

# Week 2 – A Guided Tour of the Bible

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These first few chapters of the Bible set the direction for the rest of it. If we don't understand what's going on in these chapters, we'll be off trajectory for the rest of the Bible. We may pick up important themes here and there, but we'll miss the guiding focus.

Here are things to keep in mind:

## 2 Main Keys to Understanding the Bible

### 1. Find the "AIM" = the Author's Intended Meaning (the original meaning)

This involves both carefully studying the passage in its original context and then relating it to the larger story of Scripture.

### 2. Find how every part of the Bible points to \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ for understanding the whole Bible.

Instead of reading the Bible from the beginning, the reading of the Bible must happen from its central point, outward, toward its edges. We are to look for "Jesus reconciling the world unto God" in every page.

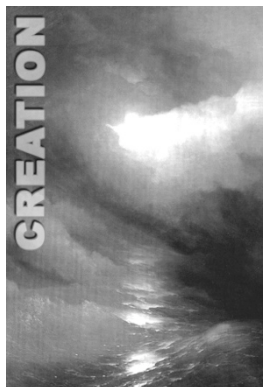
*<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself... <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:25-27, 32).*

**A tool to help you see Jesus in the Old Testament is called \_\_\_\_\_**

A type is an **acted out** prophecy. They show up in many places throughout the Bible.

Types **foreshadow** Jesus. Jesus **fulfills** the type.

## Era / Act 1: “Creation” (Genesis 1—2)



### What Kind of God Is He?

God was establishing His \_\_\_\_\_ over the whole world.

Each day of biblical creation dismisses one of the pagan “gods.”

Day 1, the gods of light and darkness are dismissed.

Day 2, the gods of sky and sea.

Day 3, the earth gods and gods of vegetation.

Day 4, the sun, moon, and star gods.

Days 5 & 6, defeat the ideas of divinity w/in the animal kingdom – humans aren’t gods, but are made in the image of God.

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God created you not to get joy, but to give it. Relationships of love are what life is really all about.

### God’s Kingdom as It was Meant to Be

Recall the most beautiful place you’ve been. Eden was more beautiful.

Remember the most accepted and loved you’ve ever felt. Adam and Eve felt it more.

Think of when you were closest to God. Adam and Eve were closer.

Perfect relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

Perfect relationship with \_\_\_\_\_

Perfect relationship with \_\_\_\_\_



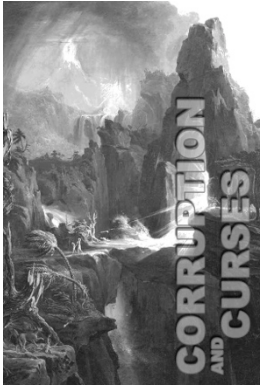
### Seeing Jesus in Creation

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_

“Let US make mankind in our image, in OUR likeness.” (Emphasis added) Genesis 1:26

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. (John 1:1-4)

## Era / Act 2: "Corruption and Curses" (Genesis 3—11)



Satan distorts God's \_\_\_\_\_

Satan doubts God's \_\_\_\_\_

Satan denies God's \_\_\_\_\_

### The Consequences:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Curses:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Seeing Jesus – the Serpent Crusher

Genesis 3:15. This is the first promise of a coming rescuer. It is an astonishing foreshadowing of the crucifixion:

Conflict between Satan and God

Humanity's long battle with Satan

Redemption of Humanity

Incarnation of God (in the form of a man)

Suffering of Christ

Total victory over Satan

(Genesis 4—11: The generations that follow Adam and Eve growing increasingly corrupt. Instead of creating a culture that reflects God's rule, they do everything to make themselves great – write their own rules. It is as though Genesis 3 reoccurs over and over again, but at each stage God shows mercy by stepping into the situation and ensuring that His plan to restore His Kingdom.)

### Era / Act 3: “Covenant and Commands” (Genesis 12—Exodus)



Even though virtually everyone rebelled against God, God did not give up on us. In order to save us and renew His creation and Kingdom, God chose to work through one man, leading to one family, leading to one nation, leading to one Savior.

#### The Promise

When it comes to the plot line, an important passage in the Bible is Genesis 12:2-3.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

(God continues to reaffirm and amplify this promise to Abraham throughout his life. You can read another example of this in *Genesis 17:1-10*)

#### The “Sacrifice” of Isaac

Another important event in the life of Abraham and in the plot line of the Bible is in Genesis 22. God is showing Abraham (in dramatic fashion) what He is like. He is not like the pagan “gods” (e.g. Moloch). The point of this story is that this is \_\_\_\_\_ what God wants. God will make the sacrifice.

#### Gen. 22:1-2, 7-8, 11-15

<sup>1</sup> Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”  
“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

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<sup>7</sup> Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.  
“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

<sup>8</sup> Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”  
And the two of them went on together.

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<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.  
<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Isaac Is a Foreshadow of Jesus	Jesus Is a Fulfillment of Isaac
Miraculous birth—parents too old to conceive. (Gen. 17:17; 18:10-15)	Miraculous birth—from a virgin. (Matt. 1:18-25)
Isaac is called “one and only son” (Gen. 22:2 and Heb. 11:17)	Jesus is called “one and only son” (John 1:18; 3:16)
Isaac carried wood for his own sacrifice (Gen. 22:6).	Jesus carried His own wooden cross that He would be sacrificed on (John 19:17-18).
Permitted himself to be sacrificed Isaac (Gen. 22:5-12)	Permitted himself to be sacrificed Isaac (John 10:17-18)
The sacrifice of Isaac was on Mount Moriah, which is now Jerusalem. (Gen. 22:1-2)	Moriah was located on a hill that later was named Jerusalem. Jesus was crucified just outside the Jerusalem walls. (Mark 15:22)
God will provide lamb (Gen. 22:8)	Jesus is the lamb (John 22:8)
When God stopped Abraham from slaying his son, Abraham considered that God raised him from the dead (Heb.11:19)	God raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 6:4)