



Knowing How Your Entire Bible Fits Together

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BIG IDEA

The whole Bible is one unfolding promise — and every era of Scripture reveals more of it until Christ returns to fulfill it all.

OUTLINE

This sermon teaches me to...

1. See God's promise launched through Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3).
2. Trust God's promise even when the timing isn't mine (Acts 1:6-7).
3. Track God's promise across each era of Scripture (the Six Eras: Relationship, Conscience, Government, Promise, Law, Church).
4. Watch God's promise reach its climax in the coming Kingdom (Rev. 19-20).

CALL TO RESPOND

1. Trace your place in God's unfolding story.
2. Rest in what never changes — the gospel basis of forgiveness in every era.
3. Watch for growing clarity — read the Bible expecting revelation to build.
4. Live in light of the climax — proclaim His coming.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Before coming to group, take a few minutes to sketch a simple timeline of the six eras (Relationship, Conscience, Government, Promise, Law, Church). Where do you see the same pattern — statute, subversion, judgment, mercy — repeat in each one? Come prepared to share.
2. Why do you think God changes how He relates to His people across history, even though He Himself never changes? What does that reveal about His patience?
3. If every era in Scripture ends the same way — humanity failing what God gave them — how should that shape the way you read your own life and choices today?
4. We're told we're near the climax of it all, waiting for Christ's physical reign on earth. How does that hope change the way you live and speak about Him this week?

DIRECT APPLICATION

1. Are you tempted to treat any single "era" of the Bible — like the Law — as the whole story, instead of seeing how it points forward to Christ? a. If you see the whole story clearly, share how that shapes your reading of the Old Testament. b. If you tend to get stuck in one part of the Bible, confess that as a gap in seeing the full picture, and commit to reading with the whole story in view. c. As a group, commit to helping each other connect the dots — encouraging those who see it clearly to teach it, and helping those who are stuck to zoom out.
2. Share with your group one place in your life where you're still trying to "eliminate, separate, or legislate" your way to change, instead of trusting God to regenerate your heart.