christ has promised to return and **subdue** not only the land, but the whole earth, as God commanded Adam in the beginning (Gen. 1:28), and give it to the church as an eternal **inheritance**: "the meek shall inherit **the land**" (Ps. 37:11); the meek shall inherit **the earth**" (Mt. 5:5).