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Bible Walk Through:

How the singular story of Scripture helps us
understand God's plan for the Future.

“When teaching the story of the Bible, people inevitably ask, and rightfully so, about hermeneutics—or the nature of interpretation...One must resolve to tell the story of the bible in adherence to basic principles of interpretation.”¹

Helpful Considerations:

1. Literal Method of Interpretation:

The literal method of study considers the plain understanding of the text communicated by the original author's intent (historical), a normal reading of the text according to common literary functions (grammatical), with a single meaning in mind.

2. Progressive Revelation:

The understanding that God revealed His will and overall plan for humanity over a progress of time. Truth was revealed by God gradually over time as He unfolded his plan piece by piece. Truth upon Truth.

3. Dispensationalism:

Is an interpretive method that understands Scripture in a Historical-Grammatical Literal hermeneutic. It recognises the stewardships given to specific people through the progress of revelation. Two of its primary beliefs are a distinction between Israel and the Church and that God has a future plan for Israel.

The Story of Scripture can be summarized in five main sections: Creation, Fall, Promise, Redemption, and Restoration.

¹Mark Yarbrough “Israel and the Story of the Bible” (via Vlach notes)

10. Job

Promise: Genesis 6:20 - Malachi 4:6

11. Covenants & Temples - Dealing with the Presence Problem

Noahic Covenant - Genesis 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 12:1-3, 15, 17

12. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - Covenant Reaffirmed

Mosaic Covenant - Exodus 19:5-8, Deut 28:1-2

13. Conquest of Canaan

14. Time of Judges:

15. Time of the Kings/Prophets:

Saul: No Heart

David: All Heart - Even the best human option for a king is not sufficient.

Davidic Covenant - Gen. 49:10, 2 Samuel 8-16

Solomon: Half a Heart

1st Temple - 2 Chronicles 7:1-3, 12-22

16. Divided Kingdom

17. Prophets and Kings and Bad Decisions.

Assyrian and Babylonian Fall - Exile

Return from Exile

2nd Temple

Redemption: Matthew 1:1 - Revelation 19:21

18. Emmanuel - God with Us - Matthew 1

19. The King is Here! - Luke 1:32-33³

- Public Ministry in Galilee (2 years)

20. ☆ Israel Rejects her King - Matt. 12:14-37; John 6:41-47 ☆

- Private Ministry (6 months)

Training Disciples

21. Crucifixion and Resurrection: Isaiah 53, Psalm 22

22. Ascension/New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:20; Matt 26:28, Mark 14:24; Hebrews 8:6-13

- Why Gentiles? Romans 11:11

23. Church Age:

2 Key points of the Church.

1. Christ's payment for sin on the cross, defeating death and evil through the resurrection.
2. The New Covenant ministry of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor 12:13, Eph 1:13)⁴

24. Rapture: 1 Thess 4:16-17

25. Tribulation: Day of the Lord

- The one who is worthy takes the Scrolls. Rev. 5:6

26. Millennial Kingdom: Rev 20:1-6, Ezekiel 40-48

³ Vlach, "The Bible Storyline" 187.

⁴ Vlach, 243.

Restoration: Revelation 20:1 - 22:21 (Prophecies in Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Minor Prophets)

“Dwelling Place of God is with man” - Rev 21:3

What will it be like to live in eternity?