**The ONGOING Purposes of God Historical Books**

**Our Creator created everything for his own purposes**

• completely dependent communion with him in Eden (Gen 2:15-17)

• the first law was a command to love and trust

**Our Creator made mankind to rule the world in his behalf**

• an accountable vice-regent, a steward (Gen 1:26-28; 2:15-25)

• a purpose and a role that is still in force today (Gen 9:1-7; Psa 8)

**Our Creator promised to redeem mankind at the cost of his own Son**

• the first gospel was a promise of victory (Gen 3:15)

• the first judgment was an expression of mercy (Gen 3:1-24)

**Our Creator chose a people for himself and promised them a homeland**

• the covenant with Abraham (Gen chs 12, 15, 17)

• unilateral and unbreakable

**Our Creator promised to use his people to bless all the peoples of the earth**

• a gospel of salvation for all the peoples of the earth (Gen 12:3; Gal 3:6-8)

**Our Creator got glory for himself by triumphing over Egypt’s pagan gods for his people**

• God giving instructions about the purposes and procedures for the Passover

*Exodus 12:12 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn-- both men and animals-- and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.*

• each one of the plagues was a judgment against & victory over one or more gods

• Pharaoh himself was reputed to be a god

• could not save his armies, could not save his son

***Romans 9:14-18***  *14 What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.*

• for the glory of God and the joy of his people

**Our Creator created a covenant nation for his own glory and pleasure at Sinai**

***Exodus 19:3-8***  *3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." 7 So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. 8 The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.*

• cf 1Pe 2:1-12 🡪 we are that nation today

**Our Creator demonstrated his covenant blessings and the curses in the Wilderness & the Land**

• Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah

**Our Creator raised his covenant to new heights in his dealings with the house of David**

• Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah

• “house” = dynasty 🡪 Jesus

***2 Samuel 7:16***  *16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'"*

***Matthew 22:41-45***  *41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 42 "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, 44 "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet."' 45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?"*

***Revelation 22:16***  *16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."*

• “house” = temple

• Solomon 🡪 Nebuchadnezzar 🡪 Ezekiel 🡪 Christ 🡪 church 🡪 New Jerusalem