

HOW TO USE **GOD'S BIG PICTURE**

9 UNITS

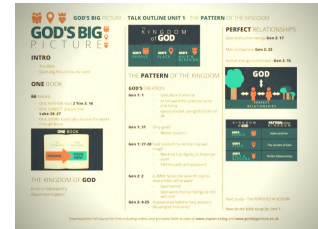
VIDEO



10 minute video with Vaughan Roberts each covering a stage in the Bible's story



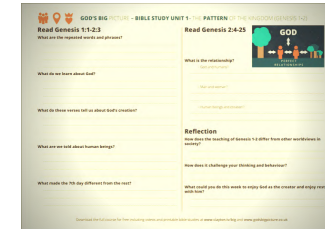
TALK OUTLINE



For scribbling extra notes as you watch Vaughan

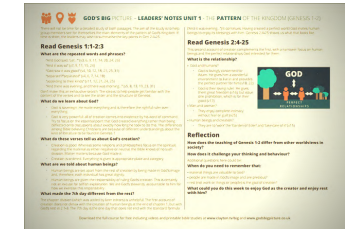
3 PRINTABLES

BIBLE STUDY



Hour long study on a Bible passage related to Vaughan's video

LEADERS' NOTES



Answers and helpful comments about the Bible study questions

(Each printable is 1 sheet of A4 and will print happily as colour or black and white)

WHAT IS THE GOD'S BIG PICTURE COURSE?

It's a totally free Bible overview course tracing the story of the whole Bible, taught by Vaughan Roberts. Each of the nine units takes 1- 1 1/2 hours to do.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone who wants to see more deeply how the whole Bible fits together and understand each passage better in the light of the whole book.

HOW COULD I USE IT?

- In a mid-week group at church, such as a home group
- As an individual watching online
- In a one to one Bible study with a new Christian or someone investigating Christianity
- As an intensive training course on a weekend away

HOW TO DOWNLOAD (for the non techy)

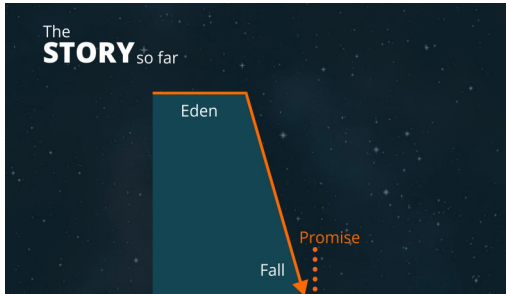
- You can watch all the videos online at www.clayton.tv/big but if you want to play them offline (e.g. in a group setting) download by clicking on the red link under the video. It could take 30 minutes to download them all (at average download speed, 10Mbps).
- Right click to extract the zipped files (or double click on a Mac). There are 10 video files (9 units and an intro).
- Simply double click to play the video files (using the video player on your computer - or install a player e.g. VLC player from www.videolan.org).
- If you want to watch in a group - connect your computer to a TV or projector using an HDMI cable.
- All the printables download as PDF files in the same way.



GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR

THE PROMISE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD



THE PARTIAL KINGDOM

Where we're going in unit 4 and 5

PARTIAL KINGDOM	
GOD'S PEOPLE	Genesis 12 - Exodus 18
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	Exodus 19 - Leviticus
GOD'S PLACE	Numbers - Joshua
GOD'S KING	Judges - 2 Chronicles

GOD'S PEOPLE: GENESIS 12 - EXODUS 18

GOD'S PEOPLE: The Promise

'I will make you into a great nation' **Gen 12: 2**
Abraham – Isaac – Jacob – Joseph

GOD'S PEOPLE: The Partial Fulfilment
Abraham and his descendants **Gen 12 - 50**

Redemption from slavery in Egypt **Exo 1- 18**
The God who saves **Exo 2: 23- 24**

- The burning bush: 'I AM WHO I AM' **Exo 3:14**
- God is the hero of every story
- The bible is a book about God

SALVATION BY SUBSTITUTION Exo 12

SALVATION BY CONQUEST Exo 14



GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING: EXODUS 19 – LEVITICUS

GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING: The Promise
'I will bless you' **Gen 12:2**

GOD'S RULE AND BLESSING: The Partial Fulfilment

God's law- The Ten Commandments **Exo 20**

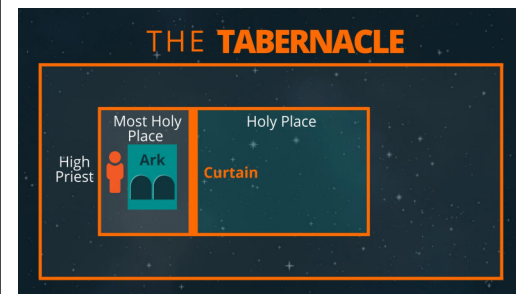
SALVATION COMES BEFORE THE LAW

- God's law reveals our sin **Rom 3: 20**
- God's law reveals our saviour **Gal 3: 24**
- God's law reveals his standards **Matt 5:19**

God's presence: The Tabernacle **Exo 25-31; 35-40**

Sacrifice- **Leviticus**

- Lay hands on animal as a representative
- Priest kills it as substitute and presents its blood
- It dies so they live



Now do the bible study for Unit 4

Next study- THE PARTIAL KINGDOM- Place and King



Read Exodus 19: 4-6



What has God already done for Israel?

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What role does God want the Israelites to play in the world?

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How does this relate to his promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?

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What must the Israelites do to fulfil the role?

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Read Exodus 20:1-17

Group the commandments into different categories

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Why do they begin as they do (v1-3)?

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How does God's law reveal:

- Our sin?
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- Our Saviour
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- God's standards?
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Choose one or two commandments you find especially challenging

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What will obedience look like in practice?

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How does the gospel of Christ help us do this?

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Read Exodus 19: 4-6

What has God already done for Israel?

They are already God's covenant people, entirely by God's grace. In fulfilment of his covenant promises to Abraham (Ex 2:24-25) God has acted to redeem them from slavery to Egypt so they can belong exclusively to him (v4).



What role does God want the Israelites to play in the world?

Although all the nations belong to God, he sets Israel apart for a special purpose. They are to enjoy a unique relationship with God and, as his priests, to represent him to the rest of the world (v5-6).

How does this relate to his promises to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?

The blessing God promised to Abraham's descendants was never to be for their sake alone. They would glorify God by being a light to the nations, so that "all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Gen 12:3).

What must the Israelites do to fulfil the role?

The promises of v5-6 are conditional: "if you obey me fully and keep my covenant". Their status as God's covenant people is by grace alone, but their enjoyment of the blessings of that status depend on their response. "Status comes by the acts of God; enjoyment by the responsive commitment of obedience. Obedience is not our part in a two-sided bargain, but our grateful response to what the Lord has unilaterally decided and done" (Alec Motyer: BST on Exodus – IVP 2005 p. 200)

Read Exodus 20:1-17

Group the commandments into different categories

This is designed to get everyone looking carefully at the commandments, so they are familiar with them. They are usually divided into two: our responsibility to God (Commandments 1-4) and to our neighbours (5-10). Jesus summarized them in this way (Mk 12:29-31).

Why do they begin as they do (v1-3)?

These verses establish some important principles about the commandments:

- Their source (v1). They are revealed by God. Moral law is not subjective, but is rather established by the eternal character of the true God, who is holy.

- Their context (v2). As has already been stated in 19:4, the giving of the law comes after the redemption of God's people.
- Their foundation (v3). If all of God's laws are contained within the principles expressed in the Ten Commandments, then all of the 10 principles are captured within the first commandment. As the only God, the only creator and the only redeemer, the Lord rightly has an exclusive claim to worship and obedience.

How does God's law reveal:

- Our sin?

- In revealing God's perfect standards, the law reveals how far we fall short. Even if we have obeyed the letter of a law, we have certainly disobeyed its spirit and intent (see Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the mount: Mt 5:21-22, 27-28). Paul writes: "...through the law we become conscious of our sin" (Rom 3:20).

- Our Saviour

- "The law was our guardian until Christ came" (Gal 3:24). Its role was to convict us of our sin and so help us to see our need of the saviour. Although he always obeyed the law, Christ faced the punishment for law-breaking in the place of others: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Gal 3:13).

- God's standards

- God's moral standards never change, so the law continues to reveal how he wants us to live. Both Jesus (Mt 5:17-20) and Paul (Rom 13:9-10) command Christians to follow its demands.

Choose one or two commandments you find especially challenging

What will obedience look like in practice?

Try to ensure the applications are as concrete as possible, and that they deal with the heart, not just external actions.

How does the gospel of Christ help us do this?

- Christ's gracious love in dying for us, so we can be forgiven and accepted as God's people is a great motivation for grateful, costly obedience (Rom 12:1).
- In fulfilment of God's promise to Jeremiah, God's law is written on our heart by the Holy Spirit (Jer 31:33). Obedience no longer involves following laws on tablets of stone but "keeping in step with the Spirit" (Gal 5:25), who lives within us.