

Long Story Short, A Journey through the Old Testament

January 5th, Message 1

1) The Bible is ultimately about Jesus.

Heb 1:1-2- In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Luke 24:25-27- He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Luke 24:44-47- He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Also John 5:46

“The Whole of the Bible, whether the Old or New Testament, looks to the mighty redemptive atonement of Christ” (Wilkinson, Boa).

We won't hit every book but mostly those that are historical.

2) The Bible is one unit.

66 books into 1

40 different authors

Broken into the OT and NT

Law (5), History (12), Poetry (5), and Prophecy (17).

“The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed and the Old Testament is the New Testament revealed (St. Augustine).”

Danny Akin: Big story from above- creation (Genesis 1-2); fall (Genesis 3); Redemption (Genesis 3:15-Revelation 20); new Creation (Revelation 20-21)

Big story from below---God – sin – Christ – response

3) The Bible has its beginning, Genesis!

- Moses as author with many historical accounts (not stories)!
- Time of Genesis: 4000B.C.-1804B.C. over 2100 yrs.
- Genesis spans more time than any other book in the bible; in fact, it covers more than all sixty-five other books of the Bible put together!
 - Genesis 1-11- Creation, Eden, Flood, Babel
 - Genesis 12-36- “Surrounded by the rampant immorality and idolatry of the Canaanites, the godliness of Abraham rapidly degenerates into gross immorality in some of his descendants” (Wilkinson, Boa).
 - Genesis 37-50- God saves Israel
- Genesis and Job around same time.
- Genesis means: origin, source, generation, and beginning!
- Theme: Gods choice of a nation through whom he would bless all nations.
- Creation, fall, flood, nations-4 events (beginning of the human race).
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph- 4 people (beg. of the Hebrew race).
- Gen 3:15 Anticipates redemption.
- (Talk thru the Bible, Wilkinson and Boa).

Genesis is the beginning account of HStory! It's God's history, God's plan, the redemption of man.

As you begin this week you will see now and over the next few months how Genesis even points to Jesus!

Ask the Lord for the Word to come alive like never before and to jump into full force!

