

Biblical Theology

Seeing the Whole Story of Redemption

“Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:27)

The Bible is **not just a collection of isolated stories**—it is **one unified narrative** of God’s redemptive plan.

- 📌 **How does Genesis connect to Revelation?**
- 📌 **How do the Old and New Testaments fit together?**
- 📌 **How does biblical theology help us read Scripture correctly?**

This is where **biblical theology** comes in.

Biblical theology helps us see **how all Scripture points to Christ**, unfolding God’s plan **from creation to new creation**.

Let’s break it down.

What Is Biblical Theology?

Biblical theology is the **study of the Bible as one unified story**.

- ✓ It traces **themes and patterns** across Scripture.
- ✓ It focuses on **how God’s redemptive plan unfolds over time**.
- ✓ It helps us **see Jesus as the central focus of Scripture**.

📖 **John 5:39**

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me.”

💡 **Lesson:** The Bible is not just a rulebook—it is **the unfolding story of Jesus**.

The Grand Narrative of the Bible

Biblical theology follows **the storyline of Scripture**, which can be summarized in six key acts:

Creation (Genesis 1-2)

Genesis 1:31

"And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good."

- ✓ God created the world **perfect and good**.
- ✓ Humanity was made **in God's image** for relationship with Him.


 **Lesson:** The Bible begins with **God's perfect design**.

The Fall (Genesis 3)

Romans 5:12

"Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin."

- ✓ Adam and Eve's sin **brought brokenness, suffering, and death**.
- ✓ The world **is no longer as it should be**.
- ✓ God promises a **Savior (Genesis 3:15)** who will defeat sin.

 **Lesson:** Every problem in the world **stems from sin**.

The Promise (Genesis 12 – Malachi)

Genesis 12:2-3

"I will bless you... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

- ✓ God makes a covenant with **Abraham, Israel, and David**.
- ✓ The Law, sacrifices, and prophecies **point forward to Jesus**.
- ✓ The Old Testament is **filled with shadows of redemption**.

 **Lesson:** The Old Testament **is not disconnected** from the Gospel—it **sets the stage for Christ**.

Redemption (The Gospels: Matthew – John)

Galatians 4:4-5

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son... to redeem those under the law."

- ✓ Jesus is the **promised Messiah** and **Savior of the world**.
- ✓ His life, death, and resurrection **fulfill the Old Testament**.
- ✓ The cross and empty tomb **bring salvation to all who believe**.

 **Lesson: Jesus is the center of the entire biblical story.**

The Church (Acts – Revelation 20)

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

- ✓ The Gospel spreads **to all nations**.
- ✓ The Church is **God's people**, living in the already-but-not-yet.
- ✓ Believers are called to **live as ambassadors of Christ**.

 **Lesson: The Church continues God's mission** until Christ returns.

The New Creation (Revelation 21-22)

Revelation 21:4

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more."

- ✓ God **restores all things**—a new heaven and new earth.
- ✓ Sin, suffering, and death **are forever defeated**.
- ✓ God's people dwell with Him **for eternity**.

 **Lesson: The Bible ends where it began**—in a perfect world with God.

Key Themes in Biblical Theology

Biblical theology connects **major themes** across Scripture:

Kingdom of God

- ✓ The Bible is about **God's reign over creation**.
- ✓ Jesus is the **King who restores God's rule**.

Mark 1:15

"The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel."

The Temple & Presence of God

- ✓ In Eden, God dwelled with humanity.
- ✓ The **Tabernacle, Temple, and Jesus** all reveal God's presence.
- ✓ In the New Creation, **God dwells with us forever**.

Revelation 21:3

"Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man."

Sacrifice & Atonement

- ✓ Animal sacrifices **pointed forward to Christ**.
- ✓ Jesus is the **true Passover Lamb** (John 1:29).

Hebrews 10:12

"But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God."

Why Biblical Theology Matters

✓ 1. It Helps Us Read the Bible Correctly

- ✓ The Bible is **one story, not disconnected lessons.**
- ✓ We must read each passage **in light of the whole.**

✓ 2. It Shows How Jesus Is the Fulfillment of Scripture

📖 Luke 24:44

"Everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

✓ **Jesus is not just in the New Testament—He is the focus of the entire Bible.**

✓ 3. It Strengthens Our Faith in God's Plan

📖 Romans 8:28

"We know that for those who love God all things work together for good."

✓ **Understanding biblical theology deepens our trust in God's sovereignty.**

Common Misconceptions About Biblical Theology

✗ **"The Old Testament Is Not Important for Christians."**

✓ **False—Jesus and the apostles constantly referenced it (Matthew 5:17).**

✗ **"The Bible Is Just a Collection of Moral Lessons."**

✓ **False—The Bible is a unified story about Christ.**

✗ **"The Bible Contradicts Itself."**

✓ **False—Biblical theology shows how all Scripture fits together.**

How to Apply Biblical Theology

✓ 1. Read the Bible as One Story

- ✓ Ask: How does this passage fit into God's redemptive plan?

✓ 2. Look for Jesus in Every Book

- ✓ Christ is the center of the whole Bible.

✓ 3. Let Biblical Theology Shape Your Worldview

- ✓ God is sovereign over history, and His plan is unfolding.

Final Thought: The Bible Is One Unified Story of Redemption

- ✎ Biblical theology helps us see the Bible as a whole, not just pieces.
- ✎ Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise, prophecy, and shadow.
- ✎ God's plan from Genesis to Revelation is about restoring all things in Christ.

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen."
(Romans 11:36)

💬 How has biblical theology helped you understand Scripture better? Let's discuss!

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