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# Framing the Story

A Story of Five Bibles

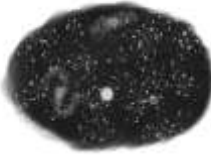
## Reflection

What is your story with the Bible?

# Pictures of God

How you think about God affects how you read the Bible.  
Which comes first, God's revelation, or our perception?

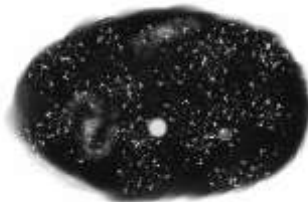
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Picture Two: God is



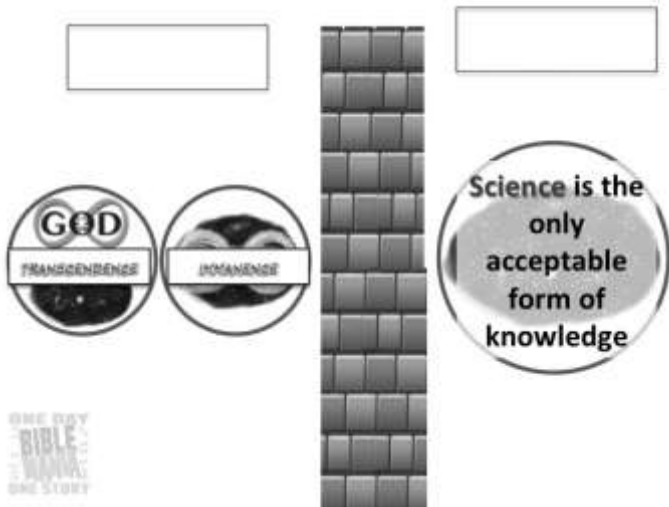
Picture Three: God is



# Reflection

Which picture most reflects the belief system in which you were raised?

## The Public/Private Divide



# How the Trinity Can Bring it All Together?



## So, What is the Bible?

**"The major significance of the Bible is not that it is a book, but rather that it reflects the life of the community of Israel and the primitive church as those communities sought to come to terms with the central reality that God was present with them in ways that regularly outran their ability to understand or cope."<sup>1</sup> – Paul Achtmeier**

**"Scripture is the foundational record of how the ancient faith community responded in the context of a trajectory of historical situations to the awareness that God has acted to constitute this people as a covenant community. In this way the Bible stands as the informing and forming canon for the community throughout its history."**

**"The task of theology is to assist the contemporary believing community to fulfill its responsibility of proclaiming and living out the message that God has appeared in Christ for the sake of the salvation of humankind."**

## Reflection

How might these different worldviews impact the way a person interprets the Bible?

Does this conversation help explain some **controversies you've seen over the Bible in your experience?** How might this knowledge help navigate those conflicts?

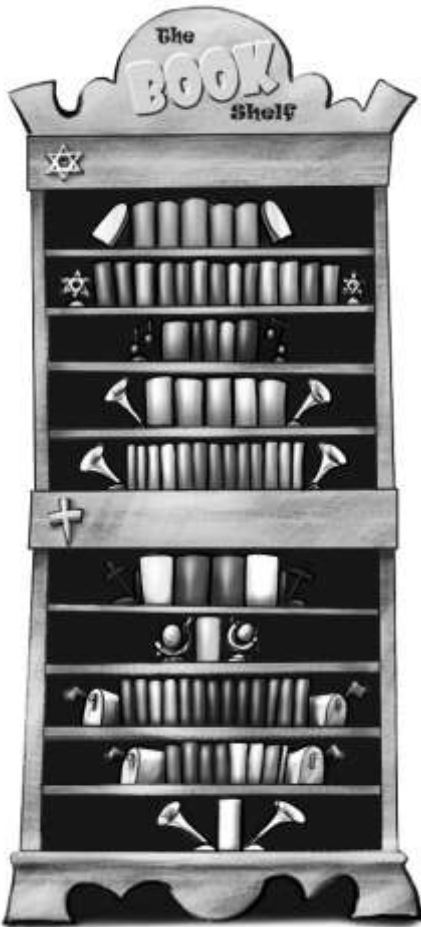
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<sup>1</sup> Achtmeier quoted in Grenz, Stanley J. *Revisioning Evangelical Theology: A Fresh Agenda for the 21st Century*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993. 122.

# Mapping It Out

A Decoder Ring

John 3:16-18, 20

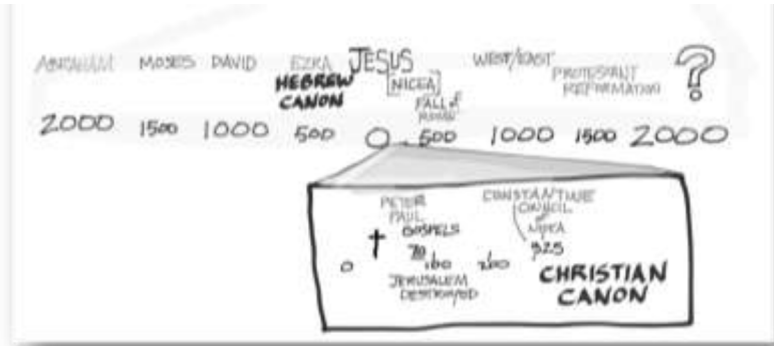


# Map of the World





# TIMELINE



# EMPIRES

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

**P** \_\_\_\_\_

**A** \_\_\_\_\_

**B** \_\_\_\_\_










**P** \_\_\_\_\_

**G** \_\_\_\_\_

**R** \_\_\_\_\_

# The Big Story: Act One

C\_\_\_\_, U\_\_\_\_, R\_\_\_\_\_

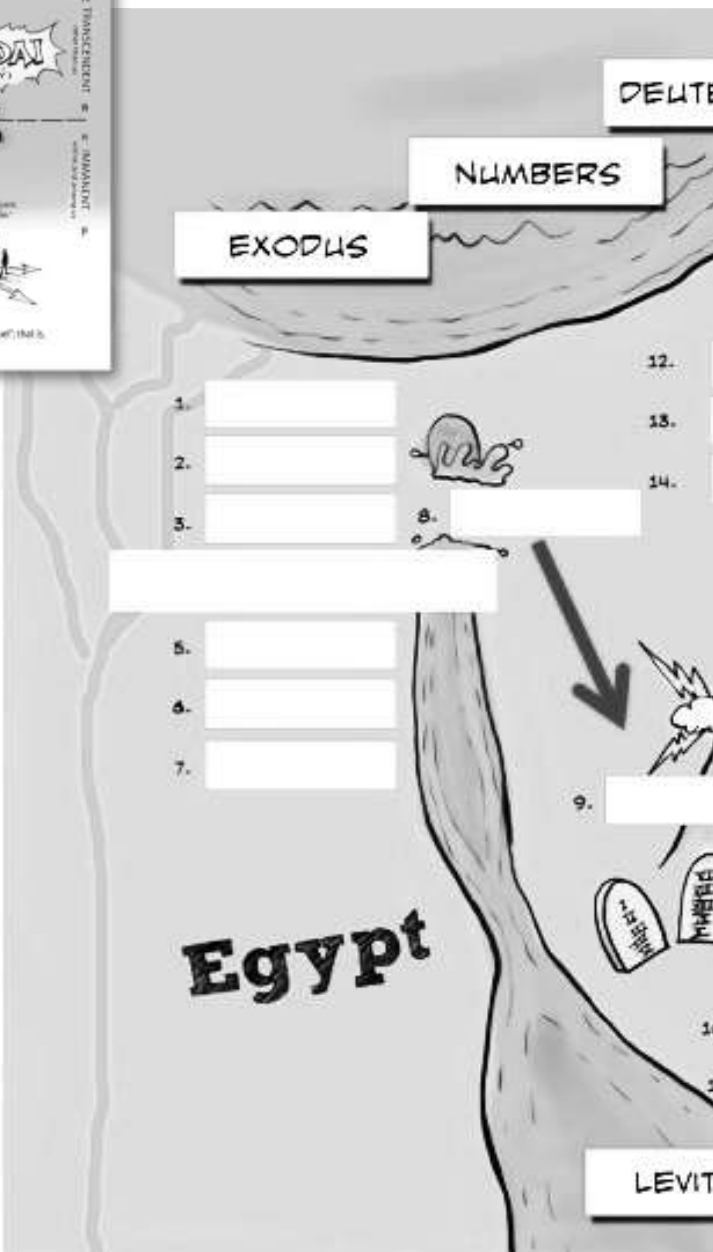
Genesis 1-5	Genesis 6-11	Genesis 12-50
		
		
		
<b>Four Events</b>		<b>Four People</b>

## Creation vs. Evolution?

## Reflection

How have you seen God's cycle of Creation-  
Uncreation-Recreation work in your own life?

# THE EXODUS



ERONOMY

Promised Land

20.

15.

16.

17.

18.

19.

ICLS

The worksheet is divided into two main sections. The top section shows a map of the Promised Land, with a box labeled 'ERONOMY' and a line pointing to a specific location. Below the map is a list of questions, with question 20 having a single-line answer box. The bottom section shows a scene with a lightning bolt striking a box, with a line pointing to a specific element. Below this scene is another list of questions, with questions 15 through 19 having single-line answer boxes. At the bottom left, there is a box labeled 'ICLS' with a line pointing to a specific element.

# LAW II

**THE NEXT GENERATION  
(DEUTERONOMY)**

**GOD'S GOAL -**  
Loving fellowship with humans  
**GOD'S METHOD -**  
Loving discipline of a Father

**ch. 1-3**  
How it WAS  
The history of God's faithfulness

**ch. 27-34**  
How it COULD BE  
blessings OR curses -  
you choose

**ch. 4-26**  
How it SHOULD BE  
The covenant/contract  
10 commandments - universal  
The rest - contextual

**ch. 10-11**  
How it IS  
The history of God's faithfulness

## C H O O S E

LIVING In FATHER'S FELLOWSHIP ETERNALLY

DT 30:31-20 JOHN 10:10 JOHN 17:3

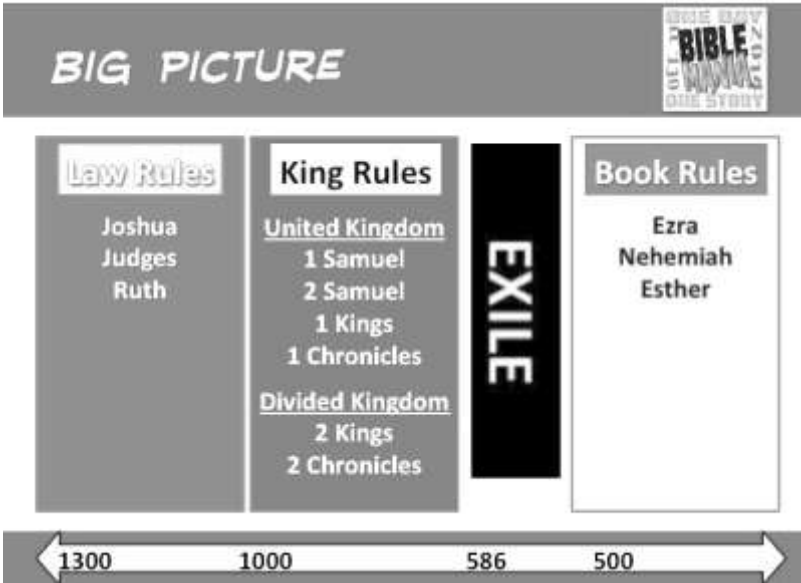
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# Reflection

How have you seen life go over the rails?

**In what areas would it look like to “choose life” for you right now?**

# Who Rules?

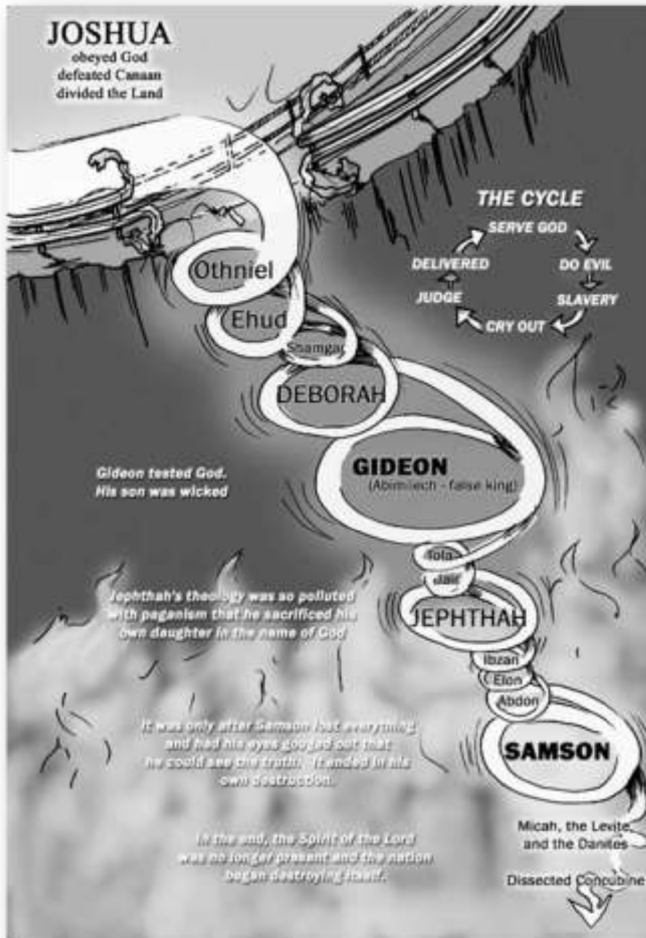


## Law Rules

Joshua



JUDGES



RUTH

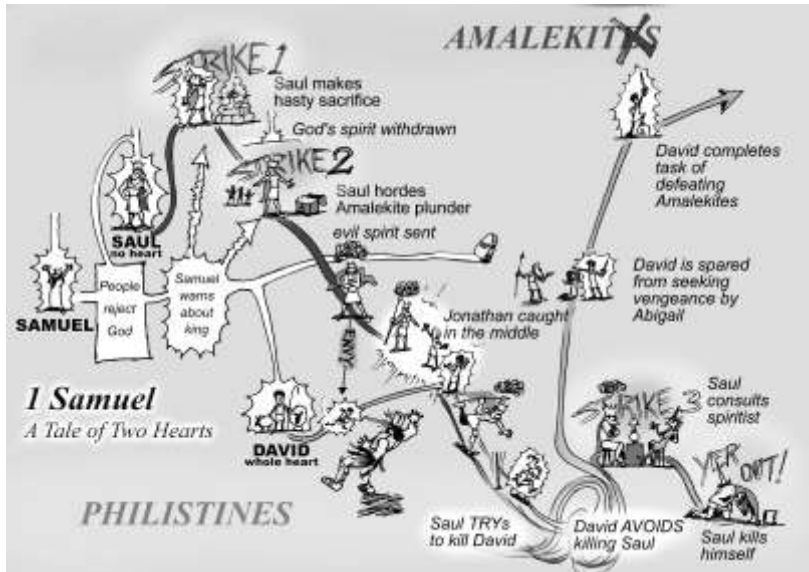
# King Rules

## United Kingdom

### Three Kings

1 Samuel

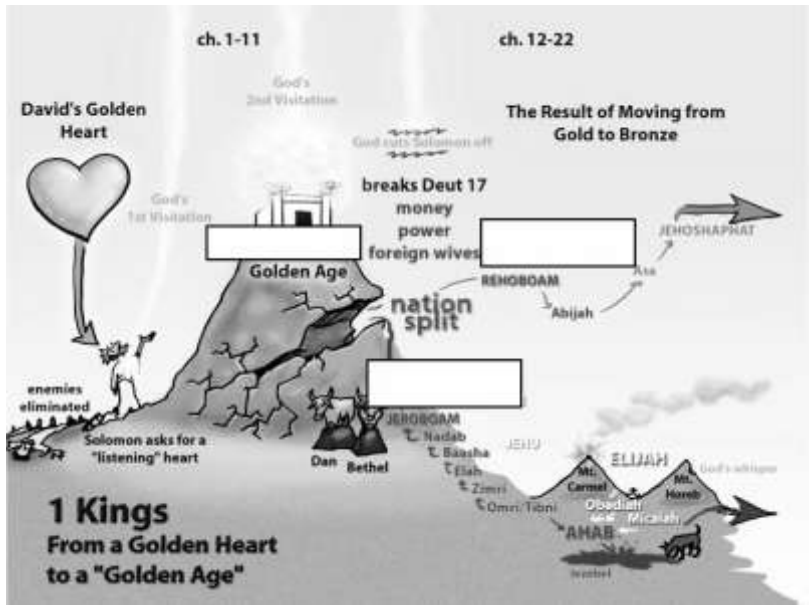
S\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_



2 Samuel

D\_\_\_\_\_

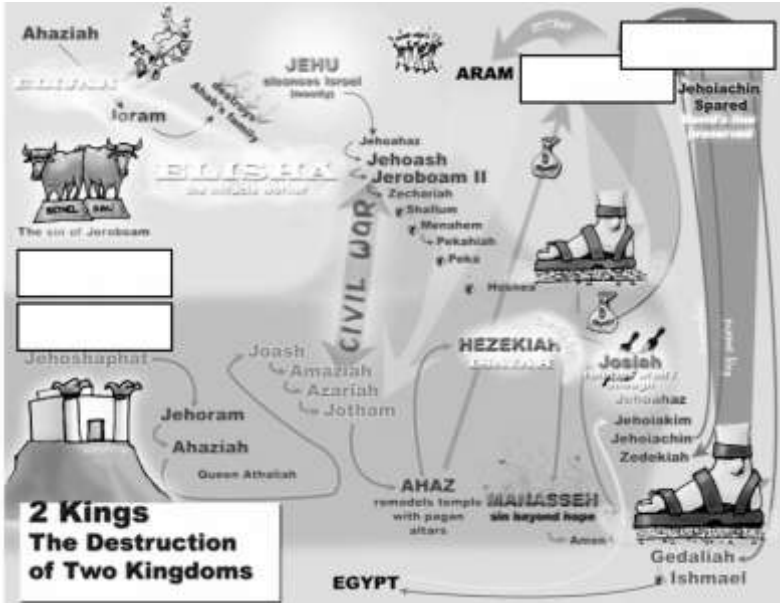
1 Kings



1 Chronicles

# Divided Kingdom

2 Kings

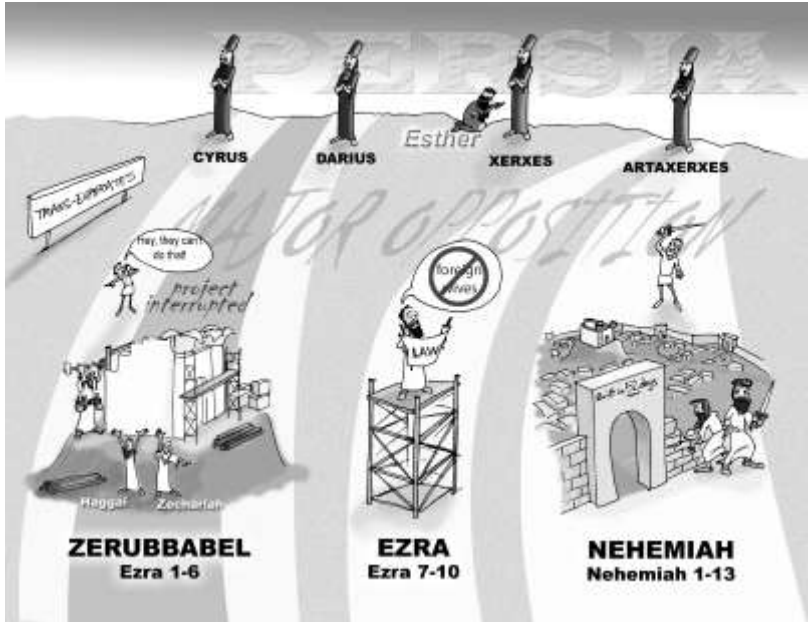


2 Chronicles

# Exile

# Book Rules

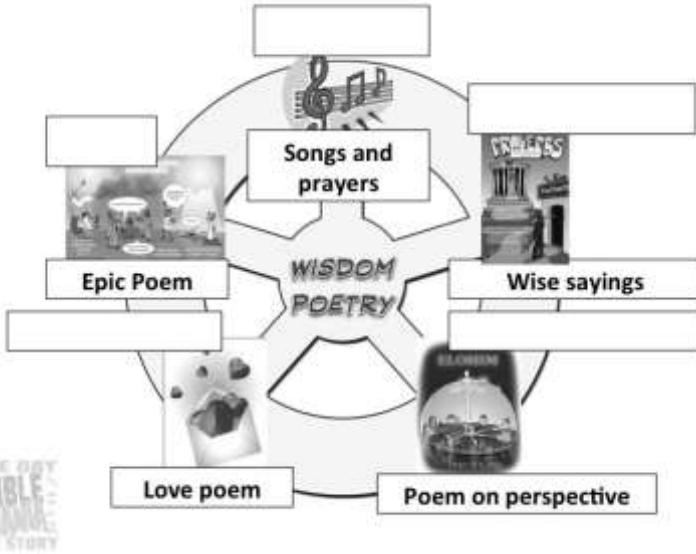
Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther



# Poets and Preachers

What makes a poem a poem?

## The Wisdom Books



## The Prophets



## MAJOR PROPHETS

Isaiah  
 Jeremiah  
*Lamentations*  
 Ezekiel  
 Daniel

ONE DAY  
 BIBLE  
 NOVEMBER  
 ONE STORY



Hosea  
 Joel  
 Amos  
 Obadiah  
 Jonah  
 Micah  
 Nahum  
 Habakkuk  
 Zephaniah  
 Haggai  
 Zechariah  
 Malachi

**MINOR  
 PROPHETS**

ONE DAY  
 BIBLE  
 NOVEMBER  
 ONE STORY

## MINOR PROPHETS part 1

### Prophet of the Divided Kingdom

2 KINGS 1-10

During the skirmishes with Moab, Obadiah chastises Edom (descendants of Esau) for sitting by and doing nothing to defend Israel.



### Prophets of the Assyrian Invasion on Israel

2 KINGS 10 - 17

In the final days of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, six prophets preach of the coming destruction that would come at the hands of the Assyrians.

Before the destruction **Jonah** calls Assyria to repentance.

**Hosea, Amos, and Joel** preach of imminent doom.

**Micah** warns Judah to not be smug in their safety.

After the destruction, **Nahum** condemns Assyria for taking credit for their victories.



## MINOR PROPHETS part 2

**Prophets of the Single Kingdom**  
**2 KINGS 17 - 25**  
 After the fall of Israel, Babylon defeated Assyria and pushed through the region of Judah and conquered Egypt. During this volatile time **Zephaniah** and **Habakkuk** warn of the coming destruction at the hands of the Babylonians

**BABYLON**

Why Babylon? Watch out!

**Zephaniah**

The Day of the Lord is coming!

Josiah  
 Jehoahaz  
 Jehoiakim  
 Jehioachin  
 Zedekiah

**Habakkuk**

Jerusalem

**EGYPT**

## 70 Years Exile

**Prophets of the Restoration**  
**EZRA - NEHEMIAH**  
 After Persia conquered Babylon, they allowed Jerusalem to be rebuilt. **Haggai**, **Zechariah**, and **Malachi** preach to the remnant that has returned to the city of Jerusalem.

**PERSIA**

Build the Temple!

The Messiah is coming!

Zerubabel  
 Ezra

**Haggai** **Zechariah**

Turn your hearts back to God!

Nehemiah

Jerusalem

**Malachi**

# A PICTURE, A WARNING, AND A PROMISE

ISAIAH 5:1-4



ISAIAH 5:5-7



JEREMIAH 31:31-34



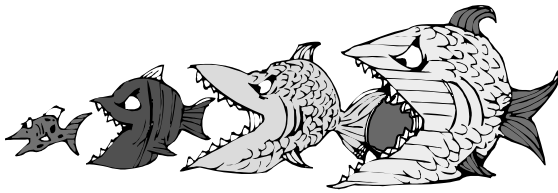
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In what ways have you either been a prophet, or received the message from a prophet in your life?

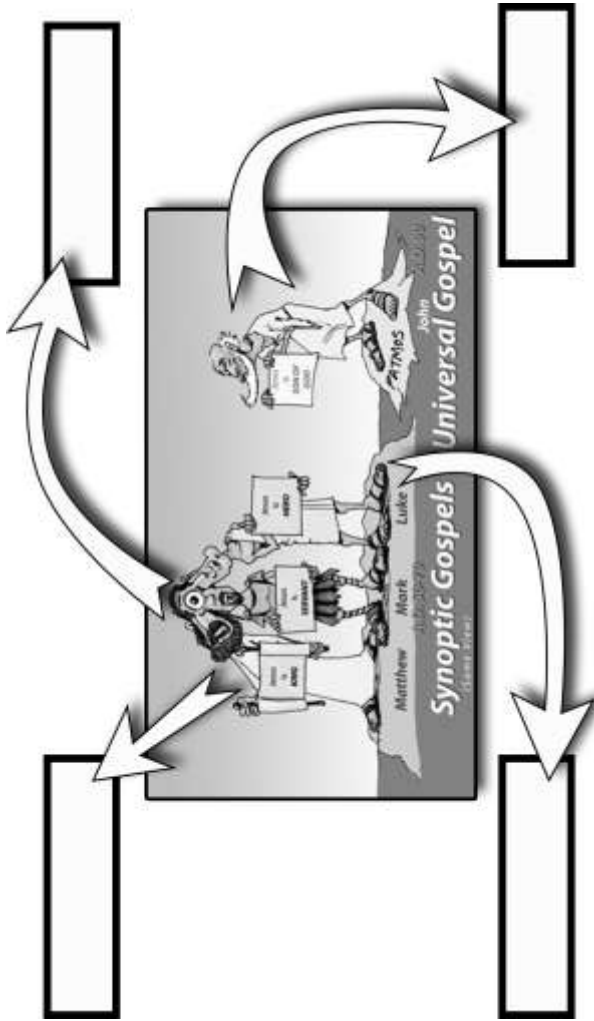
# The Big Story: Act Two

## The Fullness of Time

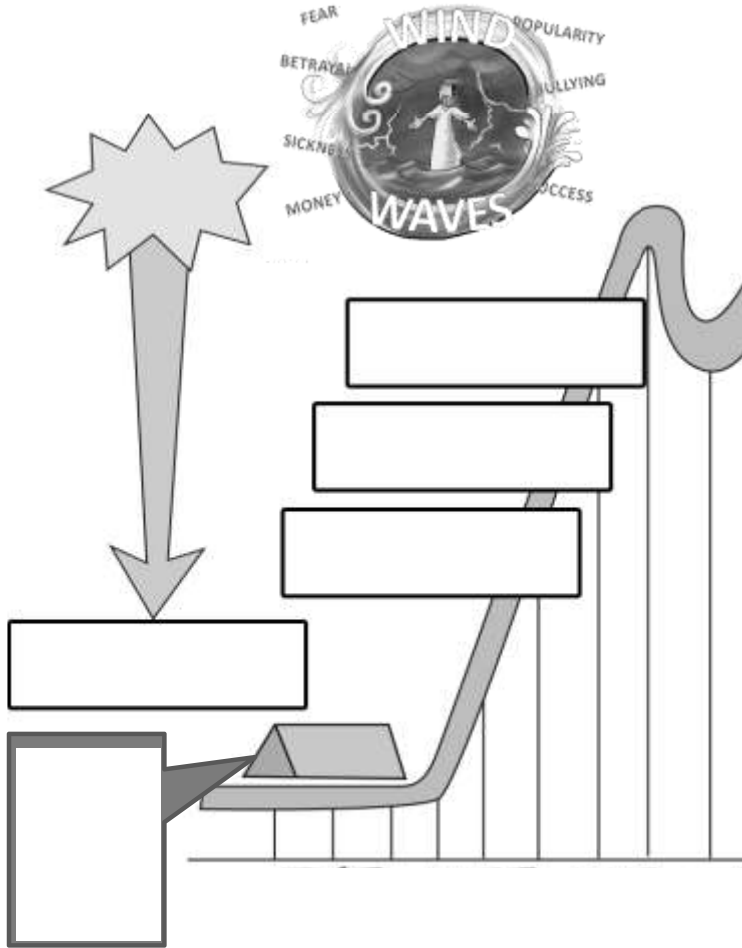


Empire				
Dates ruling Israel				
Contribution to the Fullness of Time				

# Four Views

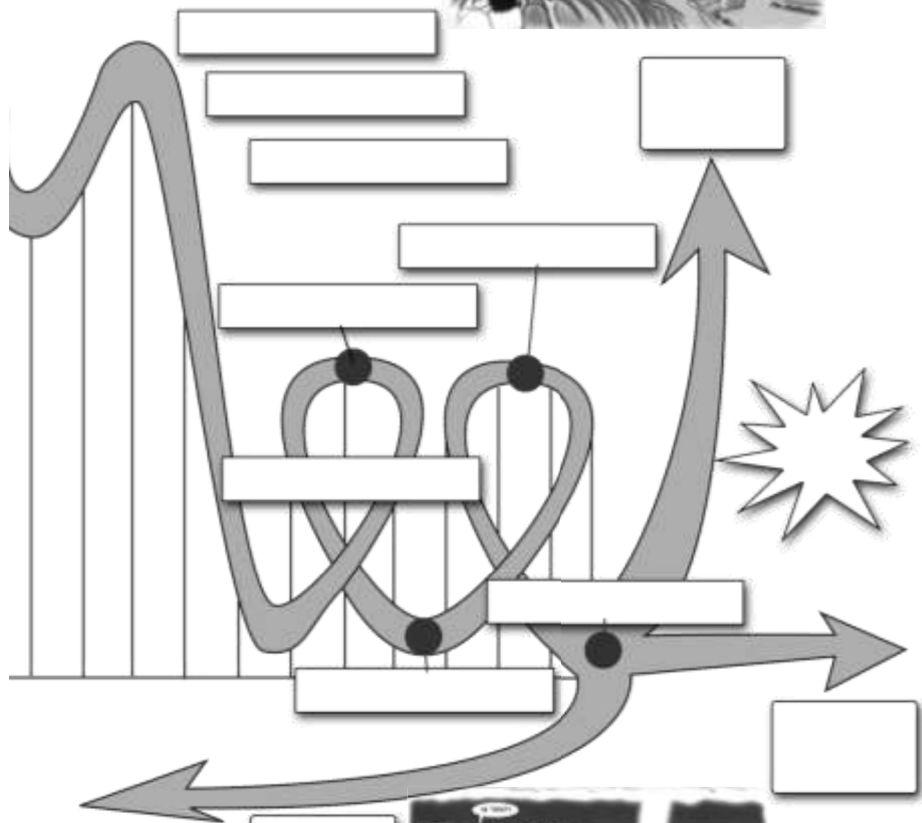


# THE JESUS ROLLER COASTER



## REFLECTION

Which Part of Jesus' Early Life Surprised, Encouraged, or Discouraged You?



## So What?

Jesus' life is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus' death is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus' resurrection is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus' mission is our \_\_\_\_\_.



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# The Big Story: Act Three

The Spirit, the Word, and  
the World

Acts 1:8

You will receive \_\_\_\_\_

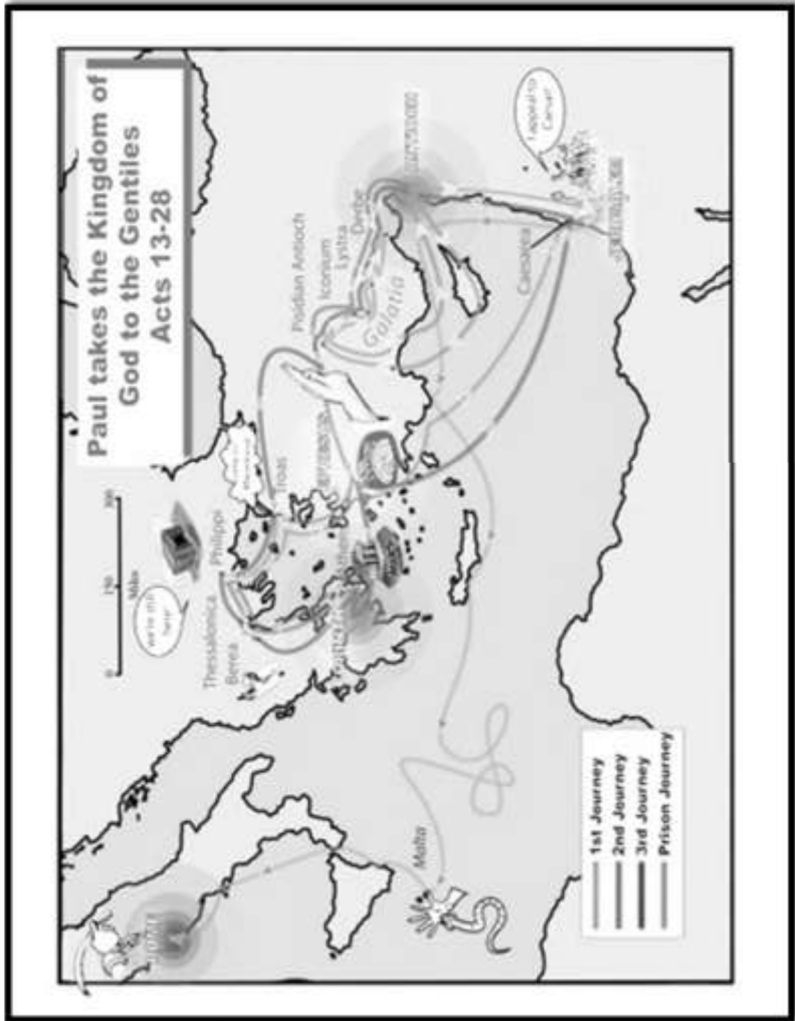
When the \_\_\_\_\_ has come upon you

And you will be my \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_, in all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

And to the \_\_\_\_\_.





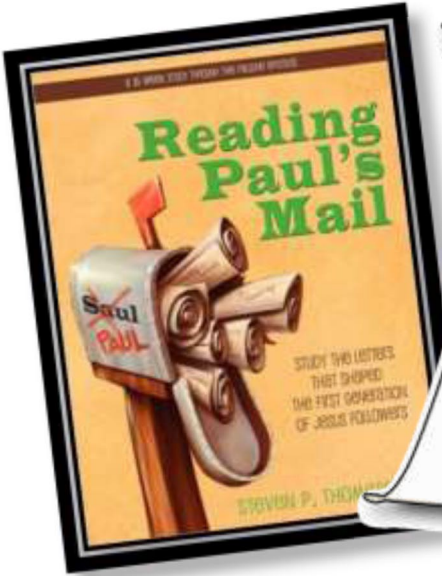
## REFLECTION

Who is your Jerusalem?

Who is your Judea and Samaria?

Who is your ends of the Earth?

# READING OTHER PEOPLE'S MAIL



## PAUL'S LETTERS



### Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

### Paul's Letters in Chronological and Geographical Order

**Scale:** 0, 150, 300 Miles

**Legend:**

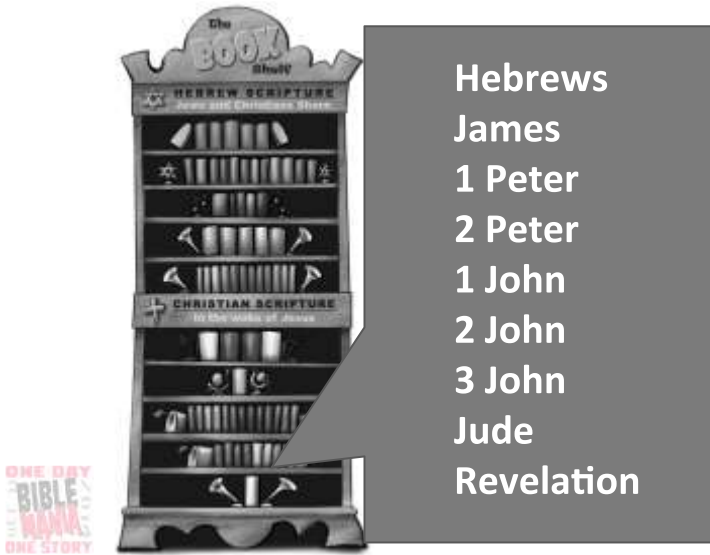
- 1st Journey
- 2nd Journey
- 3rd Journey
- Prison Journey
- After Acts

**Map Labels:** Macedonia, Achaia, Asia, Bithynia, Thessalonica, Berea, Philippi, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Pisidian Antioch, Caesarea, Malta, Tarsus, Antioch, Syria, Cilicia, Pontus, Galatia, Bithynia, Macedonia, Achaia, Asia, Bithynia.

**Letters in Chronological Order:**

Letter	Journey
Galatians	1
1 Thessalonians	2
2 Thessalonians	2
1 Corinthians	1
2 Corinthians	2
Romans	4
Ephesians	4
Philippians	2
Colossians	4
Philemon	4
1 Timothy	4
Titus	4
2 Timothy	4

## GENERAL LETTERS



## SO WHAT?

The Letters give us an example to follow.

The Letters help us understand Jesus better.

The Letters remind us that we are a work in progress.

# ACTS 29

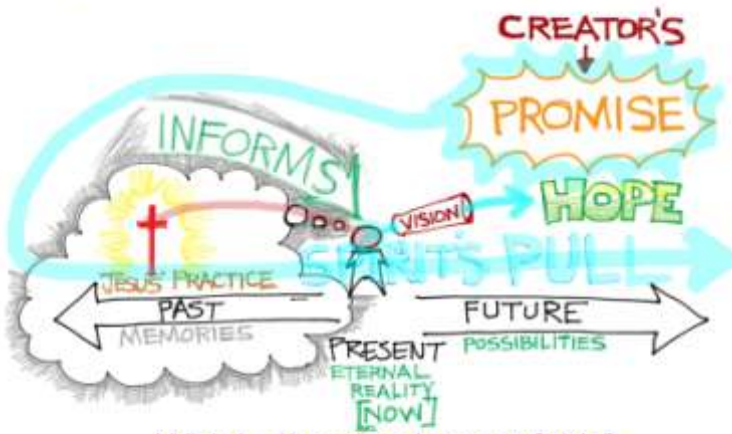
## LISTEN TO GOD

Dwelling...

- In the \_\_\_\_\_
  - God speaks in, with, under, scripture
- In the \_\_\_\_\_
  - God is constantly speaking all things into being. God is speaking EVERYWHERE. The question is...



God's Promised Future shapes our present as we are informed by the past.



Which direction is your faith?

## Reflection

How have you been challenged by Bible Mania?

What are you going to do about it?

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theological doodles at

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