

From Beginning to End

The Story and Themes of the Bible

A Study in Biblical Theology

Lesson 1: Introduction

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Discussion: Major Items in the Bible

List out the major events, people(s), places, and themes/ideas of the Bible.

People(s)	Places	Events	Themes/Ideas

Discussion: Timeline

Put the major events, people(s), places, and themes/ideas on a timeline.



I. What is Biblical Theology

A Possible Misunderstanding

All theology should be biblical.

But this is not what we mean by “biblical theology.”

Biblical Theology is the **approach/discipline/framework** of reading and understanding the Bible and its parts as one coherent and cohesive story written by **One** Divine Author.

II. The Center of the Bible

Gen 1:26-28; Rom 8:29; Col 1:15; 3:9-10

Key Word: The Image of God
Gen 1:26-28; Rom 8:29; Col 1:15; 3:9-10

Isa 40:9; Rom 11:36; 15:4-6; 16:25-27; 1 Cor 8:6; 10:31;
Eph 3:20-21; Phil 4:19-20; 1 Tim 1:15-17; 1 Pet 4:11b;
2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24-25; Rev 1:5-6

Key Phrase: The Glory of God

Isa 40:9; Rom 11:36; 15:4-6; 16:25-27; 1 Cor 8:6; 10:31;
Eph 3:20-21; Phil 4:19-20; 1 Tim 1:15-17; 1 Pet 4:11b;
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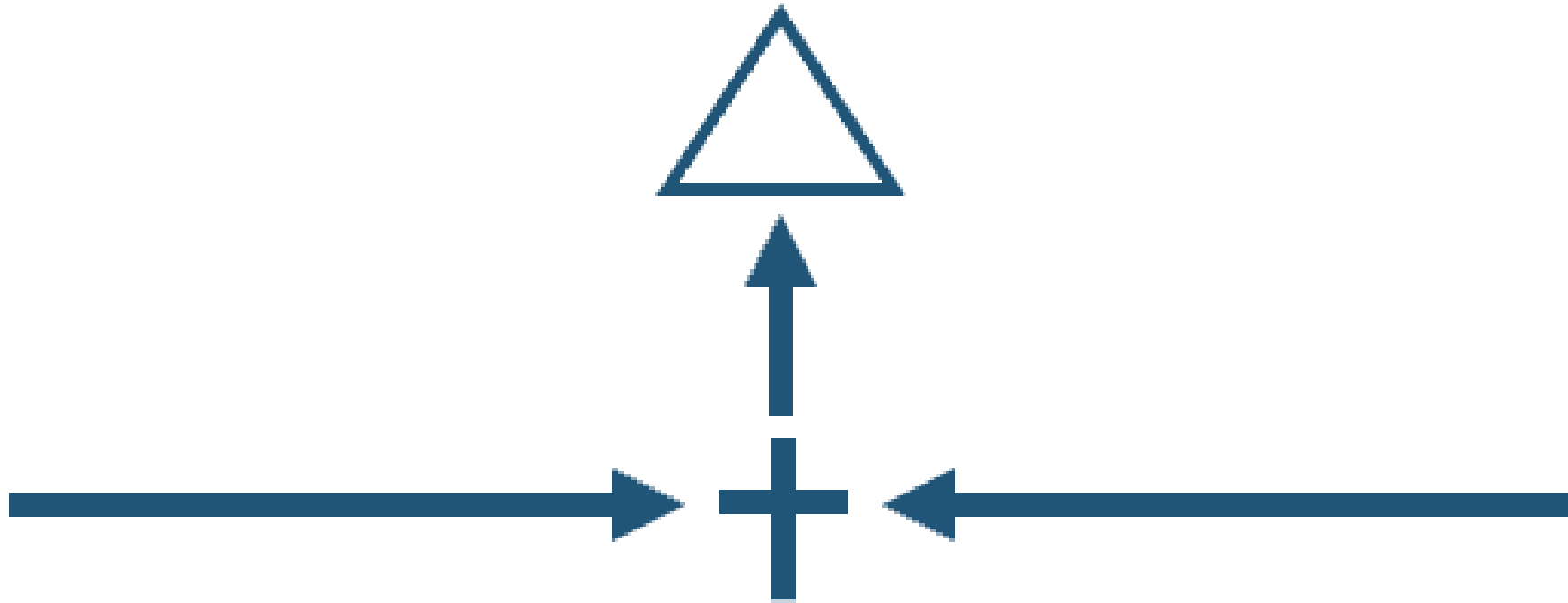
Psa 97:1; 146:10; Isa 52:7; Rev 19:6

Key Phrase: The Reign of God
Psa 97:1; 146:10; Isa 52:7; Rev 19:6

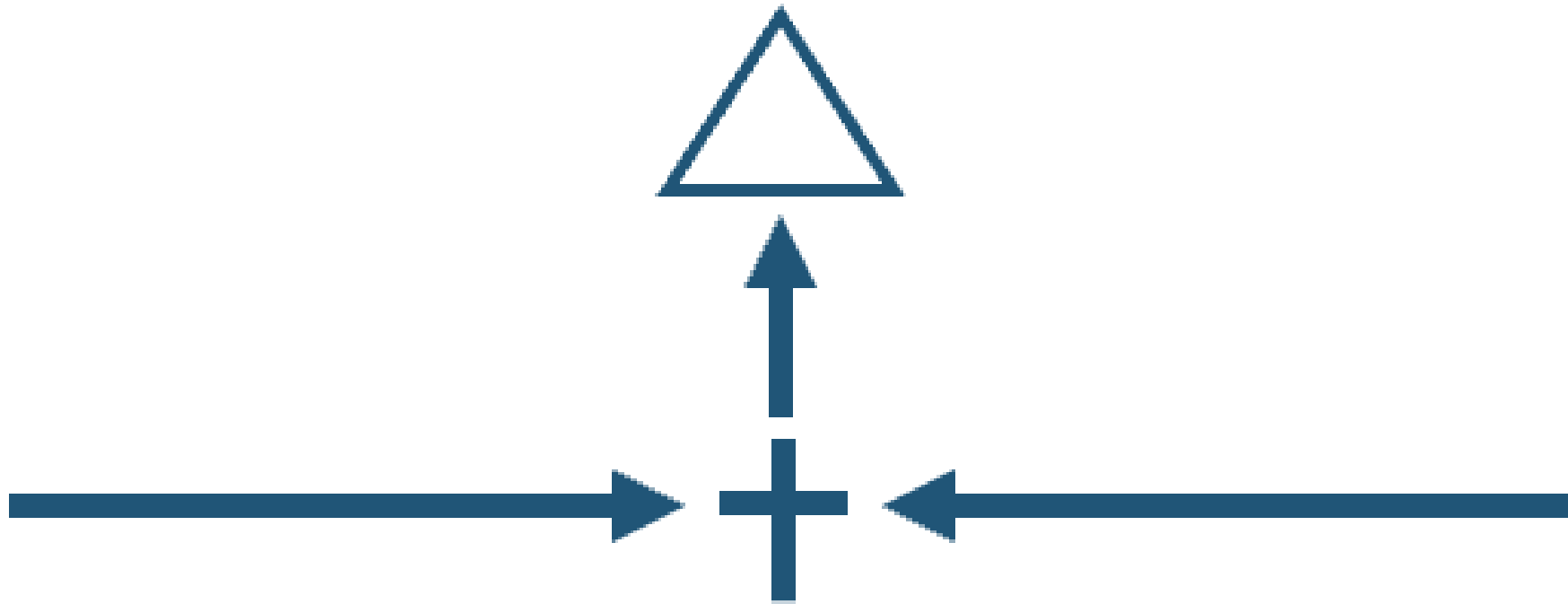
Luke 24:13-27, 44-47; John 1:45; 5:39-40,46;
Rom 1:16-17; 1 Cor 15:1-5

Key Phrase: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

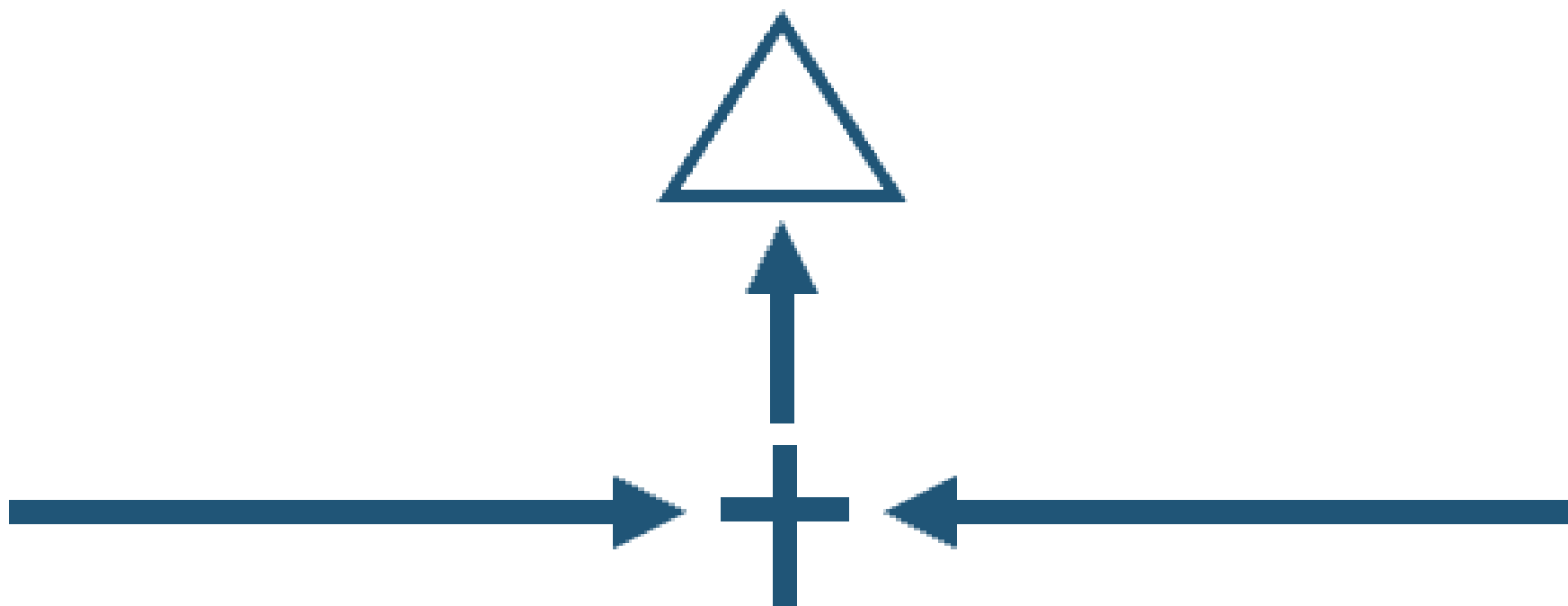
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When we read the Bible we must read it as
God-centered not man-centered.

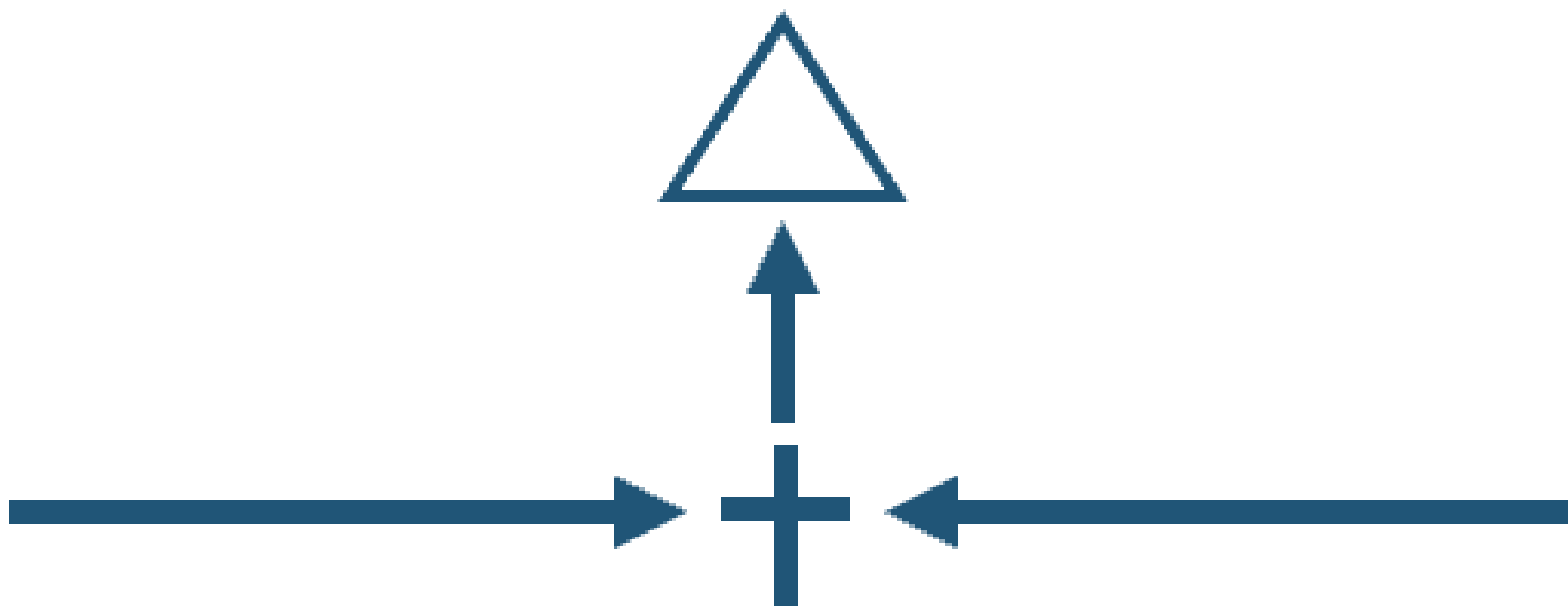


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The Bible is God communicating to us the story
of **who He is** and **how He acts**
to **redeem** and **reign** over His people for their
great joy and His great glory.



We should read every part of the Bible
in light of the **gospel of Jesus** and **the glory of God**.

“God’s message to us is one unified discourse,
not a series of isolated and disconnected messages.”

Graeme Goldsworthy, *Gospel and Kingdom*

“Our ultimate goal in reading the Bible is that God’s infinite worth and beauty would be exalted in the everlasting, white-hot worship of the blood-bought bride of Christ from every people, language, tribe, and nation.”

John Piper, *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*

Resources

Goldsworthy, Graeme. *The Goldsworthy Trilogy (Gospel & Kingdom; Gospel & Wisdom; The Gospel in Revelation)*.

Helm, David. *Expositional Preaching: How We Speak God's Word Today*.

Piper, John. *Reading the Bible Supernaturally*.

Roark, Nick and Robert Cline. *Biblical Theology: How the Church Faithfully Teaches the Gospel*.