

HIS STORY

Introduction

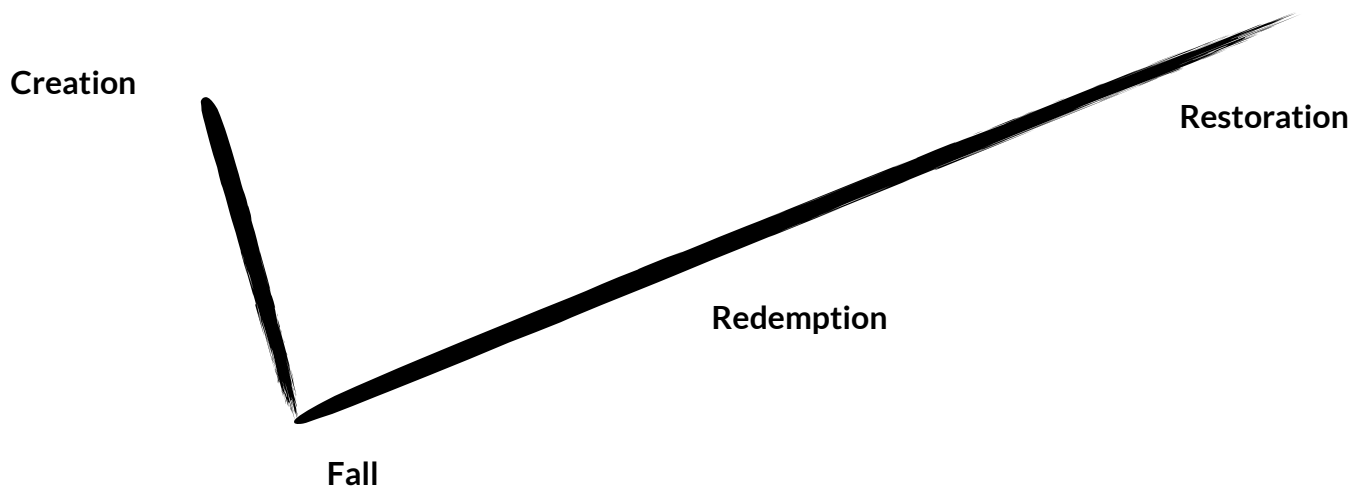
1) Why do we need to know the Bible storyline?

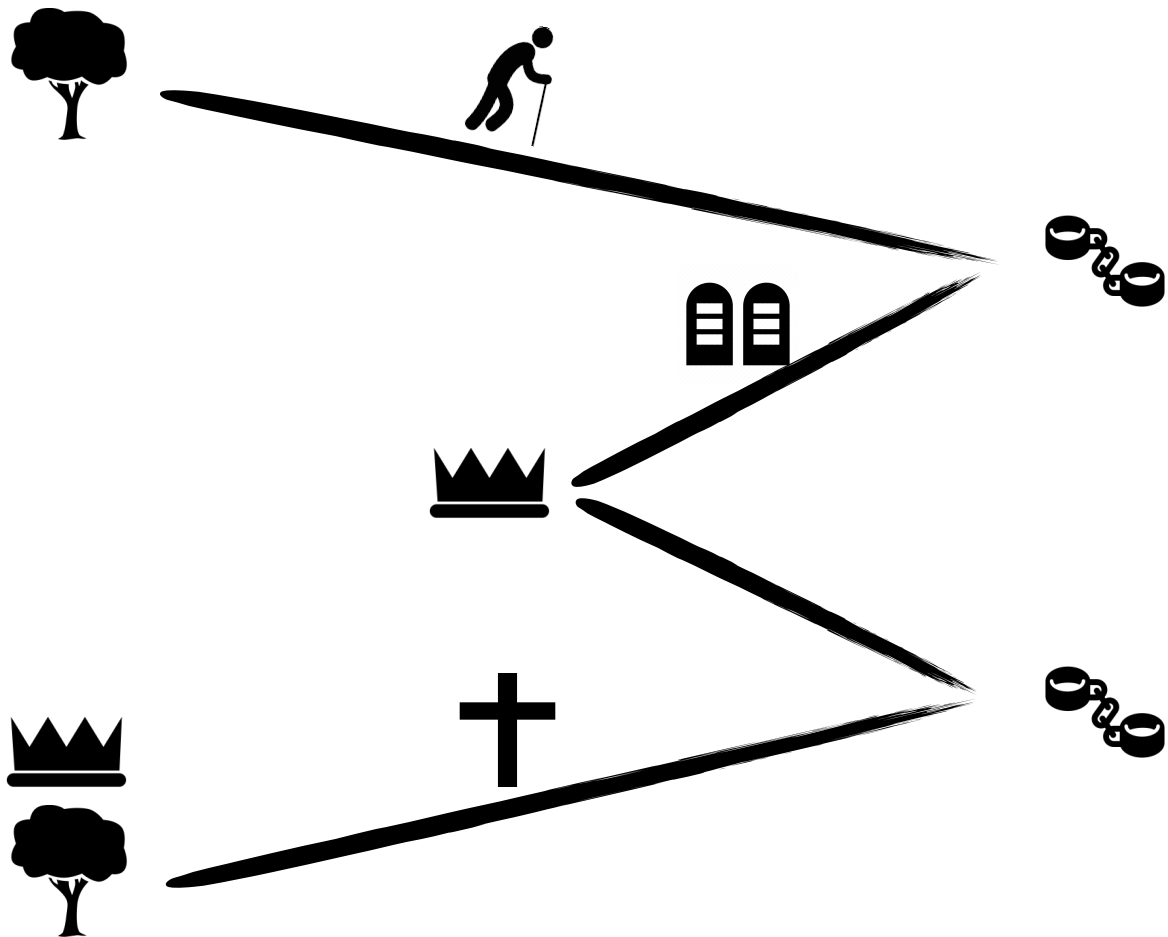
- Helps us understand our culture
- Helps us read and teach God's word ourselves (Acts 8:26-35)
- Helps us trust and obey God (Nehemiah 9)
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- Helps us trust and obey God (Hebrews 11)
- Helps us get perspective in life (Ephesians 1:3-14)

2) Is the task even possible?

- 66 books... *(2 Timothy 3:14-18)*
- Around 40 authors... *(2 Peter 3:15-16)*
- Countless genres and subjects... *(Luke 24:27, 44)*
- Written over millennia... *(John 5:39)*
- *(2 Corinthians 1:20)*
- *(Ephesians 3:10-11)*

3) What's the basic plot summary?





4) In what order should we read the Bible?

Greek Order	<u>Law Books (Pentateuch)</u> 1) Genesis 2) Exodus 3) Leviticus 4) Numbers 5) Deuteronomy	<u>History Books</u> 6) Joshua 7) Judges 8) Ruth 9) 1 Samuel 10) 2 Samuel 11) 1 Kings 12) 2 Kings 13) 1 Chronicles 14) 2 Chronicles 15) Ezra 16) Nehemiah 17) Esther	<u>Wisdom Books</u> 18) Job 19) Psalms (150) 20) Proverbs 21) Ecclesiastes 22) Song of Songs	<u>Prophetic Books</u> 23) Isaiah 24) Jeremiah 25) Lamentations 26) Ezekiel 27) Daniel 28) Hosea 29) Joel 30) Amos 31) Obadiah 32) Jonah 33) Micah 34) Nahum 35) Habakkuk 36) Zephaniah 37) Haggai 38) Zechariah 39) Malachi
Hebrew Order	<u>Torah (Law)</u> 1) Genesis 2) Exodus 3) Leviticus 4) Numbers 5) Deuteronomy	<u>Nevi'im (Former Prophets)</u> 6) Joshua 7) Judges 8) Samuel (1&2) 9) Kings (1&2)	<u>Nevi'im (Latter Prophets)</u> 10) Isaiah 11) Jeremiah 12) Ezekiel 13) Book of the Twelve: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	<u>Khetuvim (Writings)</u> 14) Psalms 15) Job 16) Proverbs 17) Ruth 18) Song of Songs 19) Ecclesiastes 20) Lamentations 21) Esther 22) Daniel 23) Ezra-Nehemiah 24) Chronicles (1&2)

5) How should we approach this puzzle?

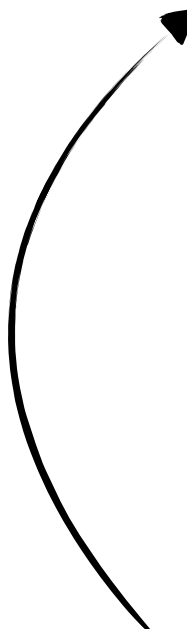
- Kingdom

(Mark 1:14-15)

People	Place	Presence
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- Covenant

"A binding promise between two parties"



Adamic	Adam and his seed
Noahic	Noah, his seed, and all creation
Abrahamic	Abraham and his seed
Mosaic	Israel and their seed
Levitical	Phineas and his seed
Davidic	David and his seed
New	Jesus Christ and his seed
<i>Redemption</i>	<i>The Son of God and his seed</i>

The Adamic Covenant

1) Overly familiar territory?

2) God's Place

- Picture of the promised land

- ▶ 'Ground' *(Joshua 23:12-13)*

- ▶ 'Land flowing with milk and honey' *(Leviticus 20:24)*

- Picture of the tabernacle/temple sanctuary

- ▶ Gold and stones *(1 Chronicles 29:2)*

- ▶ Tree *(Exodus 25:31-35)*

- ▶ Fruit *(1 Kings 7:42)*

- ▶ Cherubim *(Exodus 25:22-28)*

- ▶ Eastern entrance *(Exodus 27:9-19)*

- ▶ Mountain with streams *(2 Chronicles 32:30)*

- (Ezekiel 28:13-14)*

- Picture of the new creation

- ▶ Sabbath rest *(Hebrews 4:8-11)*

- ▶ Garden city *(Revelation 21:9-22:5)*

3) God's People

- King *(Genesis 1:26-28)*

- Priest *(Genesis 2:15, 3:21)*

(Numbers 3:7-8)

(Ezekiel 28:11-17)

- Prophet *(Genesis 2:16-17, 3:2-3)*

4) God's Presence

- Blessing *(Genesis 1:22, 1:28, 2:1-3)*

- Life *(Genesis 2:9)*

- God walks amongst them *(Genesis 3:8)*

(Leviticus 26:12)

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5) Terms of the Covenant

- Really? *(Hosea 6:7)*

- A 'suzerain-vassal' type covenant:
 - ▶ 'In' by grace *(Genesis 2:15)*
 - ▶ 'On' by obedience *(Genesis 2:16-17)*
 - ▶ Blessings / curses *(Genesis 3:14-19)*

6) Breaking the Covenant

- Curse on people *(Romans 5:12-21)*
 - ▶ Inherit
 - ▶ Incorporate
 - ▶ Imitate

- Curse on place *(Romans 8:18-22)*

- Exiled from presence *(Isaiah 24:1-23)*

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7) Foreshadows of Salvation

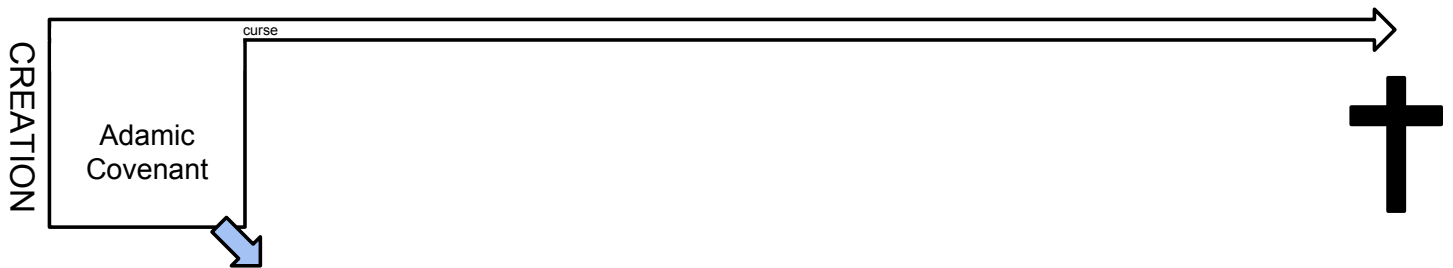
• Seed *(Genesis 3:15)*

(Hebrews 2:14-15)

• Named *(Genesis 3:20)*

• Clothed *(Genesis 3:21)*

(Leviticus 8:13)



8) So what?

- Take responsibility
- Take God seriously
- Take Satan seriously
- Take comfort