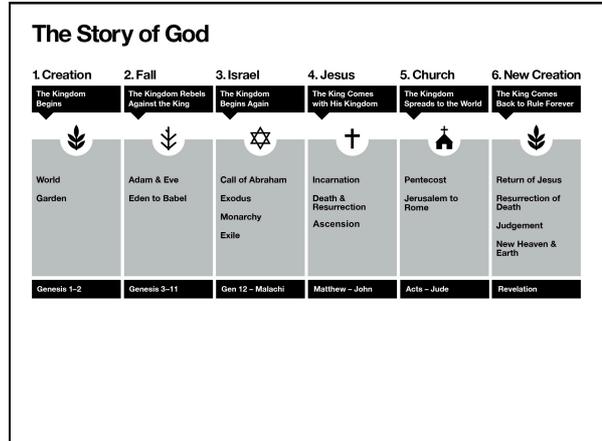




GOD'S UNFOLDING STORY

Act 3:
The Kingdom begins again



Genesis 6:5-7
⁵ The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.
⁶ The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the LORD said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created – and with them the animals, the birds – and the creatures that move along the ground – for I regret that I have made them'.

Genesis 9:7
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Genesis 11:4

"we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth"

Genesis 12:1

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Genesis 12:1-3

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2 *"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;*

*I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.*

3 *I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."*

Tremper Longman III

"It is impossible to overestimate the importance of these words for biblical theology... they look back to Genesis 1-2... and they inspire the whole plot... [of] the whole Bible"

Gordon Wenham

"The promises to Abraham renew the vision for humanity set out in Genesis 1 and 2. He, like Noah before him, is a second Adam figure. Adam was given the Garden of Eden: Abraham is promised the land of Canaan. God told Adam to be fruitful and multiply: Abraham is promised descendants as numerous as the stars in heaven. God walked with Adam in Eden: Abraham was told to walk before God...

Abraham is seen as the answer to the problems set out in Genesis 1-11".

COVENANT

I will be to you
as I should be,
whether or not you are
as you should be to me

William Dumbrell

"What we are being offered in these few verses is a theological blueprint for the redemptive history of the world".

Exodus 2:23-24

"The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob".

Exodus 19:5-6

"⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation".

Exodus 33:1

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.'"

William Dumbrell

"The history of Israel from this point on is in reality merely a commentary upon the degree of fidelity with which Israel adhered to this Sinai-given vocation".