



# GOD'S STORY: THE DRAMA & PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION

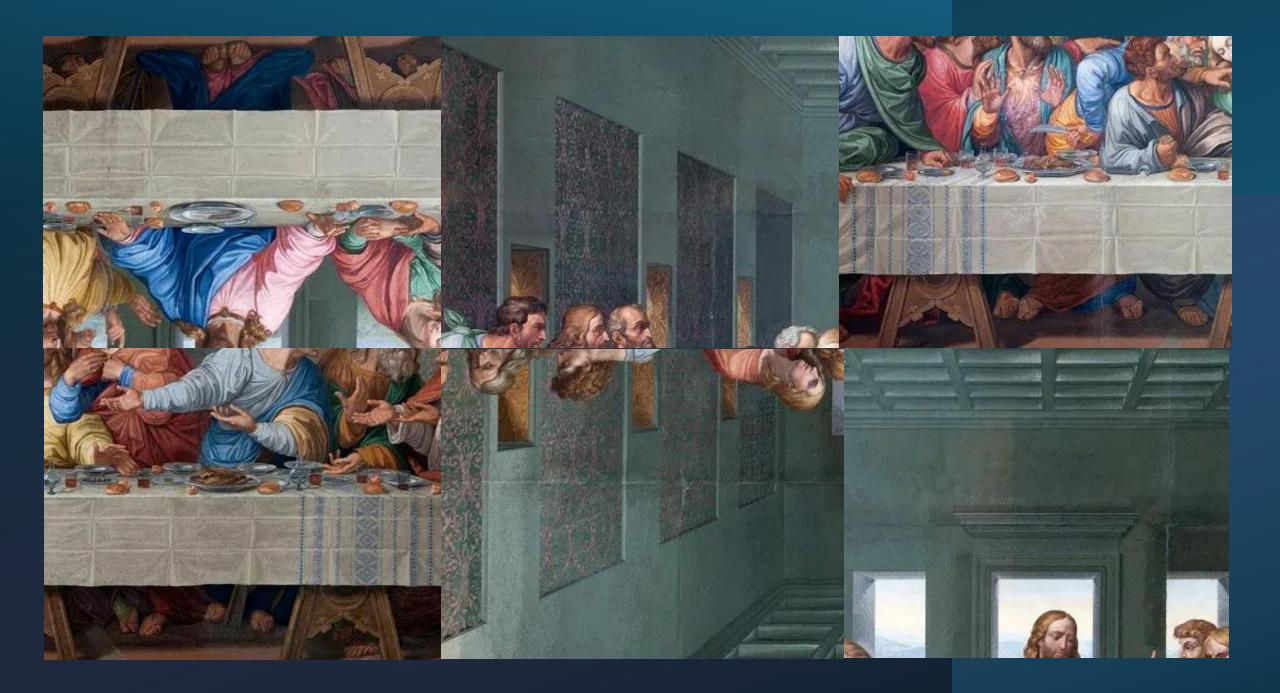














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#### It can also be an *intimidating* book!

- 66 books
- written over 1,600 yrs.
- 40+ writers
- Many genres
- Ancient history
- Foreign customs





#### GOD'S STORY:

## THE DRAMA & PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION

The Unity and Grandeur of the Greatest Story!

#### "Prologue": ???

- 1. Creation
- 2. Fall
- 3. First murder
- 4. Flood
- 5. Tower



Genesis 1-11

## "Prologue": The NEED for Salvation

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ACT ONE:
PREPARATION FOR
SALVATION

#### **Genesis** 12:1-3

#### Land ~ Nation ~ Blessing



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To fill the earth with people who love Him.



# Scene 1: God Prepares a People



#### Patriarchs to Joseph

No land; not yet a nation; but beginning to be a blessing!



#### Joseph to Moses

People! ... a Nation (at Sinai), but no land.



Genesis 12 – 1 Kings 10

#### Joshua to Judges to Saul, David, & Sol.

Land!

They've become a great nation!

And the world is blessed!



Genesis 12 – 1 Kings 10

# Scene 2: God Punishes His People



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- 1. God splits the nation.
- 2. God scatters the nation.
  - N. to exile in 722 B.C.
  - S. to exile in 586 B.C.



# Scene 3: God Pursues His People



### God restores the nation to prepare for Messiah.



Neh. 1:8-9, "Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples,...



Neh. 1:8-9, "...but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there."

#### 400 "Silent" Years







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ACT TWO:

PROVISION OF SALVATION
AND IT'S PROCLAMATION

## Scene 1: God Purchases a People



the Gospels

# Scene 2: God Preserves & Multiplies His People



Acts & Church History



# GOD'S STORY ACT THREE: CONSUMMATION OF

INSUMMATION OF SALVATION

# God Gathers & Dwells Among His People



Rev. 21:3, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

#### God's Ultimate Goal:



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