

## 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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slides and other information can be found at  
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