

OPTION #1 FAILED – IT DID NOT WORK (Review)

Option #1 = Do Good & Live Forever

Creator God said, “Obey my commands. And you will live.” Leviticus 18:5

Did People Follow Option #1

Genesis 6:1-22 & 7:12-23 & 8:21

6:1[About 1500 years after Abel] more and more people were living on the earth. 5Creator God saw that people on the earth were very bad. 6God was sad that he had made people. 7So God said, “I will wipe people from the earth. 17 I will bring a Great Flood on the earth.”

8But Creator God was happy with Noah. 9Noah was a good man – he did what was right – and he walked with God.

Noah had faith – Noah believed God. Hebrews 11:7

Option #2 = Believe God & Live Forever

[Then] obeying God comes from faith. Romans 1:5
FAITH —> OBEY GOD & DO GOOD

13God said to Noah, 14-15“Make a big ship. 18You and your family will go into the ship. 19-20 And bring two of every kind of bird and animal into the ship.” 22Noah did everything God said.

7:12 It rained for forty days and forty nights. 19All the mountains on earth were covered with water. 21Everything on earth died. 23Only Noah, and everything in the ship, were saved.

After the Great Flood, did people’s hearts change?

[After the Great Flood] 8:21God said, “From childhood, people have only bad thoughts, desires and plans in their hearts.”

Nothing changed! We cannot do Option #1.

So we need help! We need a Savior!

So God began a new plan to save the world.

GOD CHOSE ONE MAN TO BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD (about 2,000 B.C.)

Genesis 11:26-13:18

11:26, 31Abraham was born in the kingdom of Babylon. 29His wife’s name was Sarah. 30But Sarah was childless – she could not have children.

12:1Creator God said to Abraham, “Leave your country – leave your people – leave your close relatives. Go to another land that I will show you.”

2God also said, “I will make you into a great nation of people. And I will bless you. I will make your name great. And you will be a blessing. 3Through you, I will bless all the peoples in the world.”

Abraham was the father of what nation? [Israel]

Who will Creator God bless through Abraham?

How do you think God will bless all peoples in the world through Abraham?

Jesus Christ was the descendant...of Abraham.

Luke 3:23, 34

So what did God do about 2,000 years after Abraham?

[about A.D. 1]

God loved the world very, very much – so God gave his only Son, Jesus Christ. So everyone who believes in Jesus will not be destroyed – but everyone who believes in Jesus will live forever.

John 3:16

This is the story of Christmas – when Jesus was born in Israel.

This is Option #2 –

Believe in Jesus & Live Forever!

4,000 years ago was Creator God only thinking about Israel?

Who else was God thinking about 4,000 years ago?

Was God thinking about your people?

So, how long has Creator God been thinking about your people?

How do you think God feels about you?

Does God only love Israel?

Or does Creator God love everyone in the world?

4So Abraham left his country, people, and close relatives – he obeyed God. Abraham was 75 years old when he left. ...*But Abraham did not know where he should go – because God had not told Abraham yet (Hebrews 11:8). So Abraham went [about 900 kilometers (about 550 miles) northwest] to Haran – and he lived in the town of Haran. Then God moved Abraham to Canaan [about 700 kilometers (about 450 miles) southwest (Acts 7:4)]. ...*5Abraham took Sarah – he took everything he owned – and he took his servants. And Abraham went to Canaan.

6The Canaanite people groups were living in Canaan. Abraham traveled through Canaan – 8and Abraham was living in a tent. And Abraham continued traveling – and he built an altar to Creator God and prayed to him. 9Then Abraham traveled to southern Canaan – 13:3and back to central Canaan.

13:14God said to Abraham, “Look north – look south – look east – look west. 15 I will give all this land to you and to your descendants forever. 16 I will make your descendants like the dust on the ground. No one can count the dust – so no one will be able to count your descendants. 17 I am giving Canaan to you, so go – walk through the land from north to south and from east to west. 18So Abraham moved his tent (again). And Abraham built an altar to Creator God.