

The Big Picture

GOD IN THE CENTER FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION

From Eden to Eternity

A Deeper Look - Study Guide Companion

Day 1: The Story Begins with God

Read: Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:15–17; Revelation 4:11

1. What do these passages tell you about God's relationship to everything that exists?
2. According to Colossians 1:16–17, what do the phrases “through him,” “for him,” and “in him all things hold together” add to your understanding of creation?
3. Based on these passages, why is God, rather than humanity, the proper starting point for understanding the biblical story?

What does this reveal about God?

Day 2: Something Has Gone Wrong

Read: Genesis 3:1–13; Romans 5:12

1. Compare the world described in Genesis 1:31 with what you see happening in Genesis 3. What has changed?
2. What happens when Adam and Eve reject God's word?
3. According to Romans 5:12, how far do the consequences of sin extend?

What does this reveal about God and the seriousness of rejecting His word?

Day 3: The Story Moves Toward Redemption

Read: Genesis 3:15; Galatians 4:4–5; Romans 5:8–11

1. What indication do you see in Genesis 3:15 that the story will continue beyond humanity's rebellion?

2. What does the phrase “when the fullness of time had come” in Galatians 4:4 suggest about God's work throughout history?
3. According to Romans 5:8–11, what does God accomplish through Christ?

What does this reveal about God's response to humanity's sin?

Day 4: God Will Make All Things New

Read: Romans 8:19–23; Revelation 21:1–5

1. According to Romans 8, how has sin affected more than humanity alone?
2. What is creation waiting for?
3. Make a list of everything that is different in Revelation 21:1–5 from the broken world we know now.
4. What is at the center of the picture John gives us in Revelation 21:3?

What does this reveal about where God is taking His story?

Day 5: Step Back and See the Big Picture

Read: Colossians 1:15–20; Revelation 21:1–5

Think back over everything you have read this week.

Creation → Fall → Redemption → New Creation

1. In your own words, write one sentence describing each of these four movements.
2. Where does Jesus Christ fit within the Big Picture?
3. What has remained constant from the beginning of the story to its end?
4. Of everything you have seen this week, what has most changed or deepened the way you see the Bible as a whole?
5. Now return to the question at the heart of *The Big Picture*: **What does the biblical story reveal about God?**