

Week One: The "One Story Plot Line" of the Bible

What is one sentence you would use to describe the big storyline of the Bible?

CASKET — EMPTY

Old Testament

- Creation
- Abraham (2100—1450 BC)
- Sinai (1450—1050 BC)
- Kings (1050—586 BC)
- Exile (586—539 BC)
- Temple (539 — 430 BC)

New Testament

- Expectations (400 — 6 BC)
- Messiah (6 BC — AD 33)
- Pentecost (AD 33 — 65)
- Teaching (AD 33 — 95)
- Yet to come (AD 95 — ?)

Big Movements — ways of understanding the flow of the Story

Creation

Old Testament: anticipation

5 Acts of a Play:

1. *Creation*

Fall

Gospels: manifestation

2. *Fall*

Redemption

Acts: proclamation

3. *Israel*

New Creation

Epistles: explanation

4. *Jesus*

Revelation: consummation

5. *Church (unfinished!)*



Jesus as the Center of the Story

Genesis 1 & John 1

Matthew 5:17 — "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

John 1:45 — "Philip found tNathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 5:39 — "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me"

John 5:46 — "For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me."

Luke 24:27 — "And beginning with oMoses and pall the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

Luke 24:44-45 — "Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures"

Acts 2 (Peter's Pentecost sermon) & Acts 9 (Saul's conversion)

Acts 17:2-3 — "And Paul went in, has was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

Romans 1:1-3 — "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh"

2 Corinthians 1:20 — "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him."

1 Peter 1:10-12 — Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look."

Hebrews 1:1-2 — "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."

Revelation 22:13 — "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

