

Bible Overview (1 of 4)



Introduction

What unites the Bible?

- One God
- One Author (2 Timothy 3:16)
- One Subject (2 Timothy 3:15)
- One eternal plan (Ephesians 1:3-6)

1. The Pattern of the Kingdom: Creation (Genesis 1-2)

The Trinitarian God (Genesis 1:1-3)

- Father
- Spirit
- Word

God and creation

- Eternal? Irrelevant?
- Materialism... Gnosticism... Dualism... Pantheism... Deism... Monism...

The Image of God (Genesis 1:26-31)

Five aspects

- Mental
- Moral
- Social
- Verbal
- Spiritual

Our role – all about relationships:

- With God: Rest – Sabbath in Paradise (1:27;2:1-14)
- With Creation: Rule (1:26-30; 2:15-20)
- With each other: Reproduce (1:28; 2:15-25)

The Kingdom of God

- People
- Place
- Presence

Perfect, but incomplete...

2. The Perished Kingdom: from Eden to Babel (Genesis 3-11)

Sin

- Distort God's word (vv. 1-3)
- Doubt God's word (v. 4)
- Deny God's goodness (v. 5)
- Desire God's position (v. 6a)
- Disobey God's word (v. 6b)
- Disruption of all relationships (God -> Man -> Woman -> Animals)

The Downward Spiral

- Cain and Abel (4:8)
- Genealogies: "... and then he died" (5:5, etc.)
- Noah's contemporaries (6:5-7)
- Babel (11:4)

No longer God's people

————> now God's enemies

No longer in God's place

————> now in a world of sin and death

No longer enjoying God's presence

————> now living cut off from God's good rule and blessing

Hints of Grace