

SELF-FEEDER

"The Story of Scripture "
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Four ideas...

1. THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE AND THE PLOT OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 13:7-8

Exodus 32:32

Genesis 3:15

Have you ever thought of Scripture in this way — the first two and the last two chapters have a startling resemblance? In Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 21-22 we see humanity living without sin, in a perfect place, and in unbridled fellowship with the Lord. There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible. The 1,185 chapters in between the first two and the last two tell about the way the Lord purchased a people for himself through the life and death of his Son.

2. THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE AND A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

- A. Where Did I Come From?
- B. What's Wrong with The World?
- C. What Is The Solution?
- D. What's Our Purpose?

3. THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE AND THE GENRES OF SCRIPTURE

- A. Law
- B. History of Israel
- C. Wisdom Literature
- D. Prophecy
- E. Gospels

F. History of the Early Church

G. Epistles

H. Apocalyptic Literature

The Lord chose many different styles of literature to beautifully tell of the work of his Son. Though written by around 40 people over the span of approximately 5,000 years, the Bible has one magnificent theme. As we delve into the different genres of the Bible, we should always remember that they all contribute to a single story — the Lord redeeming a special people for himself through Jesus.

4. THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE ACCORDING TO JESUS

“There is a noticeable tendency among many who are self-taught to peddle obscure views as if they are central and important...The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” **Robert Letham**

John 5:39

John 8:56

Luke 24:27

“My friends, we are not meant to understand all we read in the Scriptures. It is beyond us. Our minds are too small, and we are born in sin. We come to this as little children, not to comprehend it all, but to worship and to praise, and to receive it.” **Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Can you think of a favorite movie that has a “ruin and redemption” plot? What parallels does the storyline of that movie have with the story of Scripture?
2. Jesus is the big story of the Bible? Unfortunately, some miss this reality. What do some people mistakenly think the Bible is all about?
3. How does seeing Jesus as the big story of the Bible change how you read and study the Bible?
4. Can you think of some Old Testament stories that, though don't mention Jesus explicitly, they teach themes related to Jesus' redemption in an implicit (implied) way?