

Denver Catholic Biblical School

Year 1

Summer Reading Assignment:

“The Real Story” by Dr. Edward Sri and Curtis Martin

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

1. What does it mean to say that Jesus is the “New Adam”? (Chapter 1)

Jesus confronts the curses laid on Adam that have plagued the human family ever since the fall. Through obedience Jesus suffers taking on the curses brought by Adam’s disobedience to bring redemption for the human race. Jesus’ resurrection shows salvation will come from Him in this new creation as He is the first fruits of the resurrection of the dead. See 1st Corinthians 15:20-28.

2. Briefly state and explain the three promises God made to Abram. (Chapter 4)

God promised Abram a Great Nation where he will have a great multitude of decedents who will become a great nation. God also promised Abram a Great Name which is a royal dynasty that would last throughout the ages. The third promise is that all the people of the earth would be blessed through Abraham’s descendants. We see these three promises come to fulfillment in the lives of Moses, David, and completely fulfilled in Jesus.

3. Briefly explain what it means to say that God brings good from evil using the life of Joseph, son of Israel, as an example. (Chapter 8)

Joseph was a righteous and holy man who was chosen by God to bring great blessing to the descendants of Abraham and even the world. However, Joseph suffered severely at the hands of his brothers and others unjustly. Joseph remained faithful and obedient and he trusted in God and His Providence. God intervened and brought forth a greater good from the suffering and evilness that others brought to Joseph. Through Joseph, God saved the world from famine and the line of Abraham from probable destruction.

4. Why is Israel referred to as the “Chosen People”? (Chapter 9)

Israel was chosen by God to be a Kingdom of Priests to bring the entire earth to the Lord.

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SUGGESTED ANSWERS (continued)

- 5. What does it mean to say that God was going to “build King David a house?” (Chapter 13)**

The Hebrew word for “house” (bet, transliterated as bayit) has three meanings: it can mean an heir or son, it can mean a household or dynasty, or it can mean an actual building. God means all three of these as we see through David’s offspring, Solomon, the fruition of this great eternal dynasty which continues eternally through Jesus. Solomon also builds the Lord a “house” or a temple to the Lord. Through this “house” or kingdom, redemption will be brought to all humanity through Jesus.

- 6. Describe your experience with reading or studying the Bible. (Tell us how you’ve done it or what helped you if you found it difficult, etc.)**

<This answer will be unique to each student.>

- 7. a) What led you to enroll in the Denver Catholic Biblical School?**

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- b) What are your hopes and expectations for this year of study?**

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