



Seeing Scripture's 'BIG PICTURE'

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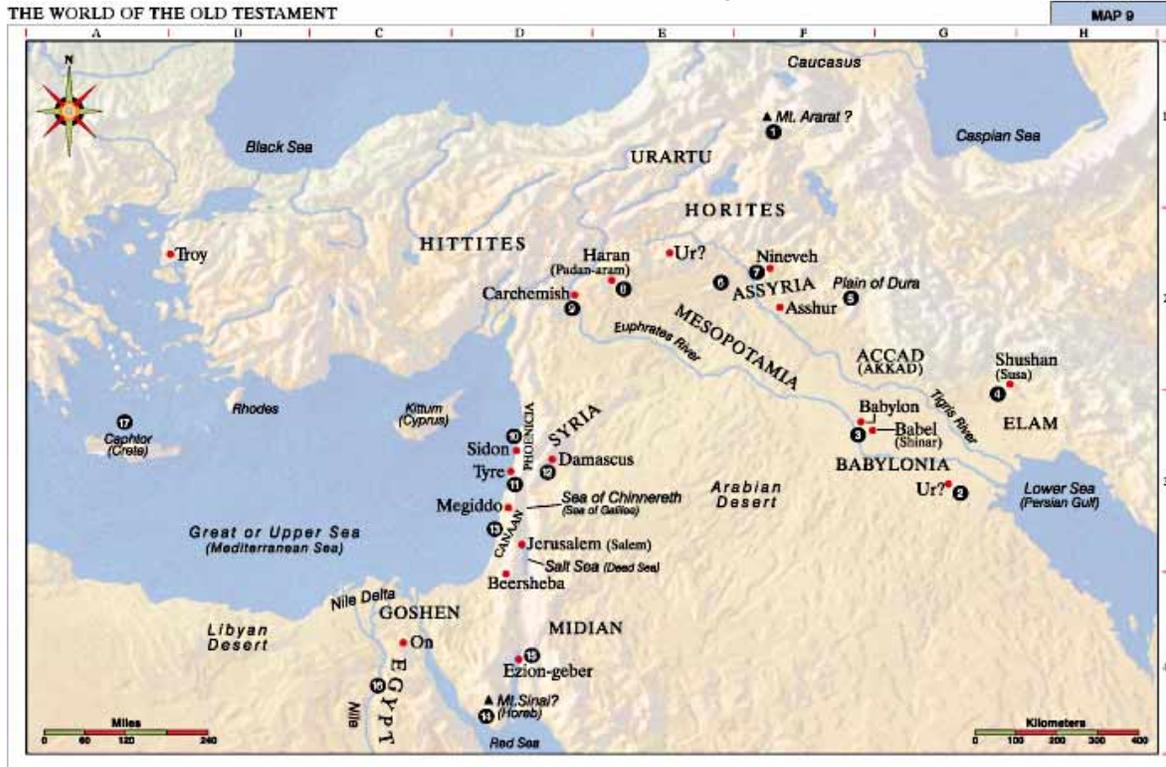
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Think, talk and walk through it...



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I Introduction: Prolegomenon for Seeing Scripture's Big Picture

A. Sources of Human Knowledge

Primary sources: limited understanding

Reason – context = family, city, country of origin and influence

Experience – personal circles of immediate influence

Culture – external shaping of mind, habits, emotions, choices, priorities

Eternal sources: not subject to limits

General Revelation: truth about God through creation Psalm 19; Romans 1

Special Revelation– truth written in God's Word by God's Spirit that reveals and upholds His Living Word, the **Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord, King.**

B Essentials Truths from Scripture

God revealed Himself in a _____ and gradual way – He unfolded more and more about Himself over _____ (1500 years; 40 authors)

God's Word is completely _____ and completely _____. 1 Peter 1:21

God's Word harmoniously traces _____ from Genesis to Revelation - called salvation _____ - around the person and work of Jesus Christ: CHRIST JESUS is CENTRAL – the HUB around which all connects

God's Word has been _____ in spite of persecution, perversion, criticism, abuse and passing of time

God's Word contains unique _____: over ¼ is prophetic; the rest cover facts from heaven to hell, divine to demonic, past to future eternity

God's Word is exclusive in its product, profoundly _____ culture, thought and history, dominating art/music/morality/oratory/law/politics/philosophy and literature of Western Civilization!

C Five Ways to think through Scripture's Big Picture

* **Chronologically**–by stages of people and events: The stages are: (Eternity Past) **Primordial, Patriarchal, Theocracy** (Exodus/Conquest/Rebellion)

United Monarchy (Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon) **Divided Monarchy** (Rehoboam, Jeroboam) **Exile (722, 605, 596, 587), Restoration** (Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah)

(400 Silent years) Gospel, Epistles, Kingdom (Eternity Future: New Heavens; New Earth)

* **Geographically**–places and movements – beginning with Early Days of Civilization to the whole World (continents, cities, land, mountains, seas)

* **Historically:** nations, politics, kingdoms – Genesis 1-11 (many nations)
Genesis 12: Malachi (ONE nation ISRAEL - among the Gentiles)

* **Literarily**—according to **literary genre:** books are divided into groupings

OT: 5 - books of Law (Torah, Pentateuch)
12 - History
5 - Poetry/Wisdom
5 - Major Prophets
12 - Minor Prophets

NT: 4 - Gospel
1 - History
21 - Epistles (13, 7, 1 unknown)
1 - Historical/Fulfilled Prophecy/Eschatological)

* **Theologically (Thematic) - OT** emphasizes God's Name, God's Covenants with Israel; God's 'ordained offices' in Israel: Prophet, Priest, Judge, King; - **NT** fulfills *some* OT prophecies for Israel, church, future; unfolds New Covenant for believing Jews/Gentiles, emphasizes church (life & leadership) u

II CREATION to BABEL: Genesis 1–11(**Primeval:** Adam to the Nations)

A. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen. 1:1-5

- ONE Essential God: 1:1; 2:2,3; 3:15
- TWO human beings:
- THREE important men:
- FOUR significant events:
- FIVE accounted for:

B. FIRSTS: *humans created:*

marriage ordained, representatives sin, promise of the Messiah (G 3:15), human born, murderer exposed, human dies, human not to die (raptured), oldest human to die, human religions (fig leaves, man-made tower, idols), divine redemption, divine judgments; *animals:* a serpent, a raven, a dove

Conclusions regarding early civilization

- * subtlety of Satan (misrepresents God compelling doubt)
- * sin of Adam and Eve (unbelief)
- * God's grace in redemption (coats skin to cover nakedness)
- * evidence of sinful heart (jealousy, hatred, scheming, murder)
- * men begin to call on the Name of the Lord (Seth's son Enosh)
- * godly seed established (Enoch walked with God and raptured)
- * God raises up *the righteous* amid evil men (Noah and the wicked)
- * God's Spirit strives but will not let men sin successfully (flood)
- * Salvation comes through the flood in the safety of the Ark (Noah+)
- * man's arrogance establishes 'self-first religion' (Babel)
- * God's judgment (scattering) establishes *origin of nations* (languages)