



God's Story

Putting the Puzzle Together

Creation & the Fall

Vertical Life Church



A Few Goals for the Study

1. Identify the unifying theme of the Bible
2. List reasons Israel was chosen (and why we are chosen)
3. Examine elements of Abrahamic, Mosaic, and New Covenants
4. Show why God had to become a man to accomplish redemption
5. Demonstrate that the Bible is 1 cohesive plan of salvation
 - A. OT and NT are inseparably linked
 - B. Biblical Judaism and Christianity are 1 religion



What is the Bible Primarily About?

- Love?
- Salvation?
- Relationship?
- God?
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Message of Kingdom of God

- John the Baptist – Mat 3:1-2
- Jesus – Mat 4:23
- Disciples – Mat 10:7
- Jesus IDs as the message – Mat 24:14
- Paul – Acts 19:8
- Manifested at the end – 1 Cor 15:21-27

Narrative Outline

- Creation & Fall
- Call of Abraham
- Birth of Isaac
- Living in Egypt
- The Exodus
- Giving of the Law
- Entering the Promised Land
- Three Kings
- Kingdom Split
- Assyrian Dispersion & Babylonian Captivity
- Return to the Land
- Coming of the Messiah

Creation Account

- God's Story starts with God (Gen 1:1)
- God brings order out of chaos (2)
- Differences between Gen 1-2 and Egyptian story of creation
 - One creator existing before all things
 - God creates out of nothing
 - Created things are not gods
 - God is supreme over all creation
 - God does not struggle; rather He rests (Gen 2:1-4; Heb 4:1-13)



Creation Communicates God

- Tells us about God's glory – Psa 19:1
- Tells us about God's majesty – Psa 8:1-4
- We are expected to get it – Rom 1:18-22



Nature of Evil

- God does not tempt man (James 1:13)
- Man is free to choose – part of being created in the image of God
- God is who defines good and evil
- Nature cannot bring about objective morality
- Yet objective morality is evident to all

Fall of Man

- Satan brings temptation (Gen 3:1-5)
 - Question what God has said (v1)
 - God's word is not true / reliable (v4)
 - God's character is not good (v5a)
 - Appeal to the pride of man (v5b) (Prov 16:18)
- Man chooses to disobey God
- Man rejects God as sovereign



Struggle with Sin is Struggle with Rulership

- We are following Satan's leadership when we are not following God - Eph 2:1-2
- Satan Deceives those that follow him - 2 Cor 4:4
- Salvation is moving from darkness to light, from Satan's rule to God's - Acts 26:18
- We are truly free when not bound by Satan - 2 Tim 2:26
- The world is in Satan's power - 1 John 5:19
- Kingdom (rulership) of God is crucial part of the Gospel



Results of the Sin

- Guilt and Shame (v7)
- Estrangement from God (1 Tim 6:13-16)
- Blame Shifting (12-13)



God's Judgment

- Judgment on Satan (v15)
- Judgment on relationships (v16b)
- Judgment on man's purposes
 - Be fruitful & multiply (16a)
 - Subdue the earth (17-19)



God's Provision

- Provisional (temporary) atonement (Heb 10:1-10)
- Promise to provide a savior (15)