

God's Story in 13 Steps



1) Creation



6) Kings



10) Cross



2) Fall



7) Prophets



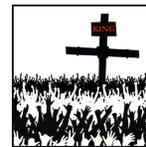
11) Resurrection



3) Flood



8) Incarnation



12) Church



4) Promises



9) Kingdom



13) Second
Coming



5) Exodus

Guiding Principles for This Study:



Our Goal: We desire for all believers at LABC to acquire the ability to tell God's story of redemption by tracing the major themes and stories of the Bible.

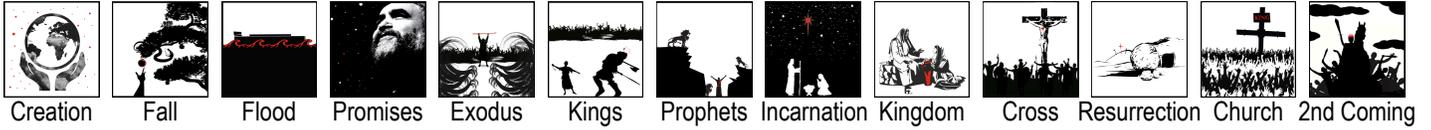


Our Purpose: This study aims at a general overview of themes and stories of the Bible, so we will not linger long on any one passage of scripture or theme.



Major Themes: The major themes of God's story are not distributed equally throughout the scriptures, so we will concentrate more heavily on some parts of the Bible than others (for example, the book of Genesis and the gospels).

God's Story



Creation

Genesis 1–2

OVERVIEW:

➡ Establishes God as CREATOR... Owner... Sustainer...

➡ Creation through the spoken Word of God...

➡ Man created in God's image... (Genesis 1:26)

➡ Institution of marriage... (Genesis 2:18–24)

➡ Institution of work... (Genesis 2:15)

KEY PEOPLE:

The Trinity
Adam & Eve

CREATION

AND THE GOSPEL

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15-17



GENESIS 1
 GOD THE CREATOR •
ELOHIM •
 GOD AS POWERFUL •
 CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE •
 CULMINATES WITH MAN •

GENESIS 2
 GOD THE COVENANT KEEPER •
YAHWEH •
 GOD AS PERSONAL •
 CREATION OF MAN •
 CULMINATES WITH MARRIAGE •

CREATED FOR A REASON

Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.

Isaiah 43:7

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6

CREATED FOR REDEMPTION

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come

2 Corinthians 5:17

The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:21, 23

CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIP

Then God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Genesis 1:26

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

1 John 3:1

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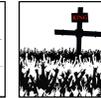
Kingdom



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Resurrection



Church



2nd Coming



Fall

Genesis 3–5

OVERVIEW:



The serpent tempts Eve... (Genesis 3:1–6)

(The serpent aims to cause Adam & Eve to doubt God... to not trust His word)



Adam does not lead his family... (Genesis 3:6–7)



A broken relationship with God... (Genesis 3:7–13)



The consequences of sin... (Genesis 3:13–19)



Adam & Eve are sent out from the Garden... (Genesis 3:23)



Fall

Genesis 3–5

OVERVIEW (Cont'd):



Sin spreads and intensifies...

(Cain & Abel- the first murder... Genesis 4:1–10)



The really old guys: the lines of Cain and Seth... (Genesis 5)

KEY PEOPLE:

The Devil

Adam & Eve

Cain & Abel

Seth

GOSPEL THREADS:



Proto Evangelium (the first Gospel)... (Genesis 3:15)



God sacrifices an animal to cover Adam & Eve... (Genesis 3:21)

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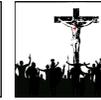
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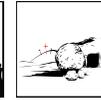
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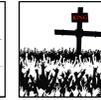
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Flood

Genesis 6–11

OVERVIEW:



The saturation of wickedness on the earth... (Genesis 6:1–8)



The faith of Noah...



God's judgment on the world... (Genesis 6:7)



Noah sacrifices on the altar to the Lord... (Genesis 8:20)



God's covenant and the sign of the covenant... (Genesis 8:21–9:13)



Flood

Genesis 6–11

OVERVIEW (Cont'd):

 Tower of Babel... (Genesis 11)

KEY PEOPLE:

Noah
Shem
Ham
Japheth

GOSPEL THREADS:

 God's Judgment... (Matthew 24:37–42; 2 Peter 2:5)

 Baptism... (1 Peter 3:20–21)

 ARK--God's salvation of the righteous... (2 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:7)

9 Things You Should Know about the Story of Noah

by Joe Carter (from <http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/tgc/2014/03/27/9-things-you-should-know-about-the-story-of-noah/>)

Darren's Aronofsky's new film *Noah*, which opens in theaters tomorrow, has been criticized for not being faithful to the biblical narrative. But how much of the story do most people remember? Here are nine things you should know about the story of Noah:

1. The story of Noah is told in chiasmatic parallelism (or *chiasmus*), a figure of speech in which the order of the terms in the first of two parallel clauses is reversed in the second. If you assign the letters A and B to the first appearance of the key words or phrases and A' and B' to their subsequent appearance, they follow what is commonly referred to as an A-B-B-A pattern.

A chiasm in the story of Noah and the flood (Genesis 6.10-9.19):

- A Noah (10a)
- B Shem, Ham, and Japheth (10b)
- C Ark to be built (14-16)
- D Flood announced (17)
- E Covenant with Noah (18-20)
- F Food in the Ark (21)
- G Command to enter the Ark (7.1-3)
- H 7 days waiting for flood (4-5)
- I 7 days waiting for flood (7-10)
- J Entry to ark (11-15)
- K Yahweh shuts Noah in (16)
- L 40 days flood (17a)
- M Waters increase (17b-18)
- N Mountains covered (18-20)
- O 150 days waters prevail (21-24)
- P GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (8.1)
- O' 150 days waters abate (3)
- N' Mountain tops become visible (4-5)
- M' Waters abate (6)
- L' 40 days (end of) (6a)
- K' Noah opens window of ark (6b)
- J' Raven and dove leave ark (7-9)
- I' 7 days waiting for waters to subside (10-11)
- H' 7 days waiting for waters to subside (12-13)
- G' Command to leave the ark (15-17)
- F' Food outside the ark (9.1-4)
- E' Covenant with all flesh (8-10)
- D' No flood in future (11-17)
- C' Ark (18a)
- B' Shem, Ham, Japheth (18b)
- A' Noah (19)

2. Based on 18 inches to a cubit, the total cubic volume of Noah's ark would have been 1,518,000 cubic feet, the equivalent to 250 single-deck railroad stock cars. Since the average stock car can carry 80 180 lb. sheep or to 160 50 lb. sheep per deck (2.5 - 5 sq ft per animal), it's estimated the ark could carry 20,000-40,000 sheep size animals.

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3. From Ancient Near Eastern records to nautical practices as recent as the 19th century, sailors the world over used doves, ravens, and other birds to help them find and navigate toward land. A raven will fly directly toward land, so its line of flight can be used as a guide. Doves have a limited ability for sustained flight, so they can be used to determine the location of a landing site. As long as the dove returns, no landing site is in close range.

4. Noah and his family were on the ark for a total of 370 days. Noah's first recorded act on leaving the ark is building an altar to the Lord (Gen. 8:20).

5. The Bible says the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat (a mountain range in Turkey) but does not specify which mountain.

6. Noah became the first drunk recorded in Scripture, resulting in immoral behavior and family troubles (Genesis 9:20-26).

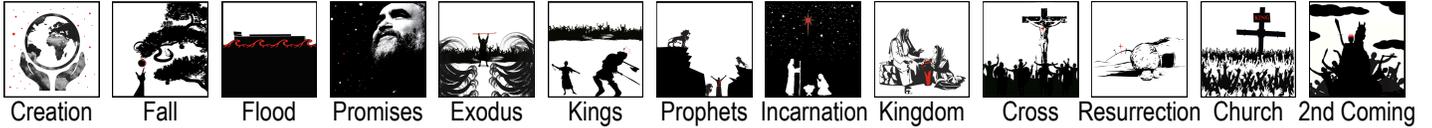
7. The only time Noah is recorded as speaking is when he curses his grandson Canaan and blesses his sons Shem and Japeth. At all other points in his story, God does the talking and Noah does the listening.

8. At 950 years of age, Noah had the third longest life recorded in the Bible (after Methuselah (969) and Jared (962)).

9. Besides the book of Genesis, Noah is also mentioned in eight other books of the Bible (1st Chronicles 1:4, Isaiah 54:9, Ezekiel 14:14; 20, Matthew 24:37-38, Luke 3:36, 17:26-27, Hebrews 11:7, 1 Peter 3:20, and 2 Peter 2:5) as well as in the Book of Enoch (10:1-3) and the Qur'an (Sura 71).



God's Story



Promises

Genesis 12–50

OVERVIEW:



Call of Abram... (Genesis 12:1–3)
(Covenant- Coming Messiah...)



Immediate threat and attack to covenant... (Genesis 12:10–20)



Melchizedek... (Genesis 14:17–20)



Formal covenant with Abram... (Genesis 15:1–21)



Sarai & Hagar- threat to promises... (Genesis 16)



Promises

Genesis 12–50

OVERVIEW (Cont'd):



Sodom and Gomorrah... (Genesis 19)



Birth and sacrifice of Isaac... (Genesis 21–22)



Birth of Jacob & Esau... (Genesis 25)
(Esau sells his birthright...)



Isaac blesses Jacob... (Genesis 27)



Jacob has 12 sons... (Genesis 29–30)
(12 tribes of Israel...)



Promises

Genesis 12–50

OVERVIEW (Cont'd):



Joseph has prophetic dreams... (Genesis 37)
(Joseph is betrayed, tested... Genesis 38–39)



Joseph rises to power... (Genesis 41)



Israel goes to Egypt... (Genesis 46)

KEY PEOPLE:

Abraham & Sarah

Lot

Melchizedek

Isaac & Rebekah

Jacob

Esau

Joseph



Promises

Genesis 12–50

GOSPEL THREADS:



Blessing to the world through Abraham's family... (Genesis 12:3)



Melchizedek... (Genesis 14:17–20; Hebrews 7)



Righteousness by faith... (Genesis 15:6; Galatians 3:6; Romans 4:1–25)



Sacrifice of Isaac... (Genesis 22)



Life of Joseph...

(Beloved son, prophecy of exaltation, betrayed by brothers, sold for pieces of silver, overcame testing, falsely accused, exalted to power, saved God's people, forgave his brothers...)

:: Abraham Family Tree ::

