

# ***From Beginning to End***

*The Story and Themes of the Bible*

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## **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 |
|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|
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**Discussion: Timeline**

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



# I. What is Biblical Theology

## A Possible Misunderstanding

\_\_\_\_\_ theology should be biblical. But this is not what we mean by “**biblical theology**”.

**Biblical Theology** is the \_\_\_\_\_ of reading and understanding the Bible and its parts as \_\_\_\_\_ coherent and cohesive story written by \_\_\_\_\_ Divine Author.

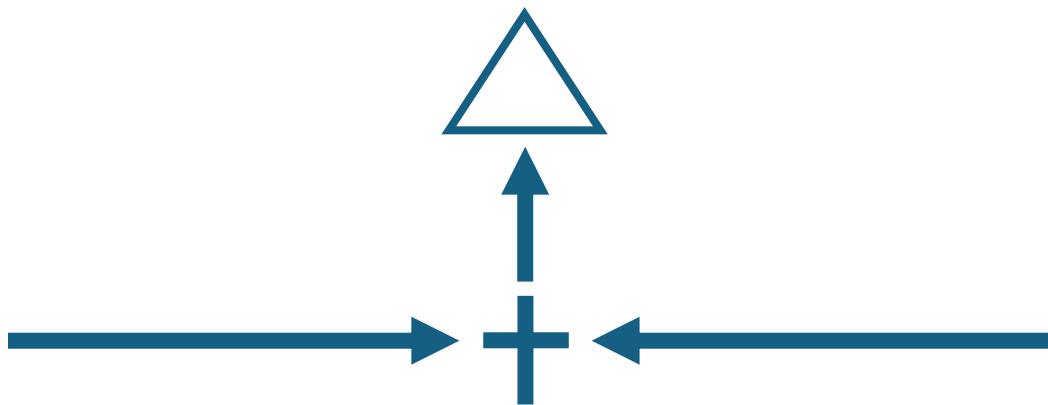
# II. The Center of the Bible

**Key Phrase:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Gen 1:26-28; Rom 8:29; Col 1:15; 3:9-10

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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

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Psa 97:1; 146:10; Isa 52:7; Rev 19:6

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



When we read the Bible we must read it as \_\_\_\_\_ **not** \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ history.

The Bible is God communicating to us the story of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over His people for their great joy and His great glory.

We should read every part of the Bible  
in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“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*.

### III. The Necessity of Biblical Theology

Biblical theology is driven

### IV. How Biblical Theology and Systematic Theology Relate

**Remember!**

**All** theology should be biblical.  
The foundation for all doctrine is the Word of God.

Topical (Topics) vs. Narrative (Story)  
Atemporal vs. Temporal  
Systematic Theology is structured by topics in the Bible.  
Biblical Theology

**A Key to Understanding the Bible Properly**

**Context** is king!

Biblical theology helps us interpret Scripture within the **context** of the entire Bible.

**Remember!** There are **multiple** contexts to consider when reading the Bible.

**Group Discussion**

Name some of the contexts that must be considered in order to understand and apply the Bible properly.

**Memory Aid:** Start **local**. Think **global**.

Biblical theology is “a way of reading the Bible that follows the progressive unfolding of God’s redemption plan in Christ.”

David Helm, *Expositional Preaching*