## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN YOU READ THE SCRIPTURE:

Where is this passage in the Story?

What do I see about God's character?

How does this passage lead me to rejoice in Christ?

## STORY OF SCRIPTURE





The self-sufficient and eternal God lovingly creates a perfect creation with humanity as His crowning work. Falling for Satan's temptation, humanity rebels and sin enters the world bringing death, pain, and strife. Instead of giving up on humanity, God promises that from the womb of a woman will come the One who will crush Satan's head.

God pursues Abram (who is renamed Abraham) a man from an idol worshiping family who has no children with his wife, and promises that he will be the father of many nations. God promises land to Abraham and assures him that all nations will be blessed through his offspring. God continues to be faithful to this family. He restates the promise to Abraham's son Isaac and grandson Jacob (who is renamed Israel). A famine strikes the promised land, so Jacob and the family move to Egypt where one of his sons, Joseph, is already there to provide for them.

God brings His The family becomes people, through their a nation while living leader Joshua, into the in Egypt, but also promised land. When becomes enslaved to God's people worship the Egyptians. God the gods of the nations raises up Moses to surrounding them, lead His people to God disciplines them freedom. During a through the attacks of tenth plague, God surrounding nations. strikes dead the God raises up judges firstborn son of (or rulers) to rescue His people and call them to everyone living in repentance. They beg for Egypt, but "passes over" Israel as they a king to be like other put the blood of nations, and God gives lambs on their them Saul. God then doorposts. After raises up a new king, miraculously rescuing David, and promises that his kingdom will never His people, God gives His people the end. The family that law. He also instructs turned into a nation is them to build a now a kingdom. David's tabernacle and offer son, Solomon, builds sacrifices so He may a temple to replace dwell among them. the tabernacle.

Solomon takes foreign wives and allows their foreign gods to clutter the land. His son continues the line of rulers and the kingdom is divided into the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). Prophets confront the people but they persist in their idolatry. The Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria and the Southern Kingdom is carried away into Babylonian captivity. When they are freed, they return to a nation and kingdom far less glorious than before and are still unable to keep their promises.

to Heaven, Jesus A descendant of sends the promised Adam, Abraham, and Holy Spirit and His David, Jesus is the disciples turn the world upside down One who crushes the head of Satan, will preaching the good bless all nations, and news of Jesus. This reigns forever. Jesus, good news is known the God-Man, enters as the gospel. In the humanity through midst of intense the womb of a virgin, persecution, the perfectly obeys the gospel spreads, law that we could and Gentiles and never obey, dies as Jews form a new the once-and-for-all people. Churches sacrifice for our sins, are planted in cities, and rises from the and apostles write dead, conquering letters encouraging Satan, sin, and death. and instructing He inaugurates His the people in the Eternal Kingdom and grace of Christ and secures salvation for their response to His people. His grace.

A time is coming when God's people—people from every tribe, tongue, and nation who have been rescued by Christ-will enjoy Him and His rule forever in perfect harmony. Satan will be crushed, the effects of sin will be reversed. and all things will be made new.

CREATION AND FALL

PROMISE AND A PEOPLE

Genesis 12-50,

Job

2000 BC 1400 BC

RESCUE AND LAW

1000 BC

**LAND AND** 

**KINGDOM** 

EXILE AND RETURN

<u>600 BC</u>

JESUS

<u>AD</u>

A NEW PEOPLE

After His ascension

AD 30

BEGINNING

**A BETTER** 

DEEP DIVE:
THE STORY
Genesis

ADAPTED FROM

**OF GOD** 

Genesis 1-11

Exodus, Leviticus Numbers, Deuteronomy Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings (early chapters), 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles (early chapters), Psalms (some during the exile), Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

## PRE-EXILE/DURING DECLINE:

1 Kings (later chapters), 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles (later chapters), Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

## POST-EXILE/RETURN:

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Matthew, Mark, Luke, John Acts, Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude Revelation