HIS STORY

Introduction

l) Why do we need to know the Bible storylin	ne?
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)
	(Psalm 78)
	(Acts 7)
	(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)

(2 Peter 3:15-16)

• Around 40 authors... (2 Peter 1:19-21)

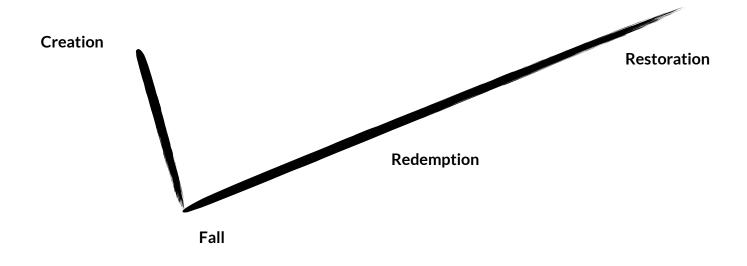
• Countless genres and subjects... (Luke 24:27, 44)

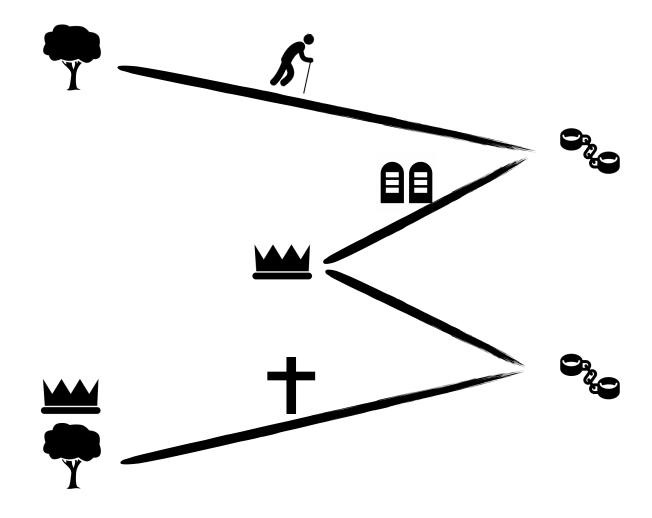
(John 5:39)

(2 Corinthians 1:20)

• Written over millennia... (Ephesians 3:10-11)

3) What's the basic plot summary?





4) In what order should we read the Bible?

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

5) How should we approach this puzzle?

• Kingdom (Mark 1:14-15)

People	Place	Presence
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Prophet	Priest	King
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• Covenant

"A binding promise between two parties"

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The Adamic Covenant

1) Overly familiar territory?

2) God's Place

• Picture of the promised land

• 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)

	God's People	God's Place	God's Presence	
			(Leviticus 26:12)	
• (3	iod walks amongst the	em	(Genesis 3:8)	
• [ife		(Genesis 2:9)	
• B	lessing		(Genesis 1:22, 1:2	?8, 2:1-3)
4) God'	's Presence			
• P	rophet		(Genesis 2:16-17,	3:2-3)
			(Ezekiel 28:11-17)	
			(Numbers 3:7-8)	
• P	riest		(Genesis 2:15, 3:2	?1)
• K	ing		(Genesis 1:26-28)	

3) God's People

5) Terms of the Covenant	
• Really?	(Hosea 6:7)
• 'King's Contract' type covenant:	
	(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)

(1 Timothy 2:15)

• Clothed (Genesis 3:21)

(Leviticus 8:13)



- 8) So what?
 - Take responsibility
 - Take God seriously
 - Take Satan seriously
 - Take comfort