

# Bible Overview Series

## Week 1: The Plotline of the Bible

Why do people like to start at the beginning of a (book, TV or movie) series? How might those feelings relate to reading the Bible?

### Read Genesis 1:26-28.

1. According to these verses at the beginning of the Bible, who created mankind, and what is mankind made to do?

### Read Genesis 3.

2. If the created 'order' of things is **God** → **Humanity** → **Creation** in Genesis 1, how does mankind change that order in these verses?

3. What does God do about this change in the order of creation?

### Read Genesis 12:1-3.

4. If God's design for the world is **God** → **Humanity** → **Creation**, is that reflected in the promises God has made to Abraham?

5. These promises to Abraham are the **plan** that shapes the whole Old Testament. Do you think the **plan** will be successful? Why or why not?

### Read Jeremiah 32:30-41.

6. You could argue that this is the climax of the Old Testament. How has the **plan** turned out (30-35)?

So has the **plan** changed (38-41)?

### Read Matthew 26:36-46.

7. In verses 38, 39 and 42, how does Jesus seem to feel about God's **plan**? What might you have done if you were in His place?

8. How do we see God's original 'order' in Jesus at this moment?

### Read II Timothy 2:11-13.

9. What does Jesus mean for us and God's Genesis-1-plan?

### Read Revelation 21:1-3.

10. These are some of the last verses in the Bible. How are they similar to what we read in some of the first few verses (Gen. 1:26-28)?

11. What happened to God's **plan**? And what is the 'order' of Creation, Humanity and God in these verses?