
The Great Adventure Bible Overview Early World and Patriarchs

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What's the key part?

What moment in a movie, book, or story is the most important?





1. The beginning!

Let's explore aspects of how Catholics understand the Bible so that it comes alive and makes more sense.

- **Human authors**
A library, not one book.
- **Divine Author**
Also a coherent whole, narrative
- **Three "rules" follow**
One narrative, Tradition, intelligent
- OT and NT: "types" fulfilled



EARLY WORLD

Creation to 2000BC
Turquoise
(the color of the Earth viewed from space)

GENESIS 1-11

PATRIARCHS

2000 - 1700 BC
Burgundy
(God's blood covenant with Abraham)

GENESIS 12-50
Job

EGYPT AND EXODUS

1700 - 1280 BC
Red
(the Red Sea)

EXODUS
Leviticus

DESERT WANDERINGS

1280 - 1240 BC
Tan
(the color of the desert)

NUMBERS
Deuteronomy

CONQUEST AND JUDGES

1240 - 1050 BC
Green
(the green hills of Canaan)

JOSHUA, JUDGES
Ruth

ROYAL KINGDOM

1050 - 930 BC
Purple
(royalty)

I & II SAMUEL, I KINGS

Psalms, I Chronicles
II Chronicles
Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes,
Song of Solomon

DIVIDED KINGDOM

930 - 722 BC
Black
(Israel's darkest period)

I KINGS, II KINGS

Obadiah
Joel, Amos, Jonah

EXILE

722 - 540 BC
Baby Blue
(Judah "singing the blues" in Baby-Ion)

II KINGS

Tobit, Nahum
Habakkuk, Ezekiel
Hosea, Isaiah, Judith, Jeremiah
Micah, Lamentations
Zephaniah, Baruch

RETURN

538 - 167 BC
Yellow
(Judah returning home to brighter days)

EZRA, NEHEMIAH

Zachariah
Haggai
Esther
Malachi

MACCABEAN REVOLT

167 - 0 BC
Orange
(fire in the oil lamps in the purified temple)

I MACCABEES

II Maccabees
Wisdom of Solomon
Sirach

MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT

0 - 33 AD
Gold
(gifts of the Magi)

LUKE

Matthew
Mark
John

THE CHURCH

33 - (end)
White
(the spotless bride of Christ)

ACTS

Paul's Letters
Other Letters
Revelation

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Let's get practical...

Tips on using the Bible



**Don't just sit down
and start reading!**

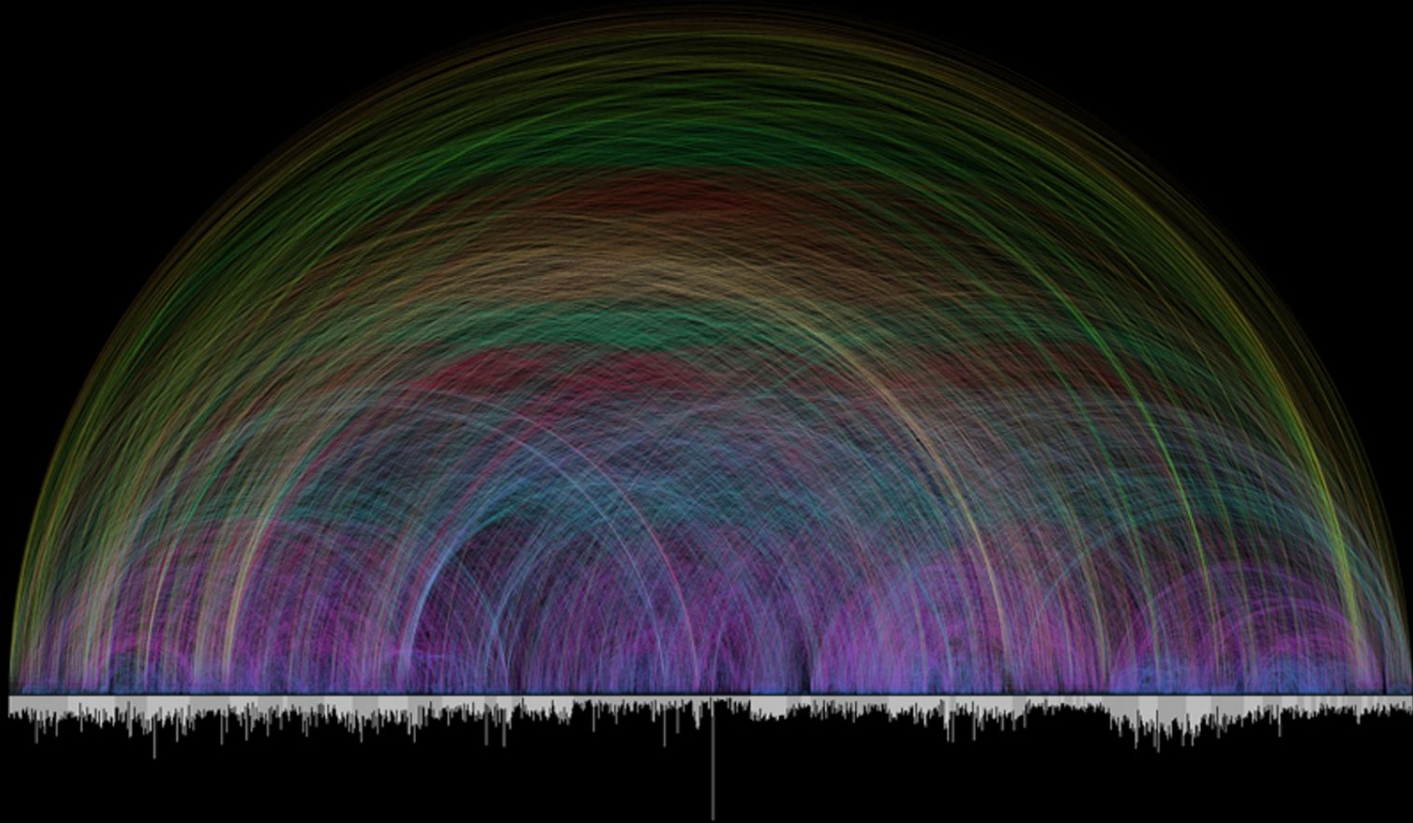
Get a Bible.

Have a plan.

Have a team.

Pray. Study. Apply.

The Bible's internal "links"



- ***Outline of the Book of Genesis***

- Creation Genesis 1-2
- Fall (Adam and Eve) Genesis 3
- Noah & the Flood Genesis 4-10
- Babel Genesis 11
- Abraham Genesis 12:1-25:18
- Isaac Genesis 25:19-27:46
- Jacob Genesis 28:1-36:43
- Joseph Genesis 37:1-50:26

- ***Beginning and ending points of Genesis***

- Creation of the world
- Joseph's death



The pattern

- Creation (Covenant, something good)
- Fall (it's compromised, broken)
- Promise (the way forward)
- Flood (death/re-birth/creation)



Binding of Isaac

Literal meaning:
God's promises
re-establish

Spiritual meaning:
Abraham as a new
Adam, Isaac as a
proto-Christ,
moral meaning of
faith/trust; Cross
and Resurrection.
And so on.

Next time:

Egypt and Exodus

(Book of Exodus)

