

### 3 aims of doing a Bible Overview

- ⇒ Understand the shape of the Bible (Information)
- ⇒ Worship the God of the Bible (transformation)
- ⇒ Declare the message of the Bible (communication)

### 3 reasons for doing a Bible Overview

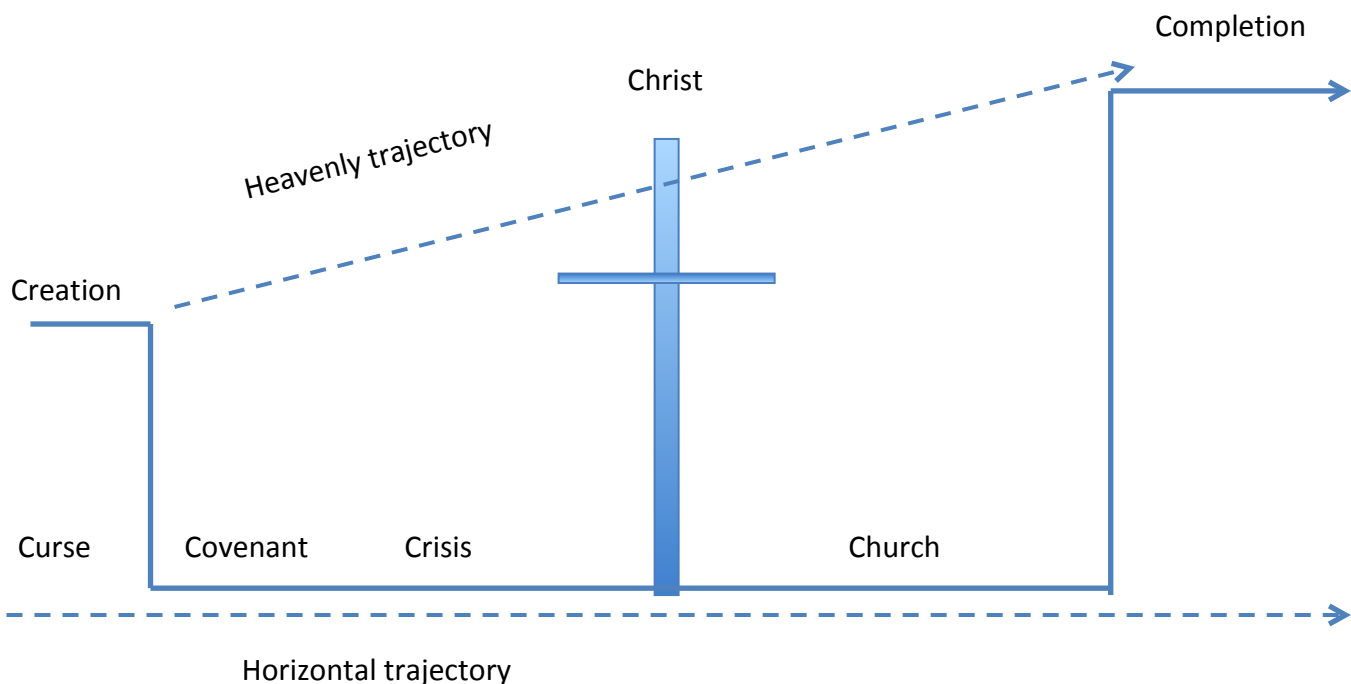
- ⇒ The Bible is complex – we need the big picture
- ⇒ The Bible is progressive – we need the storyline
- ⇒ The Bible is ancient – we need the explanation

### 3 assumptions in doing a Bible Overview

- ⇒ 1 divine author – the Spirit of God
- ⇒ 1 central character – the Son of God
- ⇒ 1 main theme – the Kingdom of God

The message of the Bible:

The shape of the Bible:



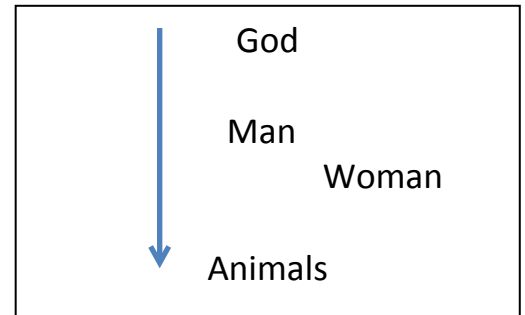
## CREATION

## Genesis 1-2

**Key passage:** Genesis 1:26-2:3

⇒ **God is the creator**

⇒ **We are the creatures**



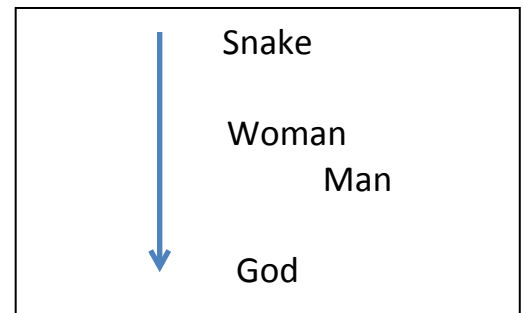
## CURSE

## Genesis 3

**Key passage:** Genesis 3:1-19

⇒ **Sin is a disaster**

⇒ **God is the deliverer**



## COVENANT

## Genesis 12

**Key passage:** Genesis 12:1-3

⇒ **God is gracious**

⇒ **God is great**

⇒ **The people are in slavery and need rescuing** (Exodus)

**Key passage:** Exodus 12

⇒ **The people are in sin and need cleansing** (Leviticus)

**Key passage:** Leviticus 16

⇒ **The people are in the wilderness and need settling** (Numbers-Joshua)

**Key passage:** Joshua 6

⇒ **The people are in chaos and need leading** (Judges-1 Kings)

**Key passage:** 2 Samuel 7

⇒ **The people are in exile and need reminding** (2 Kings-Malachi)

**Key passage:** Jeremiah 31

How does this part of the Bible story point us to Jesus?

## CHRIST

**Matthew-John**

**Key passage:** John 19

**Jesus is the true**

- ⇒ Adam
- ⇒ Abraham
- ⇒ Israel
- ⇒ Temple
- ⇒ Priest
- ⇒ Sacrifice
- ⇒ Prophet
- ⇒ King

This Jesus  
taught about the Kingdom &  
died to open the way in to the Kingdom

## CHURCH

**Acts – Revelation 20**

**Key passage:** Ephesians 2-4

- ⇒ God builds his church
  
- ⇒ With his word
  
- ⇒ By his Spirit
  
- ⇒ Through his people

## COMPLETION

**Revelation 21-22**

**Key passage:** Revelation 21:1-8

Sin will be gone

Jesus will be here

We will be home

The message of the Bible is: