

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Genesis 1-11

1. Why does the Bible exist?

The Knowledge of God

(a)

(b)

Actions + Words → Personality

Events + Explanation → Revelation

see 2 Peter 1:16-18

The response of the whole person

(a)

(b)

(c)

see Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

2 Timothy 3:14-17

2. How do we unlock the Bible?

(i) Exegesis =
Question:

(ii) Exposition =
Question:

(iii) Application =
Question:

3. *What do we discover?*

(i) Chronological

see diagram used in *Gospel and Kingdom* G. Goldsworthy (sheet 1.3)

(ii) Thematic

Hebrew Old Testament arranged according to type of material

- a) The Law
- b) The Former Prophets
- c) The Latter Prophets
- d) The Writings

New Testament

- a) Gospels
- b) Acts - the spreading of the Gospel
- c) Apostolic letters
- d) Revelation - the church in the world and the future glory

(iii) Theological

[1] Covenant

[2] Kingdom

[3] Salvation - History

OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

(not to scale)

Abraham c18th Cen. BC

Moses c13th Cen. BC

David c1000 BC
schism 922 BC

SOUTHERN KINGDOM

Judah

Isaiah

Micah

Jeremiah

First deportation to Babylon 597 BC

Ezekiel

Second deportation to Babylon 586 BC

Edict of Return
538 BC

Return of the Exiles

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

Ezra

Nehemiah

NORTHERN KINGDOM

Israel

Elijah

Amos

Hosea

Exile to Assyria
722 BC

END OF OLD TESTAMENT PERIOD

INTER TESTAMENTAL PERIOD

NEW TESTAMENT PERIOD

Note:

There are three dominant themes to all these models:

- a)
- b)
- c)

A division of the Pentateuch

- (a) Genesis 1 - 11
- (b) Genesis 12 - Deuteronomy 34

The bridge Genesis 11:10 - 12:3

Analysis

- (a) 1:1 - 2:4
2:5 - 3:24
4:1 - 4:26
5:1 - 6:8
6:9 - 9:29
10:1 - 10:32
11:1 - 11:9
11:10 - 11:32
- (b) Three key events -
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- (c) *Tholedhoth* (generations) occurs 6 times in this section (2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10; 11:27) and 5 times in the rest of the book (25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 36:9; 37:2) - 12 sections in all.

4. Creation (chaps 1 - 2)

Often held to be two separate accounts due to four points of contrast.

- (i)
- (ii)
- (iii)
- (iv)

The two sections should be seen as continuous and complementary.

1:1 - 2:3 Focus:

Day 1

Day 4

Day 2

Day 5

Day 3

Day 6

2:4 - 25 Focus:

Physical world (vv4-17)

Animal world (vv18-25)

v5-6

v18

vv7-15

vv19-23

v16-17

v24-25

Three theological points:

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

5. *The Fall* (chaps 3 - 4)

The process of temptation (3:1-6)

(a)

(b)

(c)

The consequences of disobedience (3:7 - 4:26)

(a)

(b)

6. *Flood* (chaps 5 - 9)

Two lines of development from Adam

(a) Godless

(b) Godly

And also from Noah - Ham / Shem (in ten generations leads to Abram)

Covenant: God's solution

“A pledge of resting on and operating with”

The key role of grace

9:9-10 Covenant extension

9:11-17 Covenant sign / symbol

Salvation through judgement

7. *Scattering* (chaps 10 - 11)

Summary

God restores peace and relationship with humanity through a divinely implemented salvation, by grace, with justice, resulting in a divinely created fellowship. The universal problem is answered by a particular solution which is destined to become universal in its scope.