

The Bible Overview Part 1: CREATION

Why do a Bible Overview?



- The beginning isn't as good without the end (it is all headed towards fulfilment in Christ)
- The end doesn't make sense without the start (the Old Testament is crucial)
- Every part of the story counts
- There are hidden clues about the story's climax hidden all the way through!

The Bible itself does (multiple) Bible Overviews

Psalm 136

Hebrews 3-4

Acts 7

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Romans 5:12-21

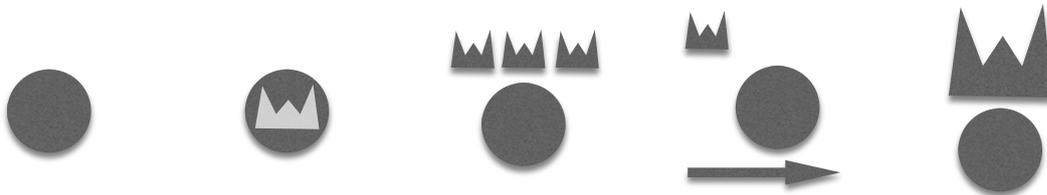
Hebrews 11

The Bible in three sentences



1) CREATION

The first chapter of the Bible is crucial for understanding what kind of universe we live in



Who is God?

- he is distinct from creation
- he creates by his word
- what he says is good

Who is man/woman?

- 'in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them'
(Genesis 1:27, CONTEXT TOOL)

Where's it headed?

- the blessing of rest (Genesis 2:1-3, REPETITION TOOL; Hebrews 4)

2) FALL

The serpent challenges the very reality that shaped creation: is God's word good? (Genesis 3:1-6 cf. 2:17)

As man believes Satan instead of God, creation is undone (STRUCTURE TOOL)

taken from the dust
to work the ground
with a helper for whom he praises God
with no qualms about being naked
until everything is undone
and it's shameful to be naked
and he complains about the helper
and must toil painfully to have enough food
until he returns to the dust

Ecclesiastes

Living in world that is Created and Cursed

Accept the God-imposed frustration of cursed work

(2:18-23; 3:9-11; 5:13-17; 8:14; 9:10)

Enjoy the God-given blessing of work

(2:24-25; 3:12-13; 5:18-20; 8:15; 9:7-9)

Things quickly go from bad to worse. God wishes he'd never made man (Genesis 6:5)

But the flood gives an early clue about the solution...

- rescue

- re-creation (Genesis 9:1, CONTEXT TOOL)

3) RE-CREATION

The end of the Bible is like the start, only better (Revelation 21-22)

But the act of re-creation has already begun in Jesus, the Adam re-run
(Luke 3:23 - 4:13; Hebrews 2:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Romans 5:12, 18-19)

And God creates new life every time someone puts their trust in him

'For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.' (2 Corinthians 4:6; 5:17; QUOTATION/ALLUSION TOOL)

We are 'half-saved'. But we need only wait in hope for God to complete the job (Romans 8:18-25)

