



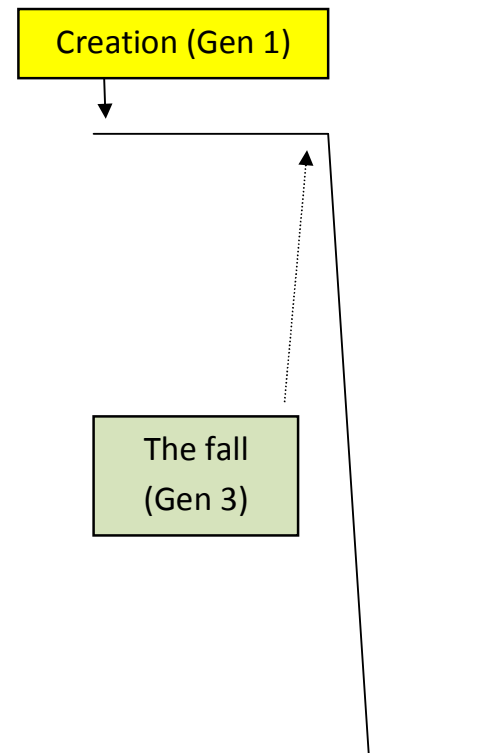
Masterplan

The unfolding purposes of God
in the whole Bible

Session 2
Genesis 4-Deuteronomy 34

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By the end of chapter 3 the situation is that God's **people** are expelled from his **place** and are living under his **rule** of judgment not blessing but with a promise for the future.



The pattern of Genesis 3:

- Rebellion
- Judgment
- Hope

Who are we waiting for?

Genesis 4

- Look through Genesis 4:1-16. What is the shock in this passage?

- What happens? Having read these this far how do we feel about what God does?

- Look at Genesis 6:22-7:10. Who is Noah like? Why?

- Thinking about God's people, God's place and God's rule or blessing where are we up to with those now?

Genesis 5

- What is the repeated refrain?

Genesis 6-10

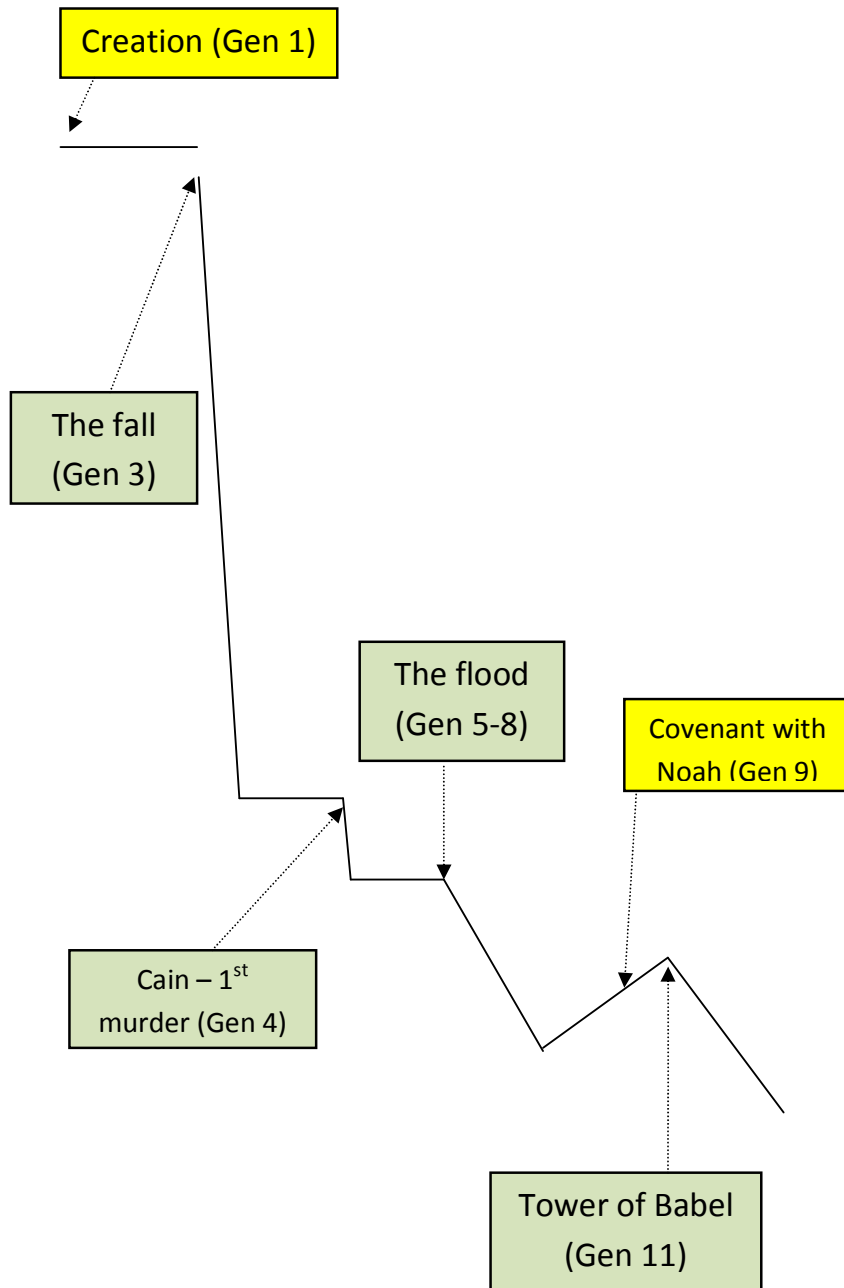
"The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."

Genesis 6:5

- According to Gen 6:8-9 who is the exception to this? Having read this far what does seeing that there is someone righteous make us hope for?

The flood recedes and God makes an amazing promise to (covenant with) Noah (Genesis 9:8-16).

- What happens next in Genesis 9:18-23. What bit of the Bible we have already looked at does this remind you of? What does that tell us about the human problem?



Genesis 11

Look at Genesis 11:1-4.

- What do the people want to do?
- Thinking about what has happened in the previous chapters why might they want to do this?
- What does this tell us about their relationship to God?

The judgment:

Notice the repeated pattern:

	Rebellion	Judgment	Hope
Gen 4:1-5:32	Cain murders Abel	God drives Cain away	Eve gives birth to Seth and many generations follow him
Gen 6:4-9:17	Great human wickedness	The flood	God rescues Noah and his family
Gen 11:1-12:7	People want to make themselves great	God scatters them and confuses their language	Promise to Abraham

Summary: *By Genesis 11 there are no people discernable as God's people, there is no place where people are experiencing God's blessing and there seems to be no sign of the serpent crusher.*

Genesis 12:1-3

What does this passage tell us about:

- God's people?
- God's place?
- God's blessing?

- How does Abraham get this blessing (Genesis 15:6)?

A smooth road from here on in – no way!

Chapter 12: Abraham pretends his wife Sarah is his sister and gets himself into real trouble.

Chapter 14: Abraham rescues lots of people and possessions for some pagan kings – the nations are being blessed through him.

Chapter 16: ancient Abraham finally has a son – by sleeping with his wife's servant.

Chapter 20: Abraham pretends Sarah is his sister (again!) and brings a curse of God on another nation.

Chapter 21: Abraham has a son through Sarah (Isaac).

Chapter 25: Isaac has two sons (Esau and Jacob).

Chapter 27: They fall out and Esau despises his inheritance and, effectively, leaves the family.

Chapter 29-30 Jacob has 12 children.

Chapter 37: Eleven of them sell the twelfth (Joseph) to slavery.

Chapter 41-50: Joseph becomes Prime Minister of Egypt, forgives his brothers for their wickedness to him and provides food for the entire family of over 70 people during a long famine.

Jacob dies in Egypt and is buried in a coffin.

Exodus

Read Exodus 1:6-10.

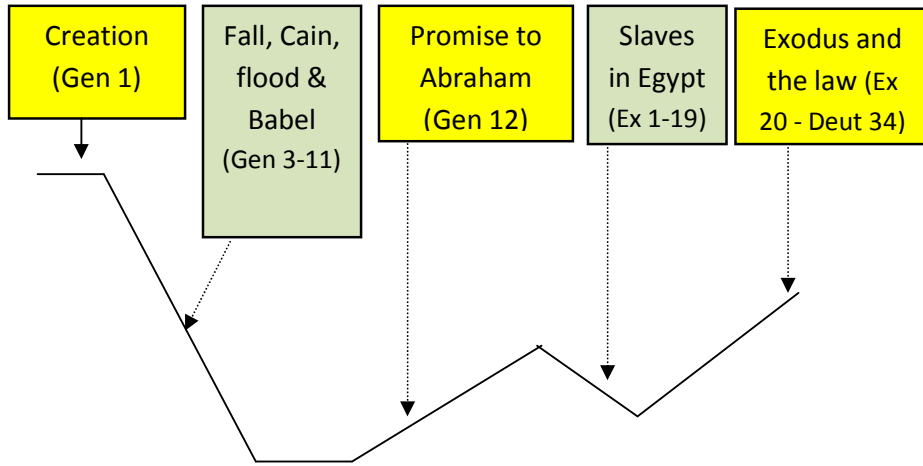
- *Thinking about God's people, God's land and God's blessing how are things going by the beginning of Exodus?*

Read Exodus 2:11-13

- *What are the two problems the Israelites have?*

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Read Exodus 12:3, 6-7, 12-13.

- What is God's solution to these two problems?

Exodus – Deuteronomy

- Exodus & Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

At the end of the book of Deuteronomy **God's people are numerous, they are on the edge of the land he promised and are experiencing the blessing of living in relationship with God and obeying his law. However they are still regularly under his judgment for sin and the serpent crusher has not come. The kingdom of God has only partly arrived.**