Living in God's Story: Tracing the Story and Major Themes of the Bible

Lesson 4
Creation – Part 2

I. Recap

A. Purpose of the Class: We want you to be a better and more confident reader of your Bible. We want you to read God's word, know God's word, love God's word, and apply God's word.

All of those things come from…

- A sense of **stability**, which comes from knowing the big picture of the story of Scripture.
- A sense of **excitement**, which comes from tracing the major themes of the story.
- A sense of **involvement**, which comes from seeing your place in the story.

B. The Big Picture Story of the Bible & The Major Themes of the Bible

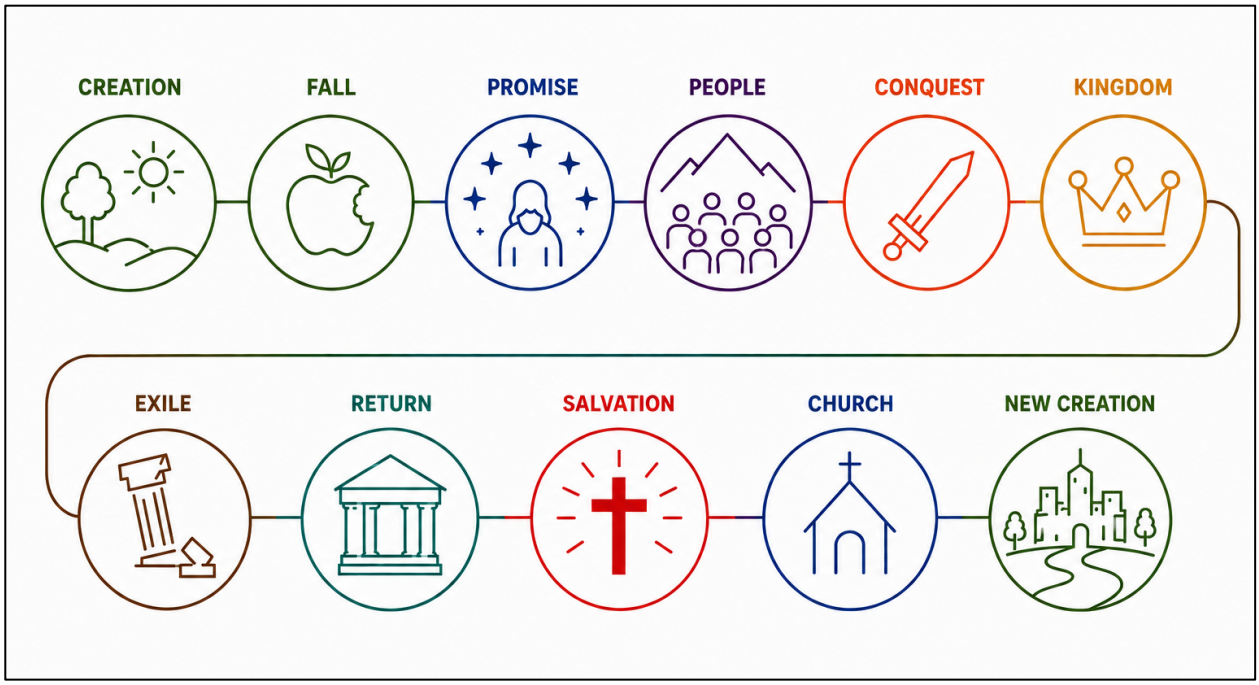


IMAGE – SEED – KINGDOM – COVENANT – DWELLING – SACRIFICE

II. Creation: Setting the Stage (Genesis 1:1-2:25)

A. The Characters

- **God –** Creator/King, in charge, eternal, Giver of life, the one who makes the rules and tells us right from wrong; judge (determiner of "good" and "very good"), ordered and creative

- **Humanity –** dependent on God/subject to him and his authority, made for relationship with God, made in God's image, blessed, made with the capacity to multiply, male/female, sub-rulers, dependent on other people, dependent on the rest of creation (food)

- **Animals –** creatures, given breath of life, made to multiply and fill the earth, subject to man, for God's glory

B. The Setting(s)

- **Garden of Eden –** an oasis within rugged and uninhabited world/wilderness

- **Heaven –** the dwelling of God

- **Earth (in the midst of the universe)**

C. Purpose

What is the purpose of creation? How does God order things to live?

- Increase and multiply (v. 28) -> this requires teamwork, companionship (2:18-25)
- Dominion of mankind – to bring order and flourishing—like God brought—to the rest of the world
- Enjoyment (1:29; 2:9)
- Obedience to God (2:15-17; cf. 1:28)

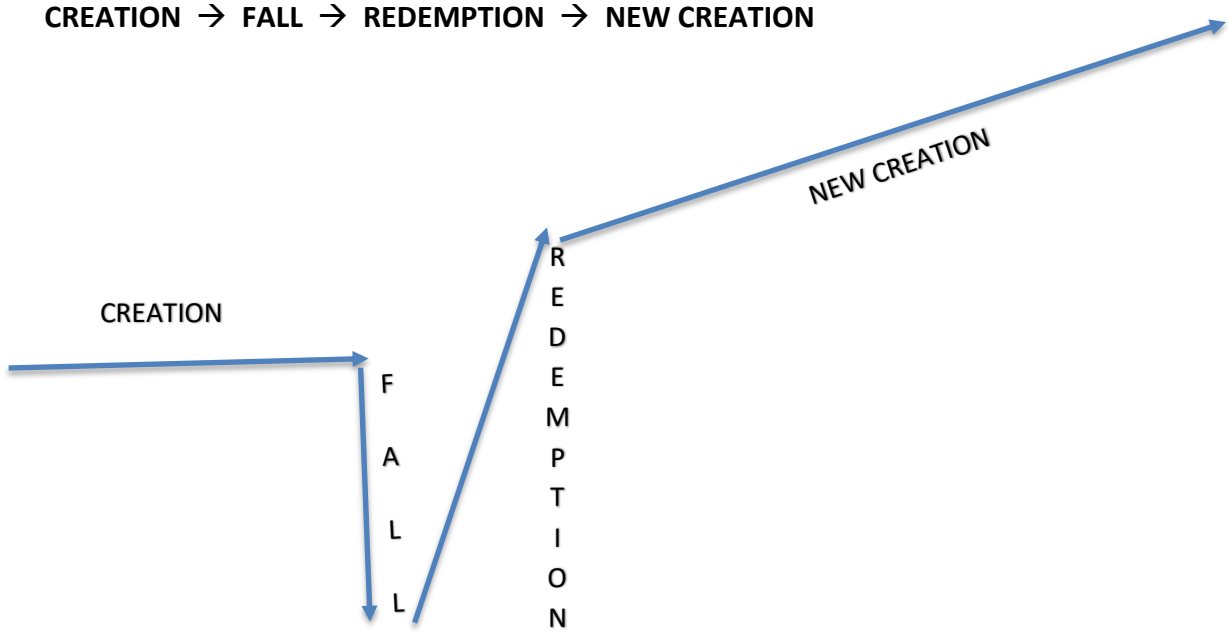
What role do humans play in relation to the rest of creation? What about in relation to God?

- Representatives of God on earth (v. 26-27)
- Rulers over the creatures

D. **Major Themes**

- **IMAGE –**
- **COVENANT –**
- **KINGDOM –**
- **DWELLING –**
- **SEED –**
- **SACRIFICE –**

CREATION → FALL → REDEMPTION → NEW CREATION



Activity: Break into groups, choose a theme, trace it out along the C-F-R-NC arc of Scripture

III. Next Class

- TYG Open House October 21
- For October 28, read Genesis 1-4