

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



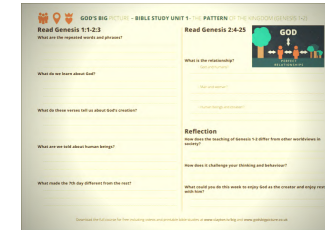
TALK OUTLINE



For scribbling extra notes as you watch Vaughan

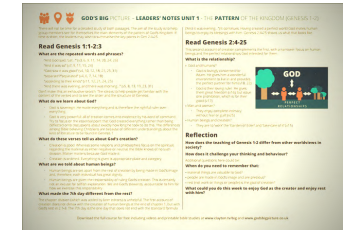
3 PRINTABLES

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.

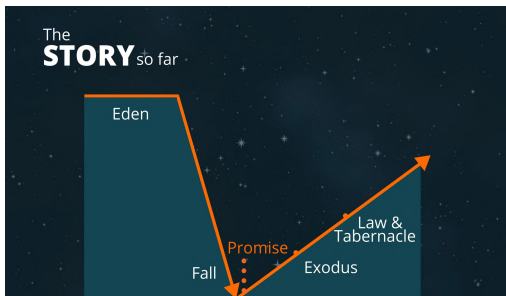


GOD'S BIG PICTURE - TALK OUTLINE UNIT 5 - THE PARTIAL KINGDOM: Place and King

GOD'S BIG PICTURE

THE STORY SO FAR

THE PROMISE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD



GOD'S PLACE: NUMBERS – JOSHUA

GOD'S PLACE: The Promise

'To your offspring I will give this land.' **Gen 12: 7**

GOD'S PLACE: The Partial Fulfilment Numbers - Joshua

NUMBERS: Disobedience and Delay

- Journey to the land: 'flowing with milk and honey' **Num 13:27**
- Ingratitude and unbelief

- 40 years wandering

DEUTERONOMY: Blessings and Curses

- Moses' farewell sermon

Obedience → blessing **Deut 28: 1**
 Disobedience → curse **Deut 28: 63**

JOSHUA: Conquest and Uncertainty

- Israelites take possession of the land **Josh 21: 44**
- Joshua's farewell sermon **Josh 23: 12-13**

GOD'S KING: JUDGES – 2 CHRONICLES

GOD'S KING: The Promise

- The serpent crusher Gen 3: 15
- 'The obedience of the nations shall be his' **Gen 49: 10**
- The King is to rule under God **Deut 17: 19**
- A subset of the promise of God's rule and blessing

GOD'S KING: The Partial Fulfilment Judges - 1 Kings 11

JUDGES: A Cycle of Sin and Grace

- The cycle: **Jud 3: 7-11**

- The problem: 'In those days Israel had no king' **Jud 21: 25**

1 SAMUEL: A False Start

- 'Appoint a king to leads us, such as all the other nations have' **1 Sam 8: 5**
- Saul anointed... and rejected...David anointed... and forced to flee
- King's suffering and rejection before glory

2 SAMUEL: The Reign of David

- Still one greater to come **2 Sam 7: 11b- 16**
- Son of David and Son of God

1 KINGS 1-11: Solomon and the Golden Age

- Promises fulfilled **1 Kings 8: 56**
- The king turns from God

KINGDOM of GOD	PROMISED KINGDOM
GOD'S PEOPLE	The Israelites
GOD'S PLACE	Canaan
GOD'S RULE & BLESSING	God's law and king

Now do the bible study for Unit 5

Next study- THE PROPHESED KINGDOM



Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17

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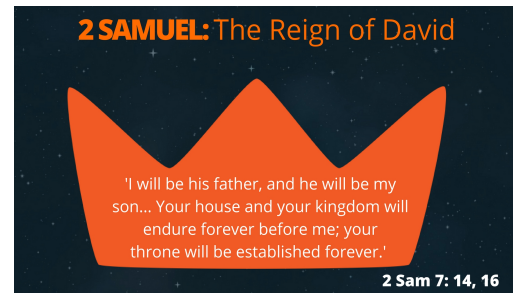
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Matthew 1:1

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Mark 12:35-37

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John 2:18-22

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Romans 1:1-4

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How should we respond to king Jesus?

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What are the different stages in the narrative?

The passage could be broken up in a number of different ways. The point of the question is not to establish one right answer, but rather to help people get used to the story.

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17

v1-3 David plans to build a house for God (with Nathan's approval)

v4-17 God speaks to David through Nathan

- v5-7 1st message: "I have never asked for a house before."
- v8-11a 2nd message: "Having established you as king, I will bless Israel greatly through you."
- v11b-16 3rd message: "I will establish an eternal house/dynasty for you thorough your offspring."

How will God act in fulfilment of his promises to Abraham in Genesis 12?

These verses refer to the three covenant promises made to Abraham:

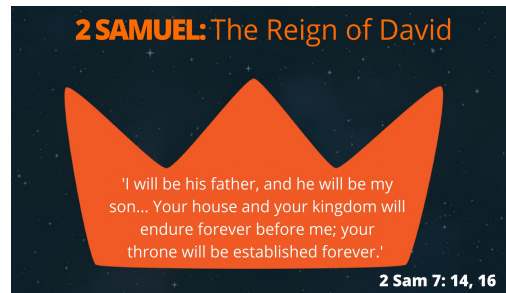
- People (v9b). God promised Abraham: "I will make your name great" (Gen 12:3). Now these same words are spoken to David. Israel's fortunes are identified with the King's. They (and the other nations) are blessed as God blesses him.
- Land (v10a). The people's hold on the land of Canaan (promised to them in Gen 12:7).
- Blessing (v10b-11a). See Gen 12:2. The blessing of 'rest' is an echo of the perfect harmony Adam and Eve enjoyed when they shared in the perfection of God's creation in the Garden of Eden.

What does God promise concerning the coming king (v11b-16)?

David offers to build a bricks and mortar house for God, but God graciously turns that on its head and promises to build a flesh and blood house (dynasty/lineage) for David.

- The future king:

- A descendant of David (v12)
- His kingdom will be established by God (v12)
- He will build a house for God (v13)
- He will reign for ever (v13, 15-16)



- A son of God (v14)
- Punished when he does wrong (v14b). This stands out, as it implies a normal sinful human being, whereas others suggest someone much greater, Like many Old Testament prophecies, 2 Sam 7 is fulfilled at more than one level. It is partially fulfilled by David's Son, Solomon, who builds the temple, but then falls into terrible sin (see 1 Kings 11). It is only finally fulfilled through Jesus. This can be likened to climbing a mountain. From the bottom of the mountain, the peak closest to you looks like the top, but when you get there there's another taller peak ahead. So from the vantage point of 2 Sam 7, it looks like Solomon is the fulfilment of God's promise, but there's another greater one to come.

How does Jesus fulfil these promises?

If time is short divide the group up, split the verses between them, and then get them to report back. Or just focus on one or two passages.

Matthew 1:1

Jesus is the 'son of David'

Mark 12:35-37

Jesus is certainly not denying that the messiah is the son of David. He is, rather, trying to get his hearers to see that he is greater than great king David, who call him his 'Lord' in Psalm 110:1. This points to his divinity.

John 2:18-22

Jesus claims that he is the fulfilment of the temple that Solomon built. He is God's dwelling place, so we must come to him if we are to meet with God.

Romans 1:1-4

Jesus Christ is both a descendant of David (2 Sam 7:12; Rom 1:3) and the Son of God (2 Sam 7:14; Rom 1:4). While it is true that Christ has always been God's son, enjoying a unique relationship with his heavenly Father (e.g. Jn 1:18), Paul is referring here to the time at the resurrection, when his reign as Messiah was inaugurated and announced.

How should we respond to king Jesus?

- With worship and adoration. The magi are a model for us (Mt 2:11).
- With humble dependence. We only receive the blessings of salvation through him.
- With gratitude. Although he is God's king, he was willing to become a servant to save us (Mk 15:26)