

Mighty Works of God: Great Moments in History

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OUTLINE

A. REVELATION – God reveals Himself and His Truth

Revelation is the disclosure of what was previously unknown. It is used of God's communication to man of divine Truth, that is, His manifestation of Himself and His will. Despite the distinctions below, God's revelation is a unity. The Logos is Creator, Redeemer and Revelator (John 1:1-18; 16:12-15).

1. **Creation** – General revelation (Power and intelligent design evident in the heavens and earth)
 - God reveals His existence and divine attributes (Romans 1:18-20)
2. **Incarnation** – Personal revelation (Incarnation of the Living Word)
 - God reveals His identity and redemptive mission (John 1:14-18)
3. **Inspiration** – Special revelation (Inscripturation of the spoken word)
 - God reveals His will for time and for eternity (Hebrews 1:1; John 16:12-15)

REDEMPTION – God redeems humanity from bondage to sin and death

The word means to set free, rescue, buy back, and regain. It refers to the deliverance of lost humanity from the domain of darkness, sin and death (Romans 6:23; 8:1-2) through the shed blood of Christ on the cross (Romans 3:23-25a; Ephesians 1:7) and transference of believers to the kingdom of His beloved Son (Ephesians 2:1-6; Colossians 1:13-14).

4. **Jesus' Cross** – His choice (John 6:14-15, 35-40, 51; 10:11, 18; Mark 10:45; Hebrews 12:2)
5. **Jesus' Resurrection** – His victory (Mark 16:6; 1 Peter 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)
6. **Jesus' Gift** – The Holy Spirit (John 3:3; 14:16-17; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:3-7)

PROVIDENCE – God sustains the universe and directs earth's history according to His will

The word has multiple meanings: God's care and help, good management, foresight, and prudence. Providence identifies the ongoing relationship of God to His creation. This includes ordering the course of events, sustaining His creatures, and reconciling humans to Himself. The concept of providence tells us that the world and our lives are not ruled by chance or by fate but by God.

7. **Global Flood** – restart (Genesis 6-8)
8. **Babel** – refocus (Genesis 11:1-9)
9. **Exodus** – release (Exodus 11-14)
10. **Works of Jesus** – reveal (Gospels)
11. **Macedonian Vision** – redirect (Acts 16:6-10)

KINGDOM – God establishes His sovereign and exclusive rule and realm for eternity

The rule of God has entered history in the person and mission of Jesus, invading the realm of Satan to deliver humankind from the power of evil. This kingdom (rule of God) is to be advanced by His Church until He comes in glory at the end of the age with judgment and reward in order that God may be all in all and establish a perfect and eternal realm.

12. **Pentecost** – mission empowered (Acts 2; Colossians 1:18)
13. **The Church** – mission commissioned (Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21-23; Acts 1:8)
14. **Second Coming** – mission completed (John 14:2-3; Matthew 16:27; 25:34; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
15. **New Heaven and Earth** – final and eternal restoration (1 Corinthians 15:24-28; Revelation 21-22)

“The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.” Mark 12:11 NIV