

The search for a Hero – A Bible Overview

Session 1

Why do a bible overview?

- An interesting story that makes you wiser
- Cherish the **Hero**

Some ground rules

1. Creation – God the King

Read Genesis 1:1-3

Day 1: Day 4:

Day 2: Day 5:

Day 3: Day 6:

2. Eden – The Creator and His creation

1. **People** – The king and his queen

Read Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:15

Read Genesis 2:18-22

2. **Place** – In a beautiful temple-like garden

Read Genesis 2:8-14

3. **Rule, blessings and relationship** – In relationship with the Creator

Read Genesis 2:16-17

Adam, the Hero of Genesis 2

3. The Fall – The Hero turn villain

The cause! _____

Read Genesis 3:1-6

The consequences! _____

Read Genesis 3:16-19

Read Genesis 3:23-24

Don't mix up the cause with the consequences!

The fair "ending"!



But a glimmer of hope!

Read Genesis 3:15

Summary 1: Who is the Hero-offspring that will fix the relationship?

Hints so far

4. Noah – is he the Hero?

Read Genesis 6:5 – sin spreads

Maybe?

Read Genesis 5:28-31 and 6:8-9 – rest!

Read Genesis 9:1-3 – looking like Adam

Maybe not.

Read Genesis 11:4 – Fall again!

One big lesson: Social reconstruction is not enough!

5. Abraham – A Promising Promise

Hints at restoration

i. A New People

Read Genesis 12:1-3

ii. A New Place

Read Genesis 12:7, 17:8

iii. Rule, Blessings and Relationship

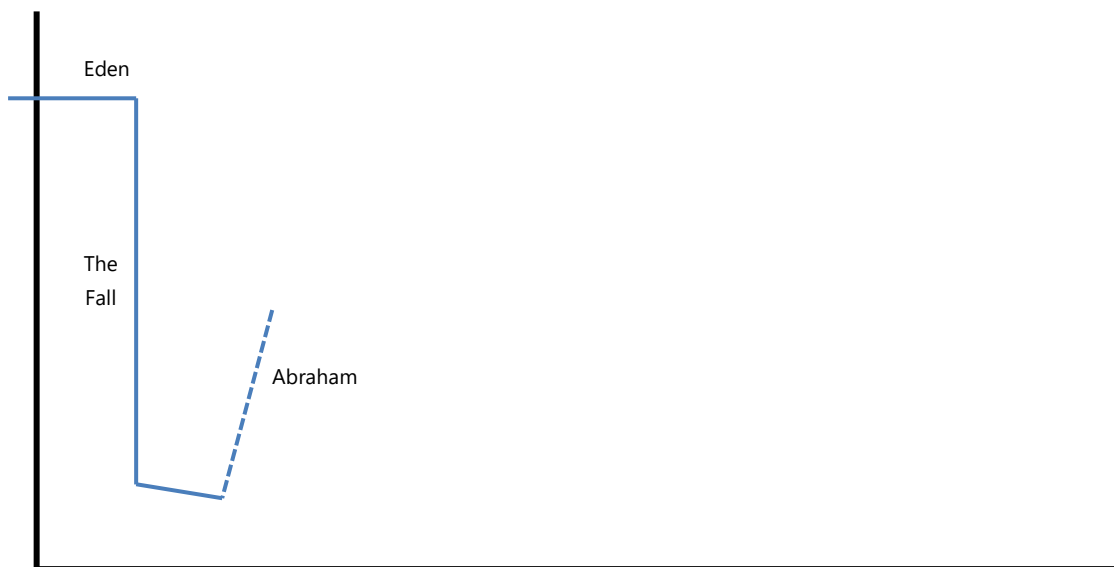
See above - Genesis 12:12

An unconditional promise

Read Genesis 15:7-17

Summary 2: What is the connection between Abraham and the Hero-offspring?

Read Genesis 17:6-7



6. Israel – A Nation-Hero

Could this nation save the world?

i. A New (corporate) People

Read Exodus 1:7, 4:22-23- looking like Adam

Led by a promising leader

Read Exodus 2:1-3

ii. Out of slavery towards a new Place!

Out of slavery! See Exodus 7-15

Towards a new place

Read Exodus 23:20

iii. Rule, Blessings and Relationship – RESTORED (?)

Back in God's presence!

Read Exodus 19:4-6, Exodus 24:9-11

The construction of the Eden-like Tabernacle – see Exodus 25-31

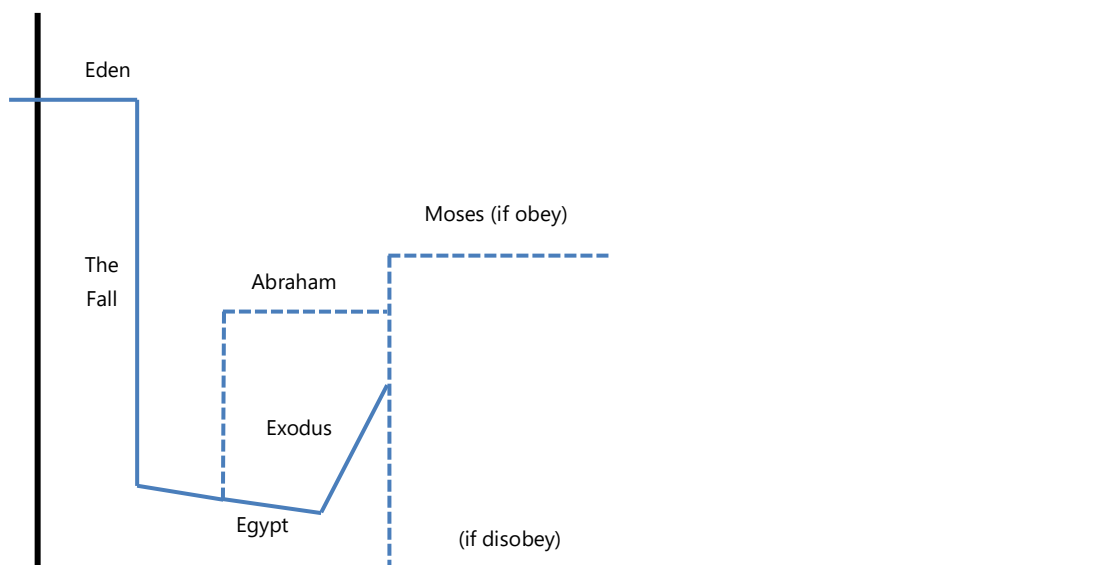
○ *Spirit-filled Oholiab and Bezalel*

○ *The Eden-like décor*

The BIG IF! – A conditional covenant

Read Exodus 19:4-6 again, Exodus 24:7-8

See Deuteronomy 28-30



Summary 3: What must the Nation-Hero do?

Will Israel, the Nation-Hero obey? Well, _____ .

How can a Holy God be in relationship with a disobedient Nation-Hero?

Read Leviticus 16:16-17

What has the sacrifice got to do with our search for the Hero?

7. Joshua & Judges – Consequence not cause

Joshua – Back to the garden of Eden (?)

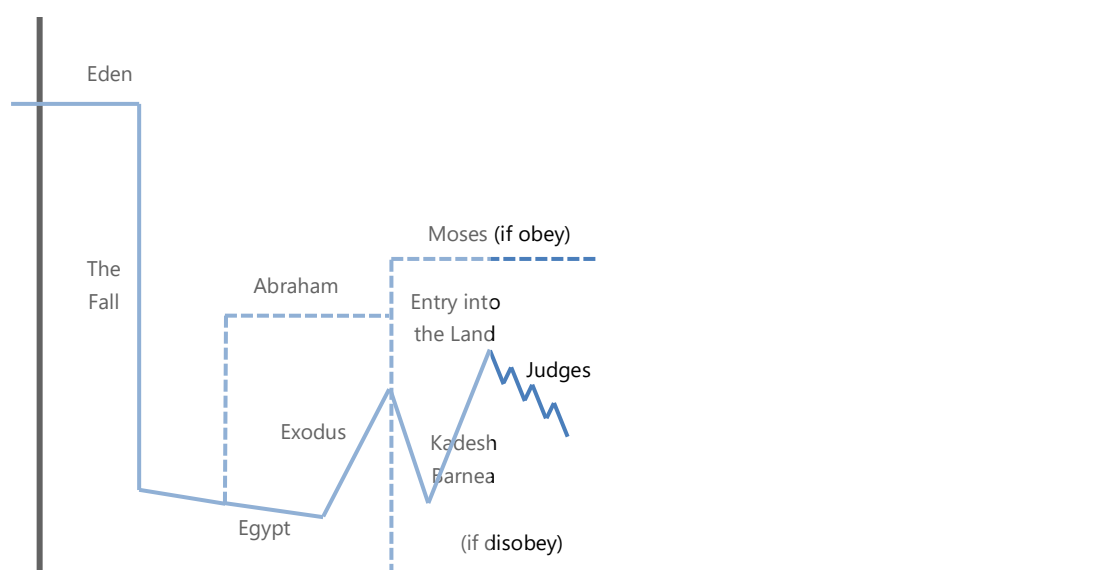
Direction, Angel and the 7s...

Read Joshua 11:23, 23:14 – rest!

But a disturbing trend...

Read Exodus 23:32-33, then read Joshua 15:63, 17:12 (see also 16:10)

Judges – A _____ please!



Read Judges 21:25

8. A Hero-King! But who is it?

David or Saul

i. Similar

Heroic feats of defeating a serpent

ii. But also very different

Saul's disobedience – read 1 Samuel 15:17-23

David's obedience and patience – read 1 Samuel 24:6 (see also 2 Samuel 6)

But not David – The Davidic Covenant (another unconditional covenant!)

Read 2 Samuel 7:12-16

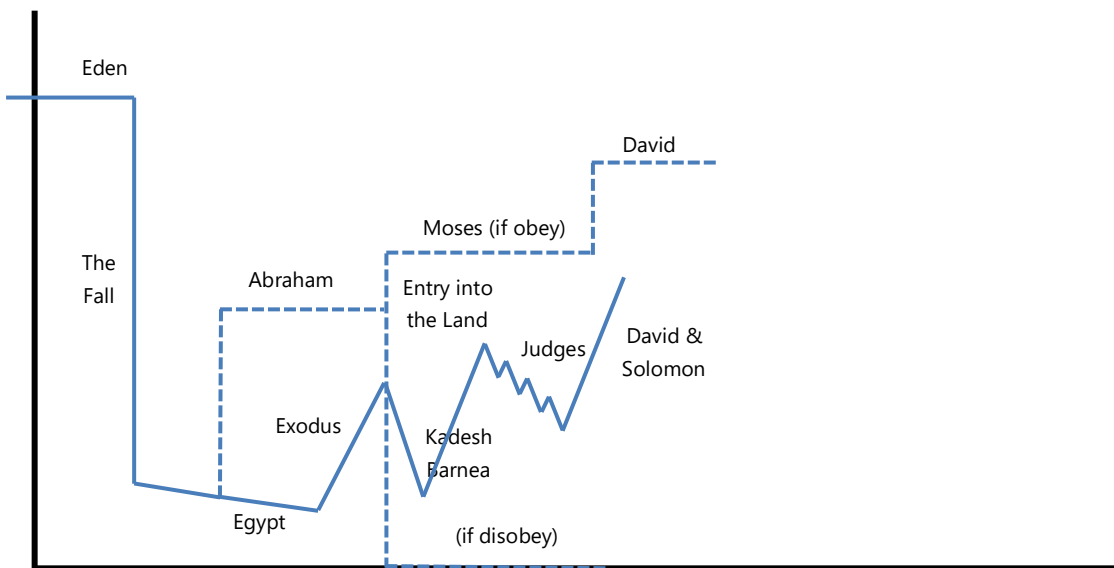
David's fall

The HIGH point of the OT – King Solomon, the Hero-King

Read 1 Kings 4:20-24

- i. A numerous People
- ii. A established Place
- iii. Rule, blessing and relationship (see 1 Kings 6, 1 King 8)

Read 1 Kings 8:10-11



Summary 4: Our search for the Hero so far...

But there are cracks underneath the surface...

Read Deuteronomy 17:15, 1 Kings 9:11

Read Deuteronomy 17:16, 1 Kings 10:26

Read Deuteronomy 17:17, 1 Kings 11:1-3

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Session 2

Where we left off...

9. A familiar story: The Fall (again)

Will this Hero-King obey?

Read 1 Kings 11:4-8

A divided Kingdom

Read 1 Kings 12:16-20

The Assyrian Exile (722 BC) – Northern Kingdom gone

The reason? Read 2 Kings 17:6-8

The Babylonian Exile (596-586 BC) – Southern Kingdom gone

The reason? Read Jeremiah 11:9-13

Summary 5: _ _ _ REALLY is the problem

Has God lost control? Has the serpent won?

10. Meanwhile the prophets have been speaking...

Warn and explain the exile (see Deuteronomy 28)

Read Isaiah 10:5-6

Reaffirm previous covenants to Abraham and David

See Hosea 1:10, Isaiah 9:6-7 and more!

But crucially, they look forward to a NEW covenant and BETTER restoration

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

i. People

- A New King-offspring from David

Read Isaiah 11:1-5

- A New Priest (see Jeremiah 33:18)

- Experiencing a New Exodus

Read Jeremiah 16:14-15

ii. Place

- A New Creation

Read Isaiah 65:17-18

iii. Rule, blessing and relationship

- A New Heart and New Spirit

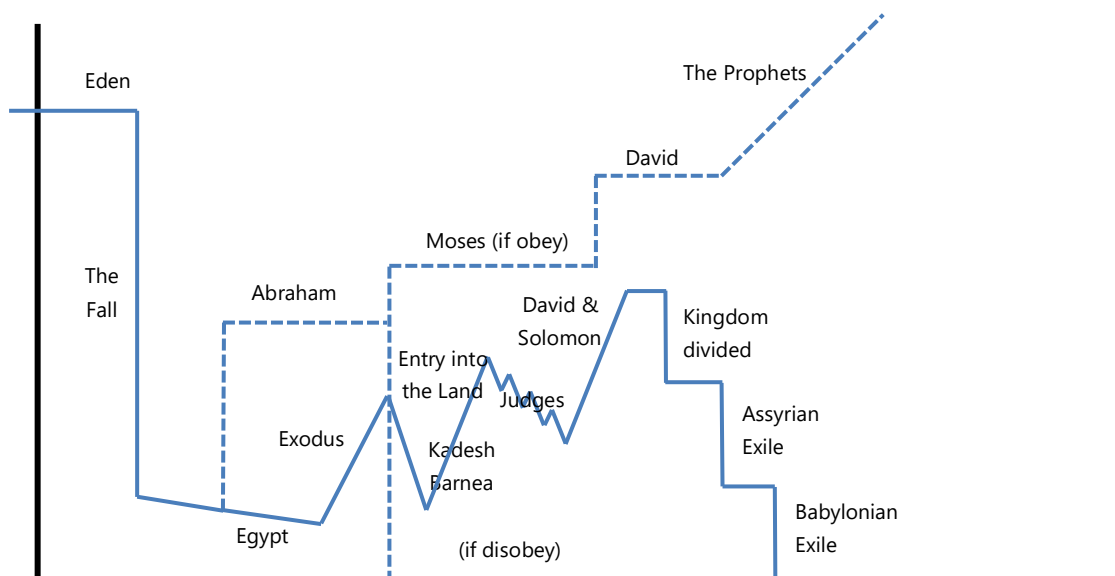
Read Ezekiel 36:26-27

- Brought about by a New Sacrifice

Read Isaiah 53:4-6

Summary 5: God himself will be the Hero?

Read Ezekiel 34:20-24



Return from Exile...

Read Jeremiah 29:10

Rebuilding Jerusalem and the temple

Read Ezra 1:1-2

But it's nothing like the old temple (let alone the new one!)

How the history of the OT ends

See Nehemiah 13:4-31

- Temple abuse 13:4-13
- Sabbath defiled 13:14-22
- Mixed marriages 13:23-28

What is the point of the OT? Does this mean there has been a Plan A and Plan B?

Read Isaiah 40:3

11. The HERO! – from a bird's eye view of Mark's gospel

1:1-15 - _____ is the promised HERO-Offspring

Read Mark 1:1-3

1:16-3:6 – Who shows _____ authority (even to deal with the _____!) but is astonishingly _____

Read Mark 2:5-8

Read Mark 3:1-6

3:7-4:34 – Who calls a new _____ and assures them that his word is good despite _____ from old _____

Read Mark 3:13-15

4:35-6:6 - Who shows his words have power over _____ (the consequence)

Read Mark 4:35-41

Read Mark 5:35-42

6:7-8:21 - Who offers the better _____ (new creation – see Isaiah 25)

Read Mark 6:41-44

8:22-10:52 - Who shockingly must _____ (new sacrifice) and must _____ you to see that

Read Mark 8:22-33

Read Mark 9:24

11:1-13:37 - Who will _____ (old Israel and the temple) those who reject his rescue

Read Mark 12:1-11

14:1-15:39 - Who _____ as the perfectly obedient Passover lamb to be the _____ to the broken relationship

Read Mark 14:29-31

Read Mark 14:33-36

Read Mark 15:6-15

15:40-16:8 - The Promised Offspring is _____ the one who was raised from the dead

Read Mark 16:6

Summary 6: Jesus is the HERO

12. But why are we here on IGG Weekend away 2017 given that the Hero has come?

The Now and the Not Yet!

Read Hebrews 9:28 – the Hero will come twice!

The Now (Cause)

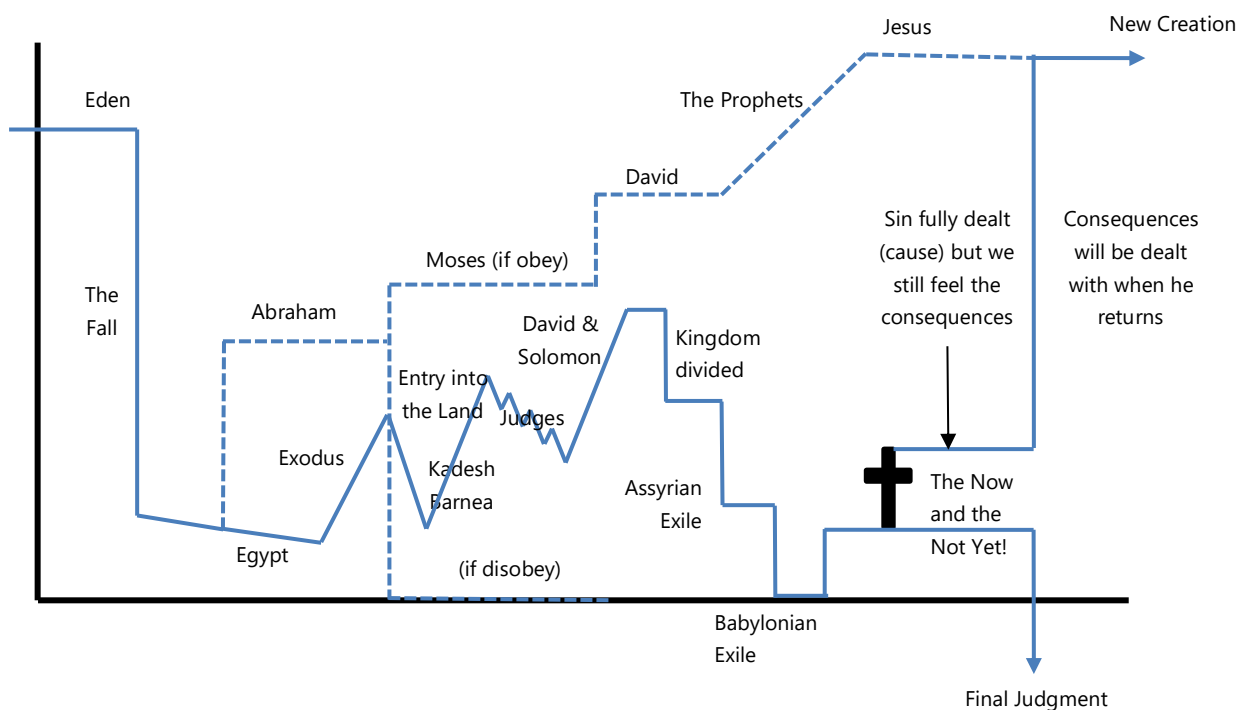
- i. Forgiveness of sins
- ii. Gift of the Spirit for the coming age - *Read Ephesians 1:13-14*
- iii. The calling of the nations - *Read Luke 24:46-47*

Why we are here on IGG weekend away

The Not Yet (Consequences)

- i. The second coming of Jesus - *See Revelation 19:11-16*
- ii. The final judgment and the complete removal of evil - *Read Revelation 20:11-15*
- iii. The new Eden – consequences dealt with! - *Read Revelation 21:1-4*

Why we are here on IGG weekend away (and where the prosperity gospel goes wrong)



13. How the story ends

Read Revelation 21:1-4 – New Eden

Read Revelation 21:22-27 – Temple and land combined

Read Revelation 22:3-5 – We will see His face

Conclusion: Cherish the Hero