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Tracing the Storyline of the Bible

1. **Creation** *(Genesis 1-2)*

   *God who creates the universe with a special garden and people, which is a pattern for His Kingdom.*

   Gen 1:26-31; 2:15-17

2. **Rebellion** *(Genesis 3-11)*

   *Human rebellion against their King, which is the cause for all that is broken.*

   Genesis 3:8-11; 6:5

3. **Initiation** *(Genesis 12 - Malachi)*

   *God initiates the plan of redemption in the choosing of OT Israel as a means of bringing it to reality.*

   Gen 12:1-3

   **A. People** *(Genesis 12 - Deuteronomy)*

   *Choosing of a people through whom ultimate redemption for all of creation would come.*

   Ex 19:5-6
B. Kingdom (Joshua - Song of Solomon)

Giving of the Kingdom to the people of Israel, who are unable to live according to its design and lose it.

1 Kings 9:1-9

C. Promises (Isaiah - Malachi)

Proclaiming a message of judgment for sin and hope of redemption to Israel and rest of the world.

Isaiah 2:1-5
Mal 4:5-6

4. Redemption (Matthew - John)

Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, is the zenith of God's story, because in him and through him redemption is accomplished.

Mat 1:20-23


Jesus redeems a people whom He entrusts with the proclamation of His message by the power of His Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:6-11

A. Pattern (Acts)

The first churches are a pattern for how all churches are to live out the mission that has been entrusted to them by their King.

Acts 2:40-44

B. Message (Romans - Jude)

The first leaders of these churches outline for all our beliefs, practices, and message to the rest of the world is.

1 Cor 15:1-5
6. Fulfilment (Revelation)

God’s fulfillment of all that was promised and hoped for in the final purging of all evil and beginning of the perfect never ending kingdom of God and His people together.

Revelation 1:1-3; 21:1-8

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