

I. The grace of God promised his chosen people a Savior

A. By grace God chose Abraham to be the father of the nation

“The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples of the earth will be blessed through you.’” (Genesis 12:1-3)

B. By grace God rescued his people from Egypt

C. By grace God endured his people’s rebellion

“But they, our forefathers, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and did not obey your commands. They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not abandon them.” (Nehemiah 9:16-17)

D. By grace God gave his people the promised land

E. By grace God gave his people judges to rule them

F. By grace God gave his people prophets to guide them

G. By grace God gave his people kings to lead them

II. The faithfulness of God fulfilled his promises in Jesus

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

A. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of the eternal king

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

B. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of a coming Savior

“The Lord has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: ‘Say to the Daughter of Zion, ‘See your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.’” (Isaiah 62:11)

C. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of a rejected Messiah

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.” (Isaiah 53:3a)

D. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of a crucified king

“Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.”
(Psalm 22:16-18)

E. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of the resurrected Lord

III. The mercy of God provides a way of salvation

A. Through Jesus we can be forgiven

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.”
(Ephesians 1:7)

B. Through Jesus we can be justified

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(Romans 5:1)

C. Through Jesus we can have eternal life

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” (John 11:25)

D. Through Jesus salvation is offered to all people

E. To believe in Jesus is to receive salvation

F. To reject Jesus is to incur God’s judgment

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” (John 3:18)