



1: BANG! SPLAT!

(Creation & the Fall: beginning of time)
Genesis 1 -11

1, 2, 3, 4, stories tell us what's in store
5, 6, 7, 8, but first it's time to recreate:
Let there be light. Bang! There's day & night.
Let there be a sea and sky
for fish to swim and birds to fly.
Land be green with everything.
Twinkle little stars.
Sun and moon, split day and night,
and it's all good so far.
Then came all the creepy crawly creatures
and the rest.
Then came all the animals, but man?
He was the best! Now rest...

1, 2, 3, 4 stories tell us what's in store?
Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel,
Noah & the flood, and the Tower of Babel:
In our image, Adam and Eve.
The snake got them to disbelieve,
Take a bite and know good from bad
and forfeit everything that they had.
God took Abel's sacrifice
and then rejected Cain's
Killed his brother in stone cold blood
although he could refrain. (2x)

4, 3, 2, 1, evil spread to everyone
Except for Noah and the kin.
Time to let the rain begin!
Forty days and forty nights
the rain fell down 'til it was right.
Dried it up and let's start again
but man conspired to ascend.
A tower built to touch the clouds
and rival heaven's glory.
Scattered Babel all around
but we repeat the story (2x).
1, 2, 3, 4, the fall from grace opened the door.
5, 6, 7, 8, the woman's seed will crush that snake.
Splat!

2: LOOK AT YOU

(the Patriarchs - 1850 BC)
Genesis 12-50

People prayed to many gods but there was only one.
Abram heard and went where he was told
Count the stars and count the sands,
descendants you will have,
and a promised land you will behold.
Old man, what's she laughing at?
I'll see that it comes to that, now!
Now I know the slave girl had a son.
Believe me, he'll be blessed,
But Sarah's boy will be the one
and I'm giving you a test.
Old man, give him up to me.
You said yes, so set him free now!
Look at you, "helping" me with Ishmael!
I asked for Isaac, and you did well.
Isaac, you're the one I chose to follow in the line.
You and Becky had twin boys.
Guess which one is mine?
Esau hunts and Jacob tricks! Uh oh!
I'll take that trickster just for kicks!

Look at you, fighting me, you're "Israel"!
Wrestled my angel and you did well.

12 sons next but there was one,
the second to the last.
Ten left Joseph there to die,
but, brothers, not so fast!

Rescued, became pharaoh's man, uh oh!
Good from bad, my master plan!
Look at you leaving me inside the well.
Look at my face, does it ring a bell?
(It's all good.)

3: LET THEM GO

(the Exodus - 1250 BC)
Exodus, Numbers

Many years passed after Joseph died.
A new pharaoh needed some bricks.
Scared how the Israelites multiplied,
A pyramid scheme did the trick!
How long can the people cry out?
How long must my people be slaves?
Moses, there's no time to doubt.
A burning bush sent you to say:
Let them go. Let them go.
Let them go. Let them go.
10 plagues and Pharaoh had had enough.
He drove them out into the sand.
Ten rules to follow at Mount Sinai,
But the golden calf was not a part of that plan!
I mean how long can the people be blind?
There's only I AM THAT I AM!
I'll smite them and start one more time!
But Moses remembered the plan,
So **I let them go. I let them go.**
I let them go. I let them go.
My Moses remembered the plan.
My Moses remembered the plan.
So I let them go.

4: TIME

(the Desert Journey - 1250-1210 BC)
Leviticus, Deuteronomy

Time! It's taking us forever.
Why? Will we ever ever
Find that we are a nation.
Just tribes tired of living this way.

A new divine decree:
Instead of giving me a child for your sins,
Barbecue the animals and
send a goat into the wild with your sins.
You and I both know
following the rules is hard. It's so hard.
So love me with your heart & with your soul
and you can always play the Chosen card.
(Chorus)

So where's the milk and honey?
This really isn't funny no more, oh my Lord.
Animals, diseases, hunger, sun, but wait,
There's more! There's the sword.
Tell us what's the deal
'cause we really don't feel so free any more.
I mean, what's the point of being chosen
If you can't even fight a war? (Chorus)

Time to take the land I'm giving.
So try. Don't take the foreign women!
It's time, so say goodbye to Moses.
It's time, but remember you're mine!

5: OY! HOLY PEOPLE

(the Conquest of Canaan - 1210 BC)
Joshua, Judges, Ruth

Oy, holy people here we go!

Try remembering when Joshua would win a war,
We'd owe it to the Man and not our hand.
Every time we win a war we're as faithful as a whore,
runnin' around with other gods,
with foreign women, and what's more,
God is faithful all the time but He pays us for the crime,
letting us lose a piece of land every time we stray again.
But if we come back, He'll lead the attack,
We'll be his people and He'll be our joy,
but if we forget we'll soon be met
with the foreign rod he will employ!

Holy People, the Canaanites put up a fight
to keep the Promised Land.

Oy! Chosen People, the Philistines are pretty mean.
We're doing the best we can.

Oy! Lil' Debbie cut the fudge! God anointed you to judge
while we fight the Canaanites
if we just keep Him in our sights.
Why you need so many men, Gideon?
Let's try it again with fewer troops and
maybe then you'll see the victory in the end.
Check out Samson with the hair,
he's the guy to take us there!
But Delilah had a plan: Cut the hair, betray the man!
But it grew back, he led the attack,
he pulled on his chains, and what do you know,
He took out a bunch of Philistines
but back and forth we go. Oy! (Chorus)

Oy, holy people. Oy, chosen people.
Oy, holy people, Oy, chosen ones. Oy! (Chorus)

Oy holy people, before there were kings,
Chosen people, you did your own thing.
Holy people, the trouble you bring,
Chosen ones! (Chorus 2x)

6: CITY IN ZION

(the Early Kingdom - 1030 BC)
1&2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, Psalms

The only thing that budesges waiting on a judge, is
another piece of land. We need a better plan:
How about a king? Yeah!
People if I do, you only give your loyalty
to royalty that rightfully belongs to me.
Not a good thing! Yeah!
Judge & prophet, Samuel, go tell all of Israel
I'll give you what you want, I'll give you Saul,
but you're not out of the woods! Yeah.
It started off okay but then his will got in the way
and when I told him wipe away the enemy
he spared the king and his goods! Yeah. Yeah. But

There's a city in Zion where the chosen can pray
And if it's me you rely on,
You could have it (keep it) today.

I took away the favor that I gave to Saul and later
told the prophet Nathan find the shepherd boy
that does the whole harp and dance. Yeah.
David slew Goliath and the king could not deny it
But he started getting jealous of the boy
and wouldn't give him a chance. Yeah.
David loved the king but then the king went after Dave
and so he hid up in a cave and
then he wrote some of the psalms that we sing. Yeah.
Saul died in a battle & David got rattled,
but he got back in the saddle, took Jerusalem,
and long live the king, yeah! Yeah! (Chorus)

In the city of Zion even Dave lost his way, yeah.
Took the wife of Uriah, and baby he paid, yeah.
But...(Chorus 2x)

You could keep it today yeah yeah, yeah yeah. (2x) And
it's still there today yeah yeah, yeah yeah. Everything was
okay, yeah, yeah, for a while anyway!

7: PROPHETS GO ROUND

(the Divided Kingdom - 931 BC)
1&2 Kings, 2 Chronicles 1-9, Proverbs, Isaiah 1-39

Solomon, I love that your
only wish was wisdom to rule.
But when you got older
you built the temples to other fools.
Thank you for the house where my
golden ark could finally reside.
But 700 wives and that wisdom
turned to lust and to pride!

**Golden calves and sacred poles
and Baal prostitutes?**

**The kings are lost and think they're found!
My prophets go round and round and round.
People are lost and think they're found!
My prophets go round and round and round,
Round and round.**

Now the house is split in half:
10 up north and 2 to the south.
Kings and prophets, good and bad,
in following the words from my mouth.
The 10 in the north took Samaria
to house a new throne,
Kept the name of Israel,
While Judah took Jerusalem home.
(Chorus)

Jezebel you worship Baal
so take your so called prophets to see.
Elijah, go to Mount Carmel
and bring that "brotherhood" to its knees.
Then go and find me in the breeze...
All the kings in Chronicles
were good or bad compared to the one:
The shepherd boy who became a king,
The one I loved like a son.
(Chorus 2x)

8: BAD NEWS

(the Assyrian & Babylonian Exiles - 721/ 587 BC)
2 Kings, 2 Chronicles 10-36, Micah, Jeremiah, Nahum,
Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Ezekiel, Isaiah 40-55

Whom shall I call? Whom shall I send?
My people just talking smack all over again!
Isaiah, I call you. The rich forsaking the poor,
and that won't do! I got...

**Bad news you don't want to hear.
You will lose when (Assyria / Babylon
/ the empire) draws near.
I'm bringing bad news,
but the promise is true.
I still see a David light in you!**

It's like a fire inside your bones,
you just can't keep my words
inside your mouth! Jeremiah, I call you.
What happened in the north is heading south!
I got... (Chorus)

A valley of dry bones...
Ezekiel I call you to call them home.
Scattered people come on out of your graves.
La da da da, they laughed when you fell.
Scattered people there will come a new day,
la da da da, when I shepherd you myself.
Do you still remember the glory days
with David on the throne, my Jerusalem?
My Servant suffers now,
Until I bring him home, until the end. And my
(Chorus 3x)

Whom shall I call? Whom shall I send?
My people just talking smack all over again.

9: THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE HOLY

(the Restoration under Persia - 538 BC)
Ezra, Nehemiah, Lamentations, Job, Ecclesiastes,
Song of Songs, Isaiah 56-66, Haggai, Zechariah,
Malachi, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah

Now this here's the story about a chosen people
who were like a house. And at the same time they were
like a doorway to an even larger house: a mansion,
if you will...

**Ya left a permanent footprint in our butt
when you kicked us out of our land.
The prophet said somethin' 'bout a shoot in Jesse,
a lion lyin' down with a little lamb.
The good are bad and now the bad are holy,
They're the warriors that you anoint.
But ya left a permanent footprint in our butt.
I think we got the point!**

Now how did the whole mess get started? Oh yeah!
Well, the king of Persia took us off the hook
with his decree in 538.
We got back home and saw our city ruined,
lamented hard, and don't appreciate
Samaritan mutts are tryin' to kick our butts!
We'll turn our plowshares into swords.
When this is through your people swear to you
we'll keep the laws that we ignored!
(Chorus)

Now what came next? Oh yeah!
Nehemiah and Zechariah and Haggai
all inspired our lives.
Ezra found a copy of the Law of Moses
and we divorced all our foreign wives,
'cause we don't wanna lose the land again,
So this time we're gonna keep it clean.
It's time to rebuild the promise that we killed
and keep the Law to the extreme! (Chorus)

One day God would be the king of the world
and not confined just to Israel.
Instead of a whore we'll be a brand new bride.
It's prophesied now. Listen well!
The book of Job and Ecclesiastes
and the Song of Songs display
that suffering, vanity, and romance too
are all a part of the Yahweh way! Yes sir!
(Chorus)

10: BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

(Greeks, Maccabees, & Romans - 167 BC)
1&2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith, Esther, Sirach,
Wisdom, Baruch, Daniel

Daniel in the lion's den
defending me just like his friends,
Refusing idols, singing in the flames.
Nebuchadnezzar couldn't understand
the zeal with which these young boys sang.
With joyful noise these boys declared my name.
The boys declared my name!
Courageous family of Maccabees
Picking up a little Greek philosophy,
then a Jewish Hasmonean Dynasty.
But in the days without a prophecy,
Political machinery was all that's left,
and they just couldn't see me. Yeah. But

**In the days without a prophecy,
Between the testaments a history
of Zealots and centurions in a rage.
The procurators and caesars' rings
Put false messiahs under puppet kings.
The Roman occupation set the stage.**

Philosophy said we had a soul.
The underworld burned into Sheol

for those who don't make it to the Bosom of Abraham.
The Pharisees and the Sadducees
argued over Moses and eternity.
The Essenes washed but they just couldn't see me, yeah.
(Chorus 2x)

11: THREE SIXTEEN

(Jesus - AD-33)
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Like my cousin said it's time to change your ways.
Look beneath the miracles.
Forgiveness is what saves.
I didn't come to smash the Law or stick it on a shelf.
Just love your God and your neighbor too
as if they were yourself.
And don't turn back the little ones,
the sinners, or the poor.
Just know that you're the same,
And I'll open up the door.

**Oh, the Kingdom's begun.
God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.**

Eat and drink me up before they get their kill.
Daddy, pass this cup, if only it's your will.
The water, wine, the bread, the vine... Am I too tangible?
The fire of my Father's love is inescapable!
And it burns for eternity. The way, the truth, the life...
Come and follow me! (Chorus)

2 or 3 days later and what did Mary see?
A rabbi resurrected. Now death is history!
There was a thief to my left, a thief to my right,
but one is here with me. And I'll come to you
like a thief in the night. I wonder where you'll be.
Now go and tell the world I'm bringing home what's mine.
And know that I am with you until the end of time...
(repeat)

12: MARANATHA

(the Early Church - 70 AD)
Acts, Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians,
Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy,
Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1,2&3 John,
Jude, Revelation

Mary and the twelve apostles
were gathered in the Upper Room.
Tongues of fire descended on them.
Time to preach the word of the tomb!
What do we do about circumcision?
The Gentile problem's begun,
So Pete and Paul and the James decision:
We'll keep a couple of laws and the Son!

**Maranatha! Venga, Yeshua, Adonai!
Maranatha! Venga, Yeshua, God on high!**

Paul, a Pharisee and a Roman,
was persecuting the Way,
saw the light and became a spokesman.
We read his letters today:
Forget your animal sacrifices!
I got your "Unknown God"
You can call me the late apostle.
Besides, Peter gave me the nod! (Chorus)

Eschatological revelation, let's end the stories this way.
The real apocalyptic question is "Are you ready today".
Are you ready today? (Chorus 2x)

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