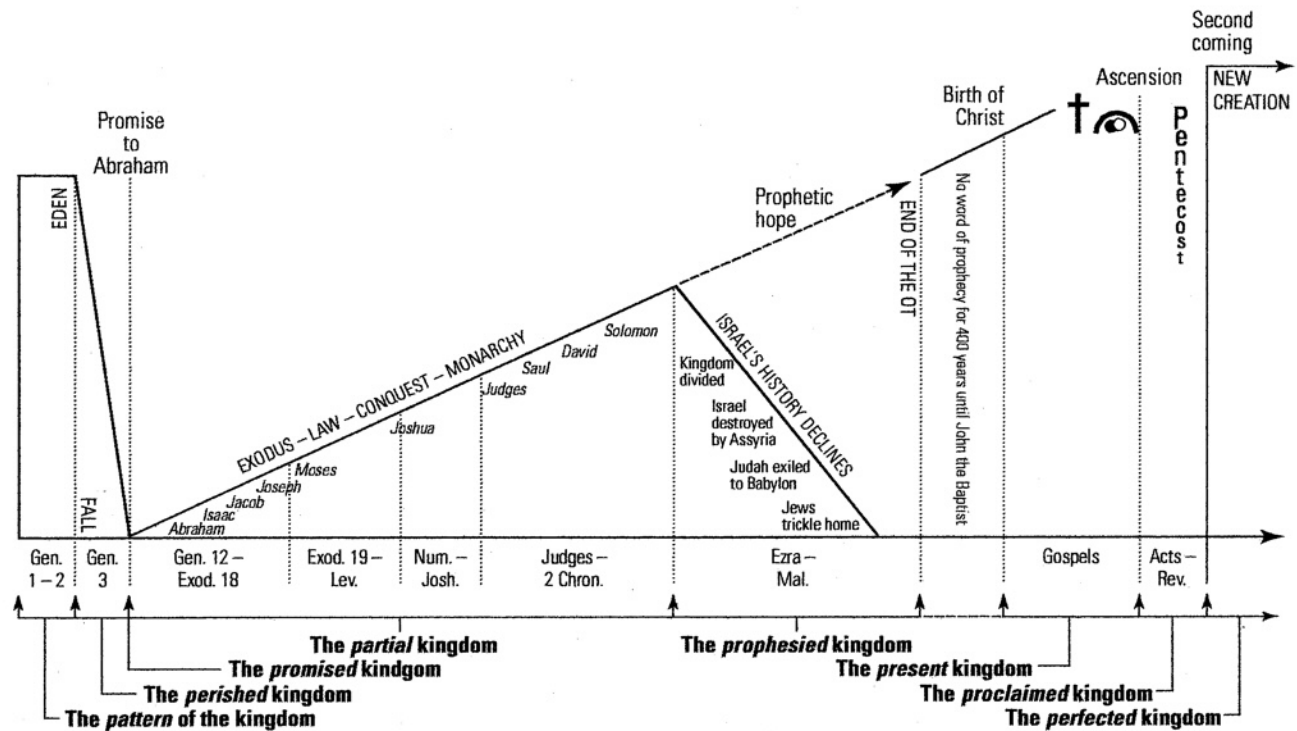


- Central theme: God's redemption of humanity through Jesus Christ ... As God redeems a person through Christ, they're His child ... They're indwelt with Holy Spirit who guides, teaches, convicts, transforms them ... Because of their union with Christ, they enjoy every spiritual blessing secured for them by Christ ... It's through Christ and His redeeming work that God's Kingdom is inaugurated and consummated on earth ... Thus, to read, understand, apply the Bible correctly, we must do so through the lens of Christ and His gospel – He's the key that unlocks everything
 - NT writers didn't take the life and ministry of Jesus and read Him into OT passages, so that He would fulfill those passages accordingly ... Rather, as they read the OT, they realized it concealed and revealed Christ all throughout the books of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms – just as Jesus taught them, **24:44-46**
 - **BB WARFIELD** - OT is like a fully furnished room with dim lighting. When the light is turned up, the furnished room is shown clearly. Nothing has been added; the light reveals what's been present the whole time ... God's revelation isn't corrected, as if it's wrong; His revelation becomes clearer and better understood by those receiving it ... This is what's happening on the road to Emmaus, as Jesus talks with these disciples
- Even though they knew Jesus personally, and witnessed everything that happened, they still weren't making the connection that Jesus was the fulfillment of what was promised ... They know but don't understand ... They saw but don't recognize ... They heard but don't comprehend ... In this moment, they're prevented from recognizing Jesus for a reason – **vs16**
 - They're sitting in a furnished room with dim lighting ... Jesus enters in as the appropriate light for the room ... Beginning with Genesis, He takes them through the OT with His light and interpretation ... He's showing them how the OT conceals and reveals the Messiah ... In doing so, their faith is being rooted in the Word ... Over dinner, the final puzzle piece is set; Jesus goes from being "concealed" to being "revealed" – **vs31** ... Faith isn't based on personal experience; experience is proof that the Word is true ... Nor is faith based on mere intellect ... By the scriptures is Jesus revealed, and in Him does our faith come alive
- Point of series has been to help you better understand the Bible, so your faith in Jesus deepens ... We can read the Bible, attend Bible studies, sit in church on Sundays, do good Christian things – if these things don't lead us closer to Jesus, then we're merely checking things off a spiritual to-do list ... Is your faith deepening ... Is your hope better secured ... Are your outward actions matching the change happening within ... Is what you're reading being put into daily practice
 - **G. CAMPBELL MORGAN: THERE IS NO LIFE IN THE SCRIPTURES THEMSELVES, BUT IF WE WILL FOLLOW WHERE THEY LEAD, THEY WILL BRING US TO HIM, AND SO WE FIND LIFE, NOT IN THE SCRIPTURES, BUT IN HIM THROUGH THEM** (see **Jn5:39-40**) ... It's not enough to read and memorize the scriptures, if by these we aren't driven to Christ ... Through the scriptures, God is revealing Christ, and the Spirit within gives us eyes to see and desire what's being revealed ... Bit by bit our life begins to change, as we trust the Spirit and keep our focus on Christ ... These changes are seen by others, and by them we point others to Christ ... He is revealed, and His word is shown to be true
- In the OT, God only calls two people His friends – Abraham and Moses ... In the NT, Jesus says that those who are His disciples are His friends ... **Jn15:15 – "I have called you friends because I have made known to you everything I have heard from My Father"** ... What Jesus reveals is what's written in our Bibles ... We read and understand and apply God's word to our lives because we're His friends ... His friendship isn't earned, His friendship transforms

Books this series is based on:

- Graeme Goldsworthy: [According to Plan](#) and [Gospel and Kingdom](#)
- Vaughan Roberts: [God's Big Picture](#)



KINGDOM OF GOD	PATTERN	PERISHED	PROMISED	PARTIAL	PROPHESIED	PRESENT	PROCLAIMED	PERFECTED
GOD'S PEOPLE	<i>Genesis 1-2</i> Adam & Eve	<i>Genesis 3</i> Banished & Separated	<i>Genesis 12</i> Abraham & Descendants	<i>Gen 12 - 2 Chr</i> Israelites	<i>Ezra - Malachi</i> Israel Remnant inclusion of Nations	<i>Mathew - John</i> Jesus: True Adam & Israel	<i>Acts - Revelation</i> All in Christ Jewish & Gentile	<i>Revelation 21-22</i> Multinational Family of God
GOD'S PLACE	Garden	Cursed by Sin	Canaan	Canaan Jerusalem & Temple	New Temple & New Creation	Jesus: True Temple	Individual believer & the Church	New Creation
GOD'S RULE	God's Word & Relationship	Disobedience, Curse, No Rest	Blessing of Israel & Nations	Law & King	New Covenant New King	Jesus: Rest & New Covenant	Holy Spirit & New Covenant	Throne of God & Face-to-Face Relationship