

Reality Producer Mark Burnett Working on Bible Series

✖ The man who gave us reality television shows *Survivor* and *The Apprentice* will soon be tackling the Bible.

The History Channel has announced plans for a 10-hour docudrama on events of the Bible by producer Mark Burnett. It's scheduled to air in 2013.

Network General Manager Nancy Dubuc says the five-part series will be shot on location and use state-of-the-art computer effects to tell stories from Genesis to Revelation. "This series will bring the historical stories of the Bible to life for a new generation," she said.

"We are thrilled to work with Mark, who is a rare breed in the business. He is an amazing storyteller, and on this project, has the ability to deliver what we hope will be the largest audience History [Channel] has ever seen."

In making the announcement, Burnett said work on the project has been underway for more than two years.

"We're deeply humbled to be given this once in a generation opportunity to breathe new visual life into the Bible's profound stories. The Bible gives meaning and purpose to billions of people around the world, and sparks the curiosity of millions more."

The Bible will use CGI (computer-generated imagery) to tell stories ranging from Noah's Ark and the Exodus to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Burnett will have some special help on the mammoth project. His wife of four years, *Touched by an Angel*'s Roma Downey, will be one of the executive producers.