

# Bible Overview

*Seeing the Bigger Picture*

# 1) The Beginnings of the Kingdom

Before we begin the beginnings...

Aims:

- Know God better
- Be more likely to have a QT (in the OT)
- Not waste our lives

Guidelines:

The whole Bible speaks of God's 1 big plan  
Ephesians 1v3-10

The whole Bible speaks about Jesus  
Luke 24v27

...the King of God's Kingdom  
Mark 1v14

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Discussion:

What was the worst news story you read in 2019?

What would people say is the biggest problem in our world today?

Who is the nicest non-Christian you know?

How good a person are they out of 10?

# The Pattern of the Kingdom

*Genesis ch 1*

God said... and it was so... It was good.

Day 1-3 Form

Day 4-6 Fill

The climax of creation = ... you?!

*1v27, v28, v31*

People:

Place:

Relationship:

# The Perished Kingdom

*Genesis 2v4 – 4v26*

These are the foundational truths of our world...

**...SIN has ruined everything**

*Genesis 2v25 ...wow 3v1...uugh*

The 3 oldest lies in the world

God's a *v1-3*

God's a *v4*

God's a *v5*

Leading to...

## PUNISHMENT and CURSE

*v16*

Multiplying is painful  
& Relationships are ruined

*v17-18*

“Dominioning” is painful  
& Work is wrecked

*v19*

Death now Dominates

**People:**

**Place:**

**Relationship:**

But there's offspring ... and *offspring*

*3v14+15, 3v20*

From here on out:

**How is God going to solve the problem of sin so we can get back into a right relationship with Him?!**

Unfortunately things get worse

*Genesis 6v6-7*

But God is gracious

*Genesis 6v8*

Maybe we can solve the sin problem if we just start again?

*Genesis 9v1-3*

Oh wait...

*Genesis 9v20-29*

*Genesis 8v21*

*(Romans 3v10-19)*

**But God is gracious ... BLESSINGS**

# The Promised Kingdom

*"SHUT UUUP?!" (A.k.a. "No way?! Tell me more...")*

SHUT UP?! 1      REVERSING THE FALL

*Genesis 12-25*

*Genesis 12* v1-3, v7      *15* v1-18      *17* v1-8      *22* v16-18

People:

Place:

Relationship:

SHUT UP?! 2      THE PROTOTYPE RESCUE

*Exodus 1-18*

*Genesis 15* v12-14

*50* v22-26

*Exodus 2* v23-24

*3* v7-8

- How?

*Exodus 3* v19-22

*12:21-23, v29-32*

*14:21-31*

- How do we feel about that?

*Exodus 15* v1-2

- How well do we know our God?

*Exodus 3* v13-14

Now he's got his people out of Egypt...

# The Partial Kingdom

SHUT UP?! 3 THE PROTOTYPE RELATIONSHIP

*Exodus 19-40*

Revealing himself

*Exodus 3v13-14, 34v5-7*

Dwelling with his people again

*Exodus 25v8-9, v22, 40v34-38*

The sin problem: How can such a God dwell with sinful people?

2 part solution:

1. Law

*Exodus 19v5, Leviticus 26v3-12, 26v14-22*

2. Sacrifices

*Leviticus 17v11* at-one-ment

*Leviticus 16v7-10, 15-16, 20-22, 24, 30*

Has the problem of sin been dealt with?

*Exodus 32v1-4, v10, v13, v30, 33v3*

They finally enter the land...

*Joshua 1v1-3, 24v14, v15-16*

But, worryingly

*Joshua 15v63, 16v10, 17v12-13 (given Exodus 23:31-33)*

And in Judges things get worse, as the following cycle develops:

- Israel sin by serving idols
- God punishes her by raising up enemies
- Israel appeal to God for help
- God raises up a deliverer or 'judge'
- The judge dies
- Israel sin by serving idols...

*e.g. Judges 2v10-19*

The cycle is actually more of a downward spiral

*Judges 17v1-13*

*19v22-25*

*20v35*

*21v20-21*

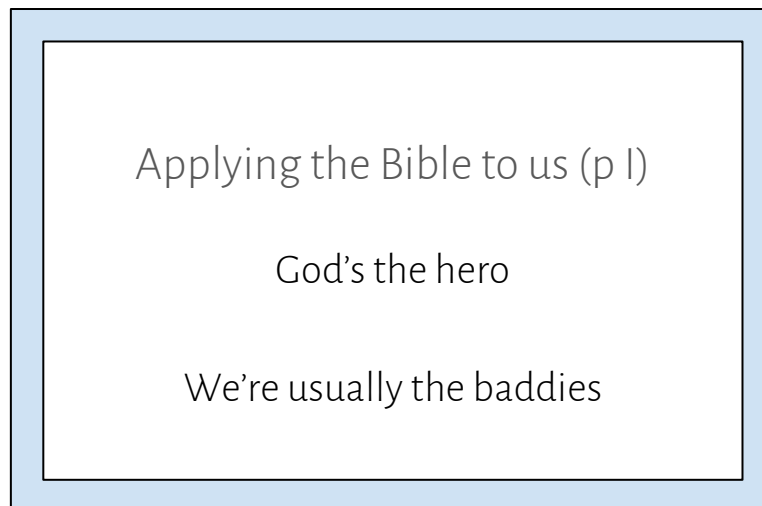
The sin problem (and solution)

*Judges 21v25*

**People:**

**Place:**

**Relationship:**



Pondering on the Bigger Picture:

How do you feel about sin?

## 2) The Kingdom needs a King

Applying the Bible to us (p II)

Discussion:

Read 1 Samuel 17v1-11, 25-27,31-37,40-51

How does the passage make you feel about

Goliath?

David?

Israel?

What does it make you want to do?

How would you apply this passage with a Sunday school class?

### **The Partial Kingdom (cont'd)**

Recap: Turn to the last diagram

*Judges 21v25*

The sin problem will only be solved by a King

A King under God

*Deuteronomy 17v14-20*

But Israel wants one instead of God

*1 Samuel 8v1-7*



Man's King Saul

*1 Samuel 13v13-14, 15v9-11, v24, v28*

God's King David

*1 Samuel 13v14, 16v7, v12-13*

*2 Samuel 7v1*

...is promised a better King David

*2 Samuel 7v10-16*

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...before revealing that he's just another David

*2 Samuel 11:2-4, 14-15*

Is Solomon the promised offspring?

**People:**

*1 Kings 4v20*

**Place:**

*1 Kings 4v21, v24*

**Relationship:**

*1 Kings 4v25, + 8v6-11, v30*

*(Genesis 12v1-3, v7, 22v17)*

No. He's just like everyone else too.

*1 Kings 11v1-8*

So Israel is divided into 2:

*1 Kings 11:11-13*

- Israel: the northern Kingdom, 10 tribes
- Judah: the southern Kingdom, 1 1/2 tribes

How much does it matter who your ruler is?

Israel: The horror of having the wrong King

922-722 BC

*1 Kings 12:25-33*

*2 Kings 17:6-23*

Judah: The horror of the Davidic line having (almost exclusively) the wrong King

922-605/597/586 BC

*2 Kings 21:1-18*

*Daniel 1:1-4*

*2 Kings 24:10-12*

*2 Kings 25:1-7*

70 years of Exile...

**People:**

**Place:**

**Relationship:**

But God's got promises to keep to Abraham and David!

*2 Kings 25:27-30*

In fact he starts to reveal what the pattern was really pointing to...

# The Prophesied Kingdom

When?

To who?

What about?

- Sin
- Judgement
- For Judah/Israel then *e.g. Habakkuk 1v1-11*
- For the nations then *e.g. Obadiah vv1-9*
- For everyone at the end of the world *e.g. Isaiah 2v6-22*

- **A NEW PEOPLE**

*Isaiah 49v6*

- **A NEW PLACE**

*Isaiah 65v17-25*

- **A NEW RELATIONSHIP**

- The Davidic King will finally arrive  
*Daniel 7v13-14*  
*Zechariah 9v9-10*  
*Ezekiel 34v1-3, 11-14, 23-24*
- The sin problem will finally be solved

It's a 2 Part solution again:

*Jeremiah 31v31-34*

i) the Spirit will enable our obedience

*Ezekiel 36v26-27*

ii) the sacrificial servant will die for our disobedience

*Isaiah 53v4-12*

And so the Babylonian exiles return to Jerusalem enjoy the fulfilment of all these prophecies, right?

Wrong...

- not all go back
- not all at once
- not independent
- Davidic king isn't king
- they don't rebuild Jerusalem for ages
- what they build is pathetic
- they are still sinning (the same sin!)

538 BC Zerubbabel

458 BC Ezra                      build temple

445 BC Nehemiah              build wall

*Ezra 3v10-12*

*Ezra ch 10, Nehemiah ch 13*

Then there's silence for 400 years until

*Matthew 1v1*

# The Present Kingdom

Everything the Old Testament pointed towards finds its fulfilment in him

*Mark 1v1-3*

*Luke 4v16-21*

*2 Cor 1v20 For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.*

*Luke 24v27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

More than we have time to talk about now:

True:

- Adam
- Israel
- Temple
- Prophet
- Priest

## The Kingdom has finally come

Mark 1v14-15

**...because the King is finally here**

*(Mark ch 1-8)*

*Mark 1v1, 8v29*

**...who gives the Spirit**

*Mark 1v8*

**...who is also the sacrifice for our sins**

*(Mark ch 9-16)*

*Mark 10:45*

*1 Peter 2v22-24*

He's the one the OT sacrifices pointed to:

- Passover lamb

*Mark 14* v12-16, v22-24

*1 Corinthians 5* v7

- Day of Atonement

*Hebrews 10* v4

*9* v11-14

**People:**

**Place:**

**Relationship:**

Pondering on the Bigger Picture:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!! *Revelation 5* v12

*Discussion:*

- *How does a bible overview help us value Jesus more?*
- *What is your favourite thing we've seen this morning?*
- *Which Old Testament book would you most like to read next?*

# 3) The Return of the King

Recap: Plan, Sin, Promise of People Place and Relationship, Sacrifice, King  
JESUS

The final piece of the puzzle:

The King is coming twice

*Mark 8v27-33*

## What Jesus did the first time

Freed us from the penalty of sin

*Romans 3v21-25*

*1 Peter 3v18*

Freed us from the power of sin

*Romans 6*

*1 Peter 2v24*

Brought us into a family relationship with God

*John 20v17-18*

## What will happen the second time

Universal judgment

*Acts 17v31*

Unrepentant sinners punished

*2 Thess 1v6-9*

Believers taken to be with Jesus

*Mark 13v27*

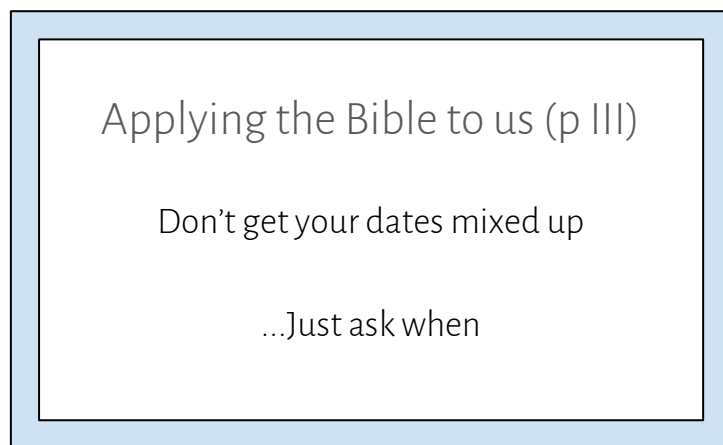
*1 Thess 4v16*

Their bodies recreated free from presence of sin & death

*1 Corinthians 15v42-43*

The world recreated free from sin & death

*2 Peter 3v10-13*



## The Proclaimed Kingdom

What he's doing in between

- He's sitting

*Acts 13v32-33*

*Psalms 2, 110v1*

- He's interceding

*Hebrews 9v11-13*

*Romans 8v34*

How was your term/Xmas?

*Hebrews 4v14-16*

- He's overseeing the spread of the gospel...

*Acts 1v1-2*



## - ...Having sent out his Spirit

*John 14v16-21*

*Acts 1v4-5*

- Bringing us into relationship with the Father and the Son  
*Romans 8v14-16*

Which makes sense

- Bearing the fruit of godliness in our lives  
*Galatians 5v16-25*

Which makes sense

- Spreading the gospel  
*Acts 1v4-5, 2v1-4, 4v8, 4v29-31*

Which makes sense

**People:**

**Place:**

**Relationship:**

## What are we doing in between?

-Exiles heading home

*1 Peter 1v1*

## INVESTING IN WHAT WILL LAST

- Enjoying our relationship with the Father and the Son  
*John 17v20-21*

*Luke 11v1-13*

*John 15v5-7*

Which makes sense

- Living godly lives  
*Romans 11v13-14*  
*1 Peter 4v3*

Which makes sense

- Sharing the gospel

With unbelievers  
*Matt 28v18-20*  
*Acts 1v6-8*

With believers  
*Ephesians 4v11-16*  
*Colossians 3v16*  
*Hebrews 3v12-14, 10v24-25*

Which makes sense

## **The Perfected Kingdom**

*Revelation 21-22*

### **People:**

*Revelation 7v9-12*

### **Place:**

*Revelation 21v1, v4*

### **Relationship:**

*Revelation 7v15-17, 21v2, v3, v22-23*

## Pondering on the Bigger Picture:

Live for what lasts

*1 Thess 2:19*

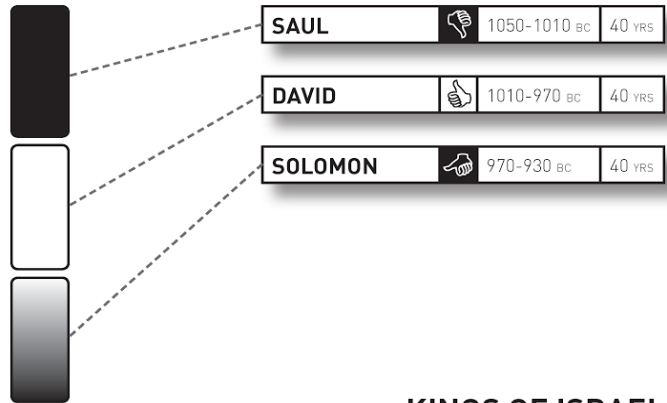
Ponder

- *Write a list of things you are most likely to live for that won't last into the New Creation*
- *Why is living in line with God's plan for the universe better?*
- *What do you want to stop doing this term?*
- *What do you want to do more?*
- *What verse(s) do you want to remember to keep yourself living for the future?*

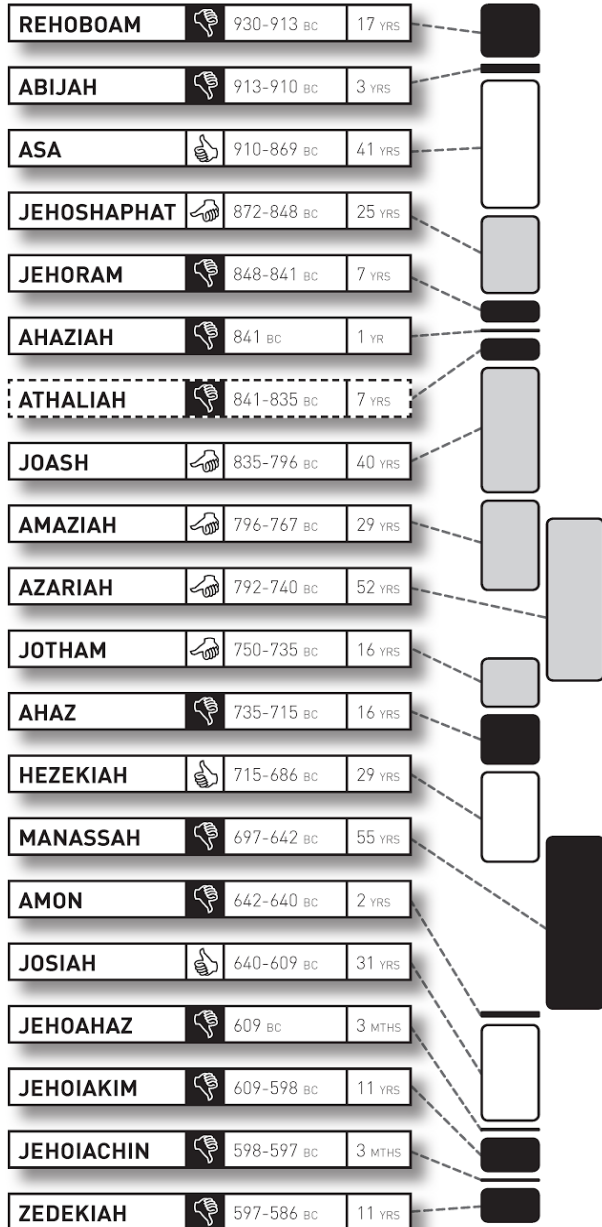
# THE KINGS OF JUDAH & ISRAEL

## FROM 1 & 2 KINGS

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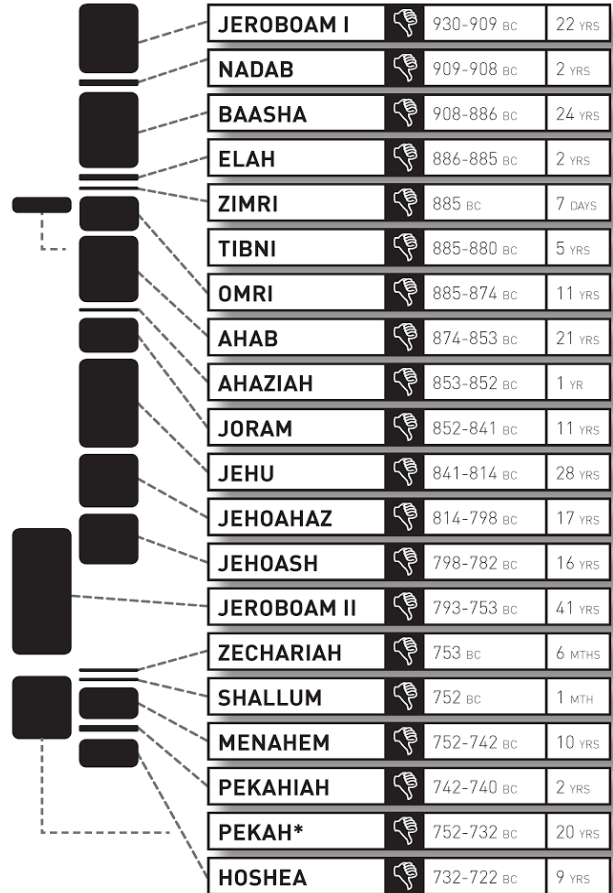
### KINGS OF JUDAH



JUDAH EXILED BY BABYLON (586 BC)

KINGDOM DIVIDES (922 BC)

### KINGS OF ISRAEL



ISRAEL ASSIMILATED BY ASSYRIA (722 BC)

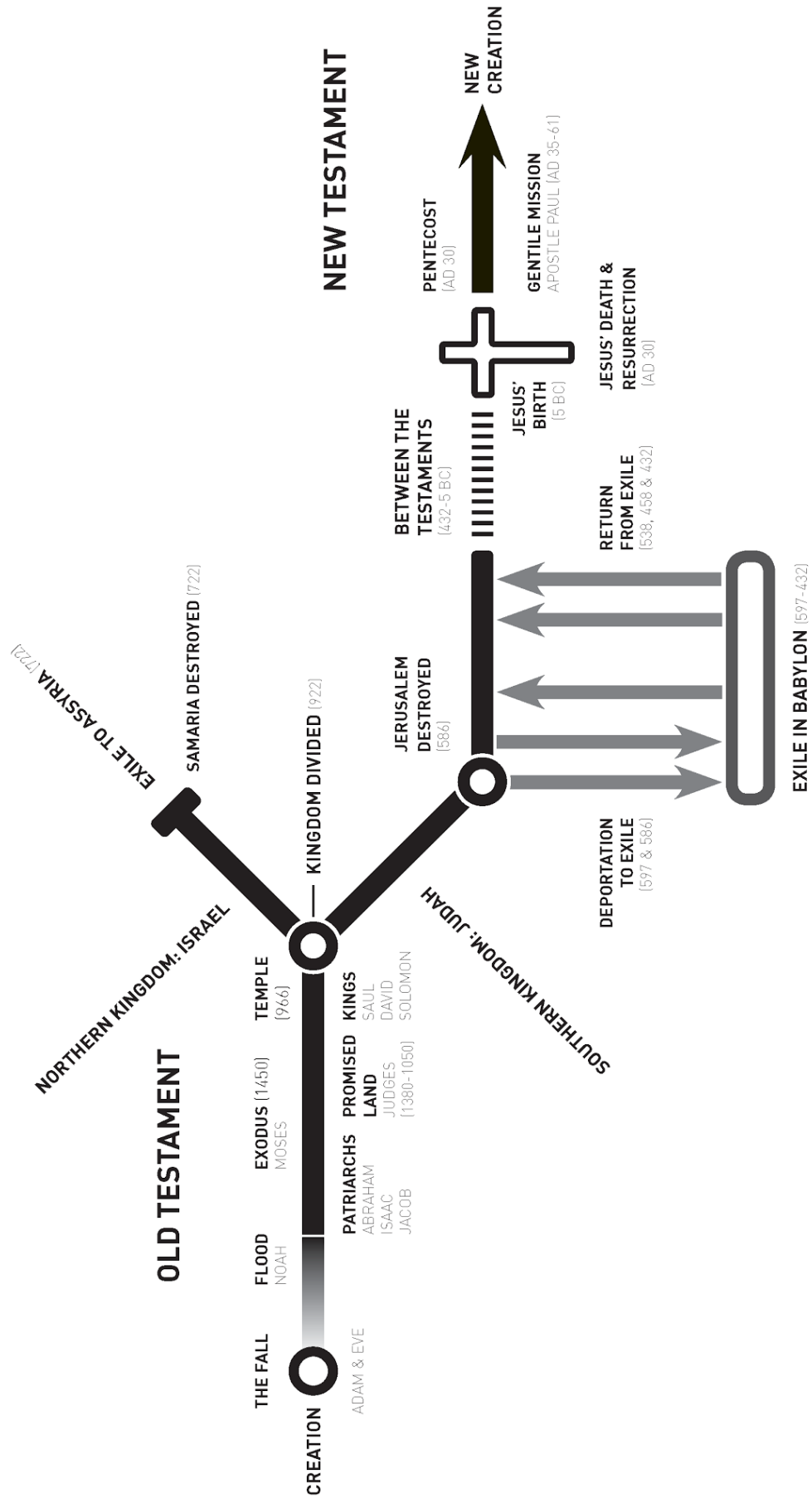
#### KEY

- 👍 "Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David had done."
- 👎 "Did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father David had done." (i.e. completely rid the land of idolatry)
- 👎 "Did what was evil in the eyes of the LORD."

\* Pekah's 20-year reign presumably includes a period of rule as rival to Menahem.

# BIBLE TIMELINE

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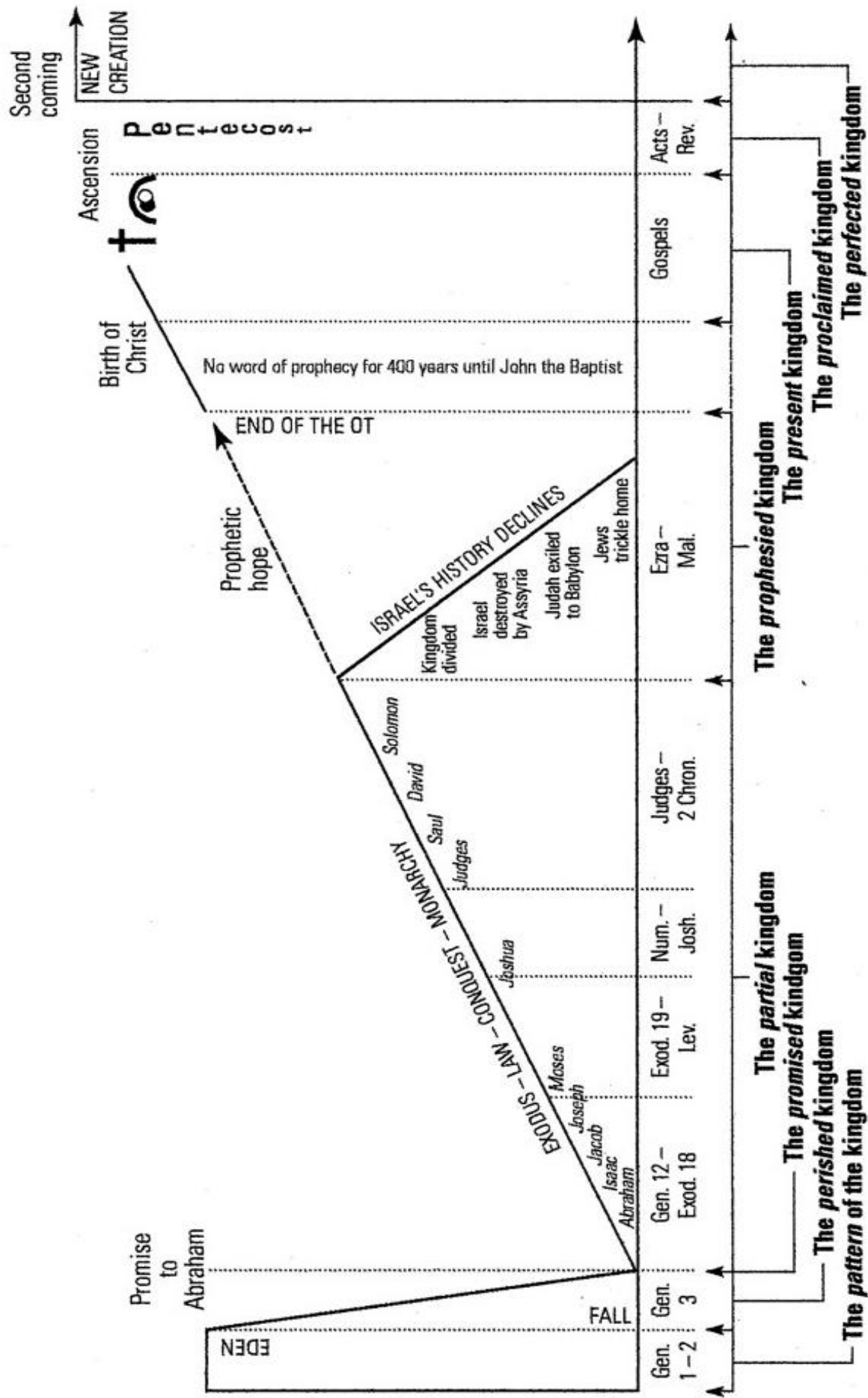


Figure 46. God's big picture