

Rediscovering the story of the Old Testament:

Session 1: The Grand Narrative –Lesson 1

Goal of the course (3)

To understand the overall _____ of the Old Testament so that we read it more clearly.

We will do this by examining the overall _____
(Session 1, 8 weeks)

examining the _____ used in Old Testament
writing (Session 2, 9 weeks)

Course Outline – Session 1(4)

Explore the “The _____
_____” of the Biblical story

See how the Old Testament story, _____ within
the larger story

Lay out _____ and _____ to
fill in the Old Testament details.

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Course Outline - Session 2 (5)

How _____ use of details masks the underlying complexity.

literary styles,

how the church lost touch with our _____ roots

_____ which tie the New and Old Testaments together problem areas:

- Creation,
- _____ in the Old Testament,
- How to reconcile _____ with an all-powerful good God.

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Preamble (6-9)

We all live our lives according to a particular

- what we _____,
- our _____ of life,
- our _____ of how we think the world operates.
- Our _____ determines how we will
 - act,
 - react,
 - take care of ourselves, and treat others

Worldview _____ help us understand

- a _____ world of which we cannot know everything.
- _____ we are and _____ we can fit in it.

All our stories begin in a certain _____ and

What follows is one version of Grand Narrative of the Bible

The Biblical over-arching _____ of how the world works.

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Before the beginning (10-11)

Before the beginning of _____ or time, God intended to make

- Creatures who would bear his _____ and share his _____
- Creatures capable of _____ able to freely and sacrificially give themselves in love to others.

To have the ability to _____ is to have the ability to choose to not _____.

God knew that these creatures would choose to not _____ and turn from Him,

But God made plans to _____ that rebellion and _____ those image-bearing creatures to himself.

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The intended plan (12)

- **The Good** _____: Heaven and Earth joined at the Garden

Humans and all living things will, over time fill the earth

- **The** _____ **and the** _____: Heaven overlaps with the entire earth which is filled with cities and gardens

The interrupted plan (13)

- **The Good Earth:** Heaven and Earth joined at the Garden
- The _____: Heaven and Earth separated
- _____ and the _____: Heaven and Earth joined at the Tabernacle
- The _____ Arrives: Heaven and Earth joined within Jesus
- **Already and** _____: Heaven and Earth joined in His Image-bearers
- **The** _____ **and the** _____: Heaven overlaps with the entire earth which is filled with cities and gardens

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The Good Earth (14)

The good God created a _____ earth

The good God made _____ image-bearing
people with all the creative _____ would reflect
His glory

The good image-bearing people he made would
_____ and _____ the earth

The Rebellion (15)

The image-bearers abused their _____ and
rebelled

The rebellion

- caused everything on the earth to be
_____ including themselves,
- created a _____ between them and the
just God, bringing upon themselves the penalty of
_____.

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Faith and the Law (16)

The good and loving God put in place His plan to

_____ His people and all the earth.

He set aside a _____ people, through whom he
would give laws that would,

- clearly show their _____ to
_____ the broken relationship in their
own power,
- provide a _____ for God, in his power, to
restore their relationship.

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The Kingdom Arrives (17)

God entered the world as a _____,

As a human he took the _____ of that rebellion

upon himself by dying on our behalf.

In His grace He offered, an _____ for people to

leave their rebellion and return to him.

His continuous invitation was, “_____ *for the*

kingdom of heaven has come ... bear _____ in

keeping with repentance”

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Already and Not Yet (18)

Before fully restoring us and all of earth from our corruption, he left us in _____ one more time,

He gave us His _____ and the opportunity to continue the work for which he originally created us.

Although this work is impeded by the _____ of the world, we called to help him _____ in his kingdom, even if only in part, until he comes again

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The City and the Garden (19)

In the fulness of time, Jesus will return to earth in all His

He will then fully transform not just _____ but

the entire _____, removing all the present

corruption.

Heaven will be fully rejoined to earth and we will receive

_____ bodies to live on the

_____ earth.

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