

From Beginning to End

The Story and Themes of the Bible

A Study in Biblical Theology

Lesson 2: Old Testament Overview

DEFINITION OF 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.

THE STORY (HEART) OF THE BIBLE

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.

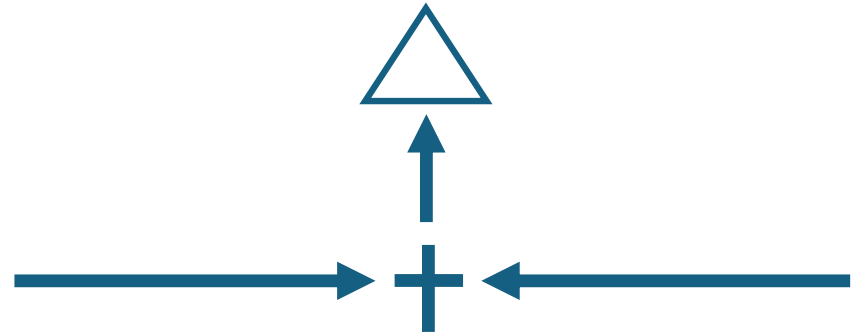
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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

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

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE



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

WHY BIBLICAL THEOLOGY IS IMPORTANT

Biblical theology helps us
to read, understand, interpret, and apply
the Bible rightly.

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If you don't understand the whole story,
you'll **miss the point** of the parts.

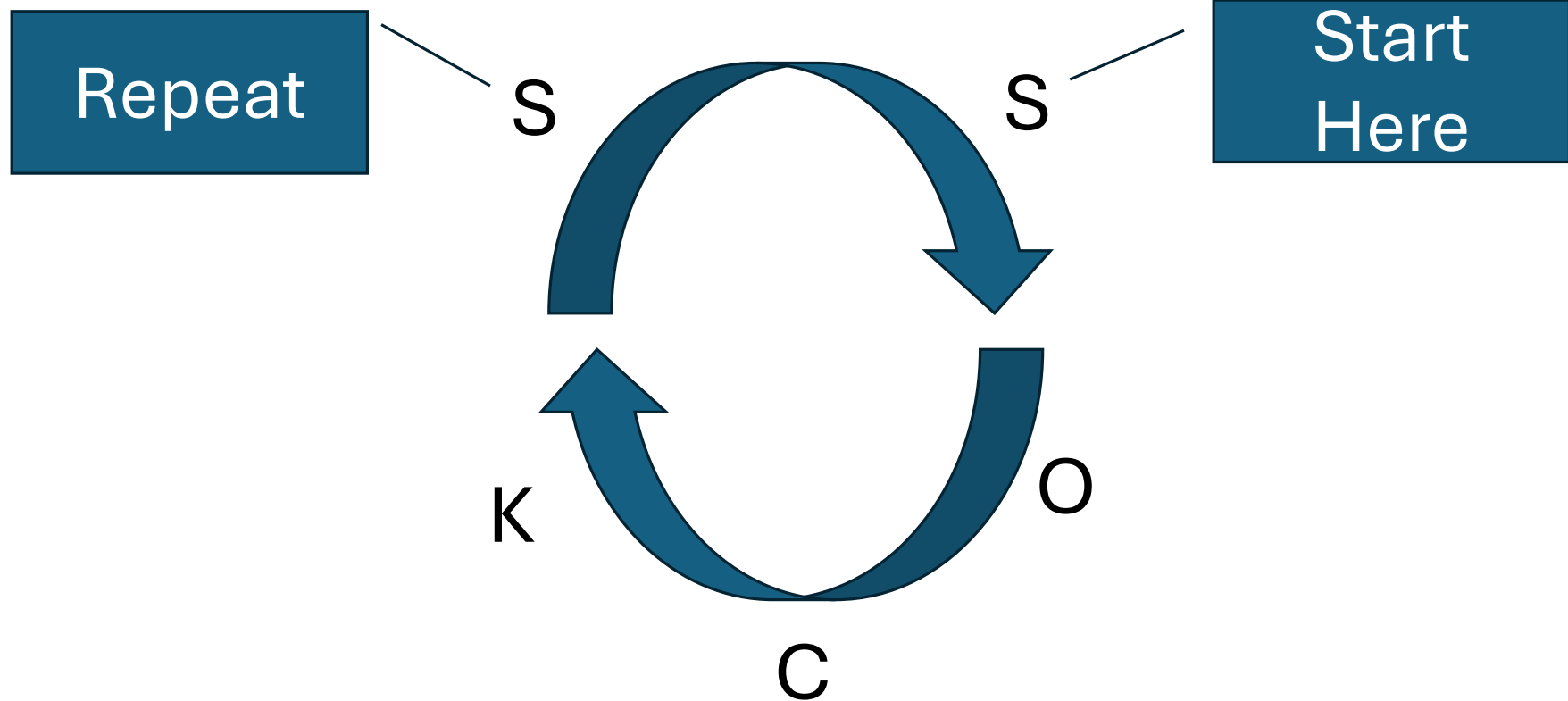
MAJOR PEOPLE(S)

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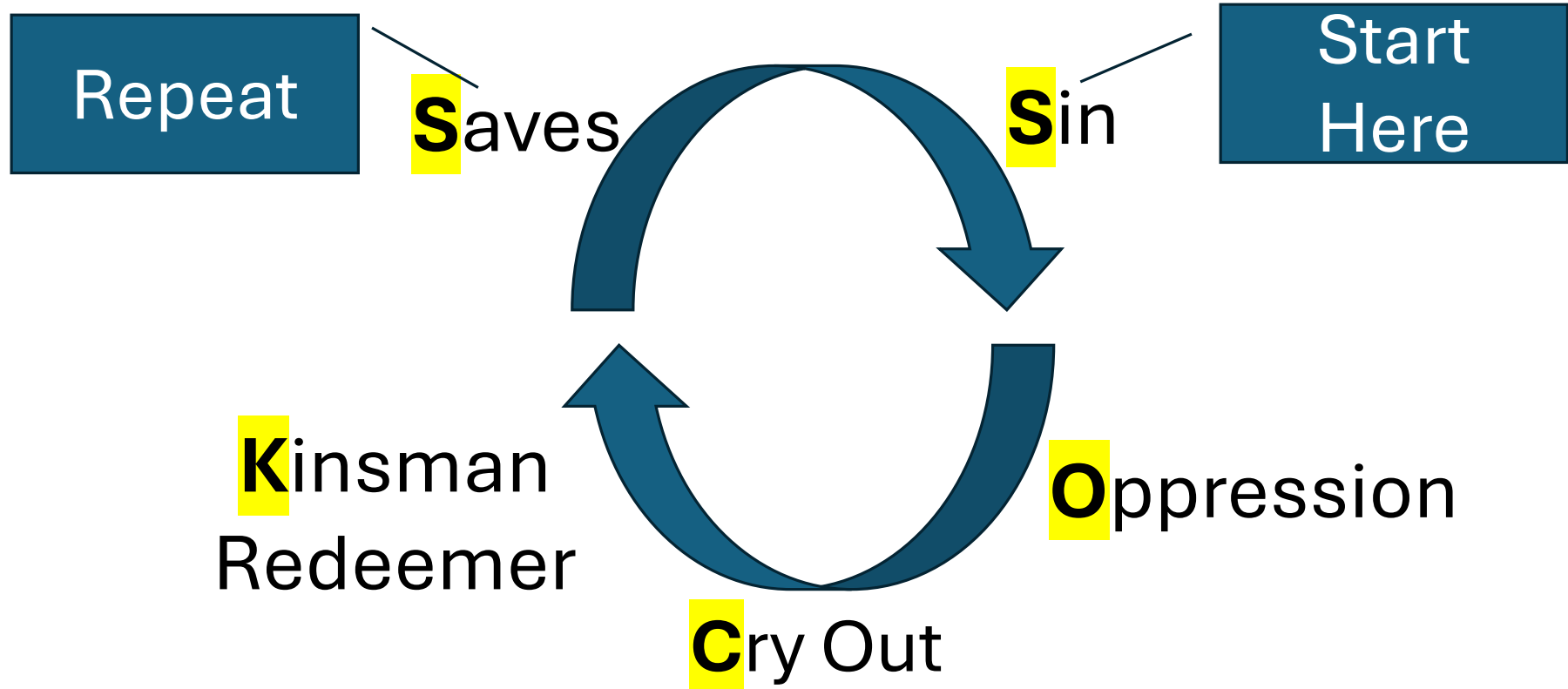
MAJOR PEOPLE(S) – OLD TESTAMENT

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| 1. God | 9. Moses | 16. Solomon |
| 2. Adam | 10. Joshua | 17. Kings |
| 3. Noah | 11. Judges | (39 = 19 + 20) |
| 4. Abraham | (12 SOCKS) | 18. The Prophets |
| 5. Isaac | 12. Ruth | (JONAH) |
| 6. Jacob | 13. Samuel | 19. Esther |
| 7. Joseph | 14. Saul | 20. Ezra |
| 8. Job | 15. David | 21. Nehemiah |

THE CYCLE OF JUDGES: SOCKS



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MAJOR PLACES – OLD TESTAMENT

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MAJOR PLACES – OLD TESTAMENT

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| 1. Eden | 7. Persia |
| 2. Ur | |
| 3. Israel (Canaan) | |
| 4. Egypt | |
| 5. Assyria | |
| 6. Babylon | |

MAJOR COVENANTS – OLD TESTAMENT

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MAJOR COVENANTS – OLD TESTAMENT

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| 1. Redemption
(<i>Pactum Salutis</i>) | 6. Davidic |
| 2. Adamic | 7. New |
| 3. Noahic | |
| 4. Abrahamic | |
| 5. Mosaic | |

MAJOR EVENTS – OLD TESTAMENT

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MAJOR EVENTS – OLD TESTAMENT

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| 1. Creation | 8. Conquering the Land (Joshua) | 13. Exile of Southern Kingdom (Judah) to Babylon |
| 2. Fall | 9. Judges | |
| 3. Flood | 10. Kings | |
| 4. Tower of Babel | 11. Divided Kingdom | 14. Return of Southern Kingdom (Judah) to Israel |
| 5. The Patriarchs | 12. Exile of Northern Kingdom (Israel) to Assyria | |
| 6. Exodus | | |
| 7. Wilderness Wandering | | |

OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE



SEVEN MAJOR MOVES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



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Map from Accordance Bible Software
Major moves adapted from Melvin Short's *The Old Testament Made Simple*

SEVEN MAJOR MOVES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



1. Eden to Ur
2. Ur to Israel (Canaan)
3. Israel to Egypt
4. Egypt to Israel
5. Israel (North) to Assyria
6. Israel/Judah (South) to Babylon
7. Babylon/Persia to Israel

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REMEMBERING THE KINGS

Memory Aid: “ToNS” of Kings

Total = North + South

39 = 19 + 20

REMEMBERING THE KINGS

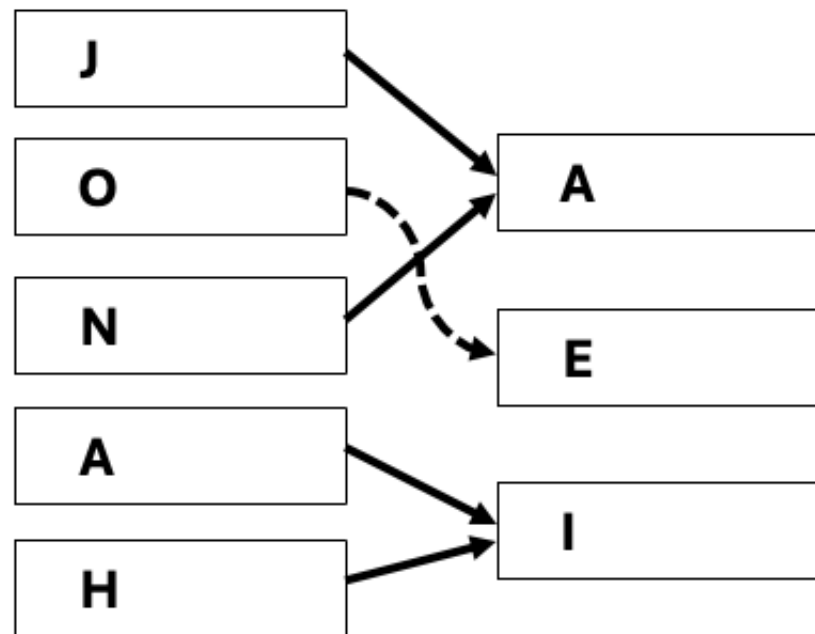
Memory Aid: **The North was “no good.”**

There were **no good** kings in the North (Israel).

There were **8** good kings in the South (Judah).

REMEMBERING THE PROPHETS*

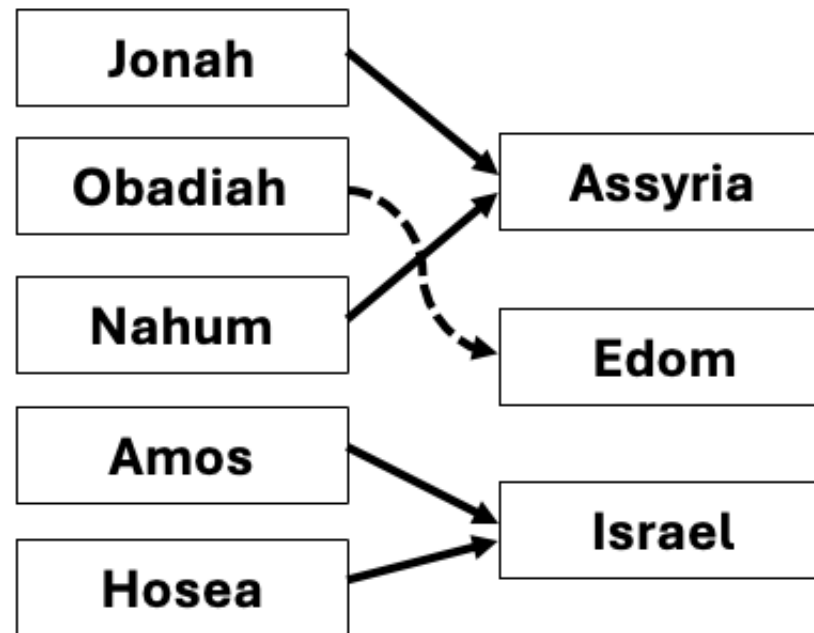
Memory Aid: JONAH + AEI



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RESOURCES

Capitol Hill Baptist Church. *Core Seminar on Biblical Theology*.

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