

BIBLE OVERVIEW

1: Promise and Pattern

Introduction: THE BIBLE IS ONE BOOK

2 Timothy 3:15-16

One author

One subject

eg: John 5:39, Luke 24:45-47

NOT – A book of quotations

NOT – A collection of books

BUT – One book

PART I – CHRIST PROMISED...

Chapter 1: The Pattern of the Kingdom (Genesis 1-2)

An ordered creation with perfect relationships:

- God and human beings
- Man and Woman
- Human beings with creation

Chapter 2: The Perished Kingdom (Genesis 3-11)

The fall spoils everything (Genesis 3):

- God and human beings
- Man and Woman
- Human beings with creation

The spread of sin and death (Genesis 4-11)

Chapter 3: The Promised Kingdom

- **God's eternal plan:** Ephesians 1:3-10
- **Genesis 4 – 11**

Sin → Judgement → Grace

(3:15; 4:15; 5:24; 9:9-11)

- **Genesis 12:1-7**

The Three Promises: People/Nation; Land; Blessing

Chapter 4: The Partial Kingdom (Genesis 12 – 2 Chronicles)

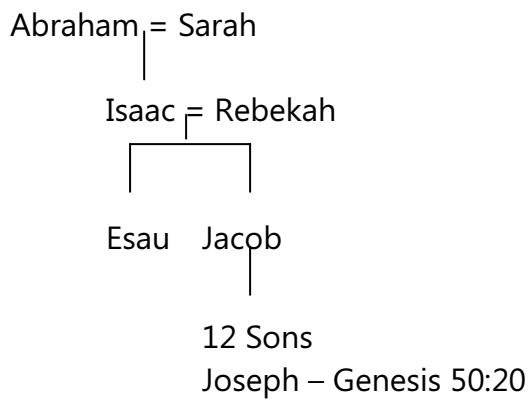
a) God's People (Genesis 12 – Exodus 18)

The Promise:

"I will make you into a great nation" (Genesis 12:2)

"You will be my people and I will be your God" (Exodus 6:7)

The Partial Fulfillment:



The Exodus

Salvation by substitution (The Passover):

Salvation by conquest (The Red Sea):

"I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself"
(Exodus 19:4)

b) God's Rule/Blessing (Exodus 19 - Leviticus)

The Promise:

"I will bless you" (Genesis 12:2)

The Partial Fulfillment:

God's Law – A response to salvation (Exodus 20:2-3)

God's Presence – The Tabernacle

– Sacrifices (Leviticus 17:11)

c) God's Place (Numbers – Joshua)

The Promise: "To your offspring I will give this land" (Genesis 12:7)

The Partial Fulfillment:

Numbers – Disobedience and delay

Deuteronomy

– Blessing (28:1-2)

– Curse (28:15, 26)

Joshua – Conquest

The land is God's gift (21:43-45)

Joshua's farewell sermon (23:11-13)

d) God's King (Judges – 2 Chronicles)

The Promise: Genesis 3:15, 49:10, Deuteronomy 17:14-20

The Partial Fulfillment:

Judges – the cycle (e.g. 3:7-11)

- The Problem: No king (21:25)
- **Saul** – 1 Samuel 8:5-8

- **David** – the promise of a future king, 2 Samuel 7:11b-16

- **Solomon** – The high point of the Old Testament

(1 Kings 4:20-25, 8:21, 8:56, 10:13)

- **The History of Israel is a Model:**

It is prophetic

- It points to Jesus

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2: Prophecy and Fulfillment

Chapter 5: The Prophesied Kingdom

1) The Prophet's Role

A Prophet was God's mouthpiece

Exodus 4:14-16, 7:1-2

Jeremiah 1:2, 4

2) The Prophet's Context

922 BC Civil war, Kingdom divides

North – 'Israel' – Falls in 722 (Assyrians)
Elijah and Elisha, 9th Century BC
Amos and Hosea, 8th Century BC

South – 'Judah' – Falls in 597 & 586 (Babylonians)
Isaiah, 8th Century BC
Jeremiah and Ezekiel, 7th/6th Century BC

3) The Prophet's Message

'Covenant Mediators'

They had a two-fold message on the basis of the covenant: **Judgement and Hope**

Hope for the future:

New Exodus, New David, New Covenant, New Temple, New Creation,

Isaiah 52:11-12, Isaiah 53:4-6, Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ezekiel 44:4,

Isaiah 65:17-19

Their theme was **The Kingdom of God:**

- God's **People**
- God's **Place**
- God's **Rule/Blessing**

Return from Exile – 538 BC – Ezra, Nehemiah

BUT – Not the time of fulfillment – Ezra 3:11-13

Post-exilic prophets, eg: Zechariah, 6th Century BC
Malachi, 5th Century BC

PART II – CHRIST PROCLAIMED...

Chapter 6: The Present Kingdom

Jesus is the fulfillment of the OT

Matthew 13:16-17, 2 Corinthians 1:20, John 5:39

Matthew: Jesus is the Christ of the O.T. scriptures

Mark: Jesus is the Suffering Servant who calls us to suffer too

Luke: Jesus is the Saviour of the World

John: Jesus is the Son of God who gives Eternal Life

Jesus fulfilled the OT promises about the Kingdom of God

- He was God's **People**
 - o The true 'Son of God', 'true vine', 'last Adam'

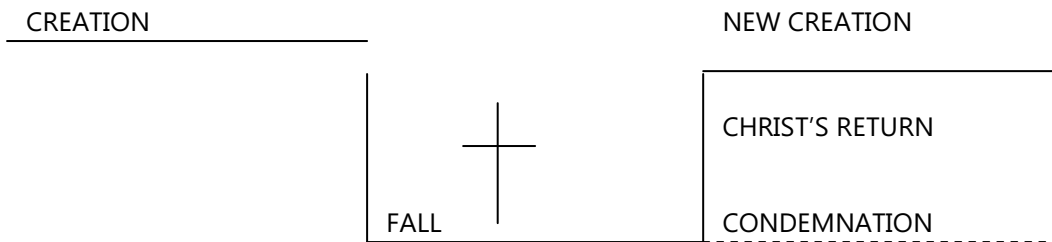
- He was God's **Place**
 - o John 1:14

- He was God's **Rule/Blessing**
 - o John 8:29

Jesus died to make it possible for those promises to be fulfilled in others too

- Luke 24:25-27 (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22)
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Chapter 7: The Preached Kingdom (Acts – Revelation)



a) The reason for the delay

God's patience: (2 Peter 3:9)

Luke 24:45-49: A command and a promise:

Acts: A Chronology of the last days (1:1-16)

Pentecost (Acts 2)

The spread of the word (1:8, 6:7 etc)

b) The work of the Spirit

He brings new birth (Titus 3:5b – 7)

He equips for service (Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 12:7)

He produces holiness

c) The Christian Experience

“First fruits” but “groaning” (Romans 8:23)

Chapter 8: The Perfected Kingdom (Revelation 21-22)

Judgement and Division

God’s Promises Will Be Fulfilled:-

God’s People	7:9, 21:27
God’s Place	21:1-2, 21:22, 22:1-3
God’s Rule/Blessing	21:3-4, 22:3

The New Creation (Revelation 22:1-5)

At last the promises are finally fulfilled – God’s people, in God’s place, under God’s rule.

BUT we are not there yet – Revelation 22:20-21