



## Introduction: One Big Picture

### John 5:39-40 (p. 1069)

*Jesus is talking to some religious leaders who had misunderstood what the Bible (for them, just the Old Testament) was all about*

- Why did they study the Bible?
- What does Jesus say is the purpose of the Old Testament Scriptures?
- So why is v40 so sad and ironic?

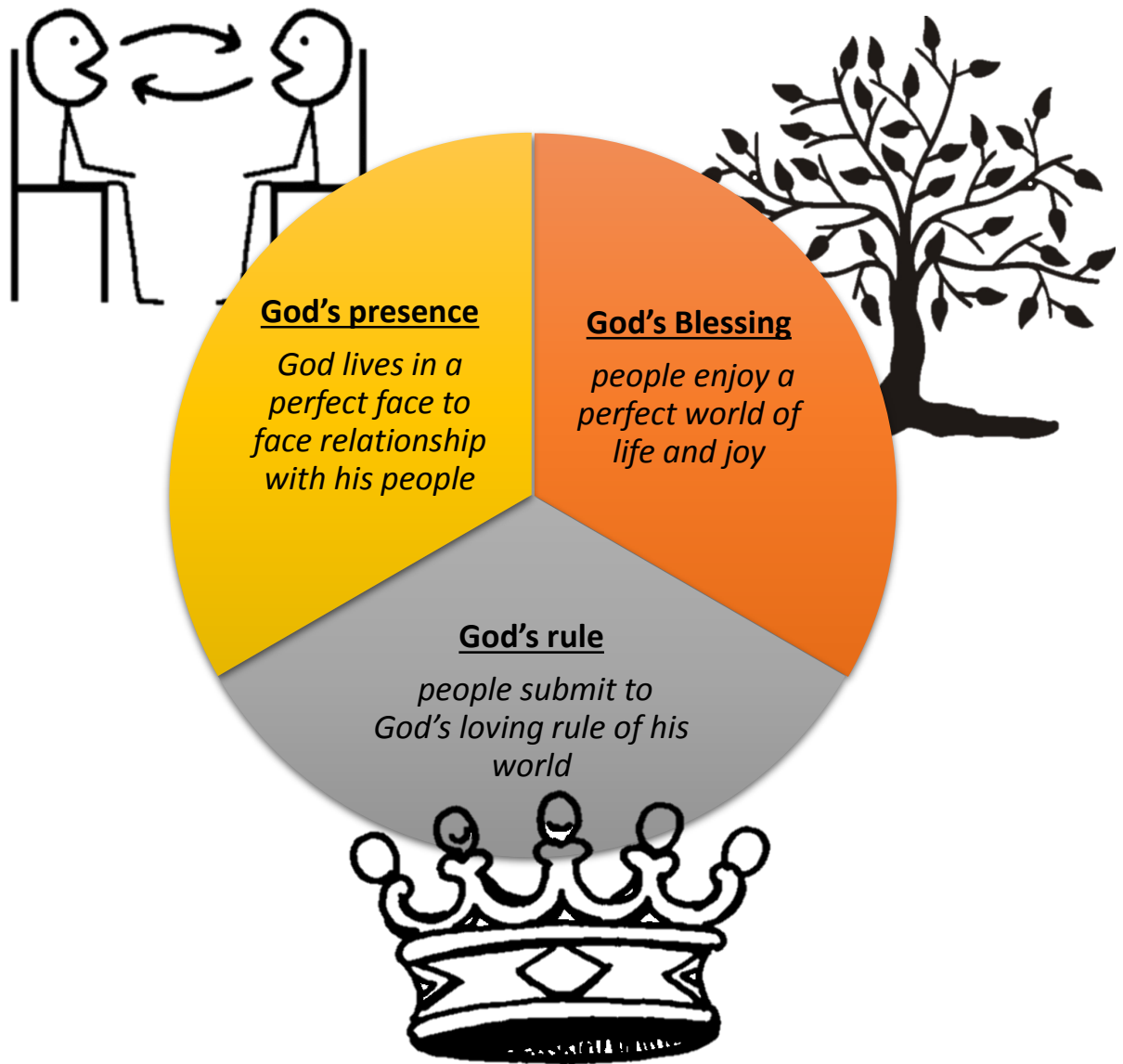
*Two key words that sum up the Bible-*

## **SCENE 1: God's creation = LIFE!**

➤ **Genesis 1:1**

➤ **Genesis 1:31**

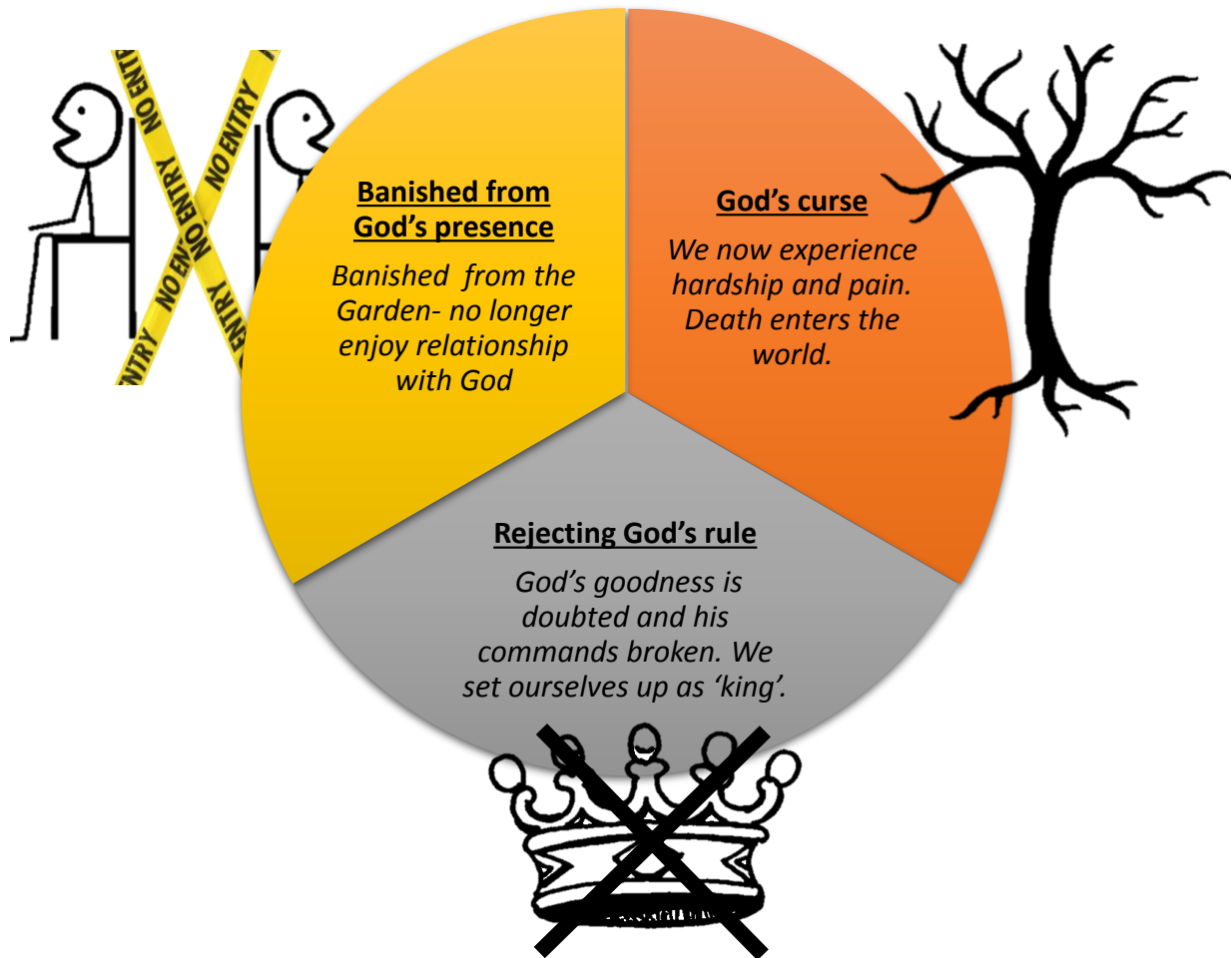
# Scene 1: God's Design for Life!



## SCENE 2: Our Rebellion = Death!

➤ Genesis 3

## Scene 2: Our rejection of God's life



## SCENE 3: God promises to restore LIFE!

- a. God's rescue plan is launched through his promise to Abraham (Gen 12, 15)

***Read Genesis 12:1-7 (p. 13)***

- *What promises does God make to Abraham?*
- *How will the world benefit from these promises?*
- *How does Abram respond to God?*
- *Where do we see God's blessings, presence and rule?*

## b. God is faithful to his promises

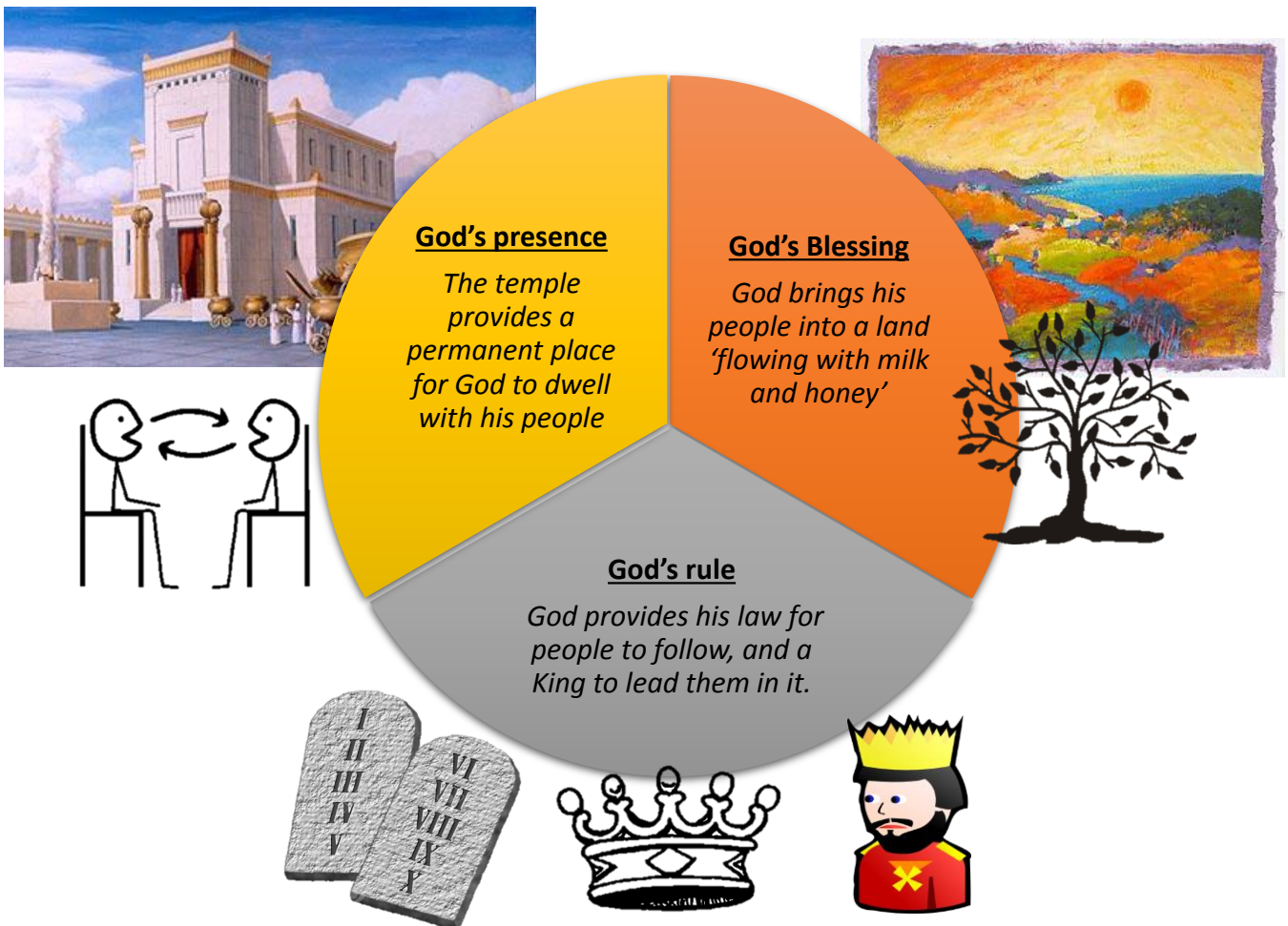
→ *God grows a great people (Genesis 12- Exodus 1)*

→ *God provides a great land (Exodus- Joshua)*

→ *God establishes a great Kingdom (Judges- 1 Kings)*

➤ 2 Samuel 7:12-16 (p. 311)

## 3: God's partial restoration of life

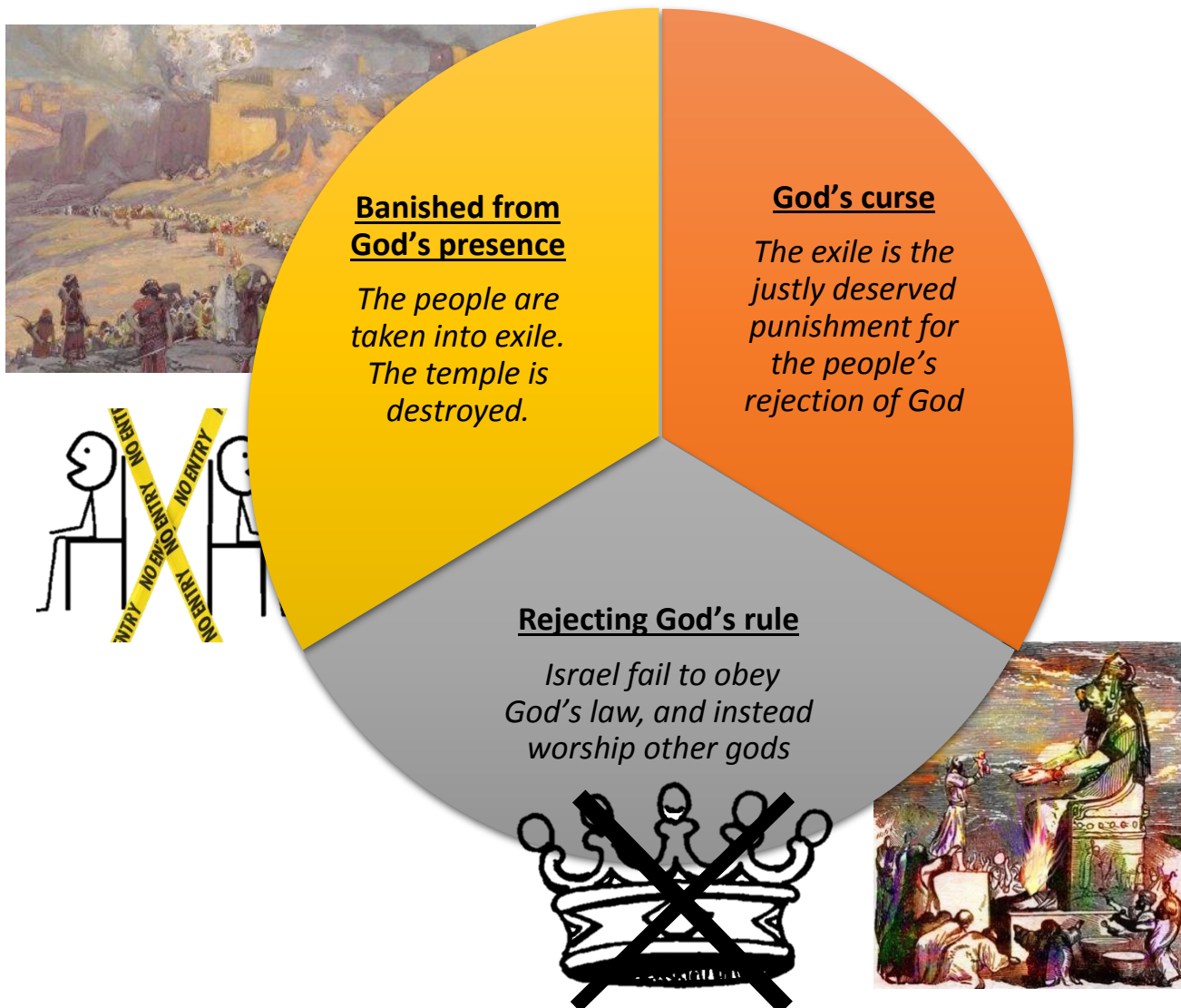


### c. God's people are unfaithful

#### *2 Kings 17:7-20 (p. 388)*

- *Read v7-9: What did the people of Israel do wrong?*
- *Read v13: How did God warn his people?*
- *Read v16-17: How did Israel take the warning?*
- *Read v18-20: How did God finally respond?*

## 3: God's people still reject God's life



# SCENE 4: All God's promises fulfilled through Jesus

*"No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'yes' in Christ"*  
**2 Corinthians 1:20**

## **a. Jesus' life death and resurrection**

***Mark 1:9-15 (p. 1002)***

- *What do we find out about Jesus' identity?*
- *What does he say he is bringing about in v15?*
- *How do you think this ties in with God's promise to King David back in the OT?*

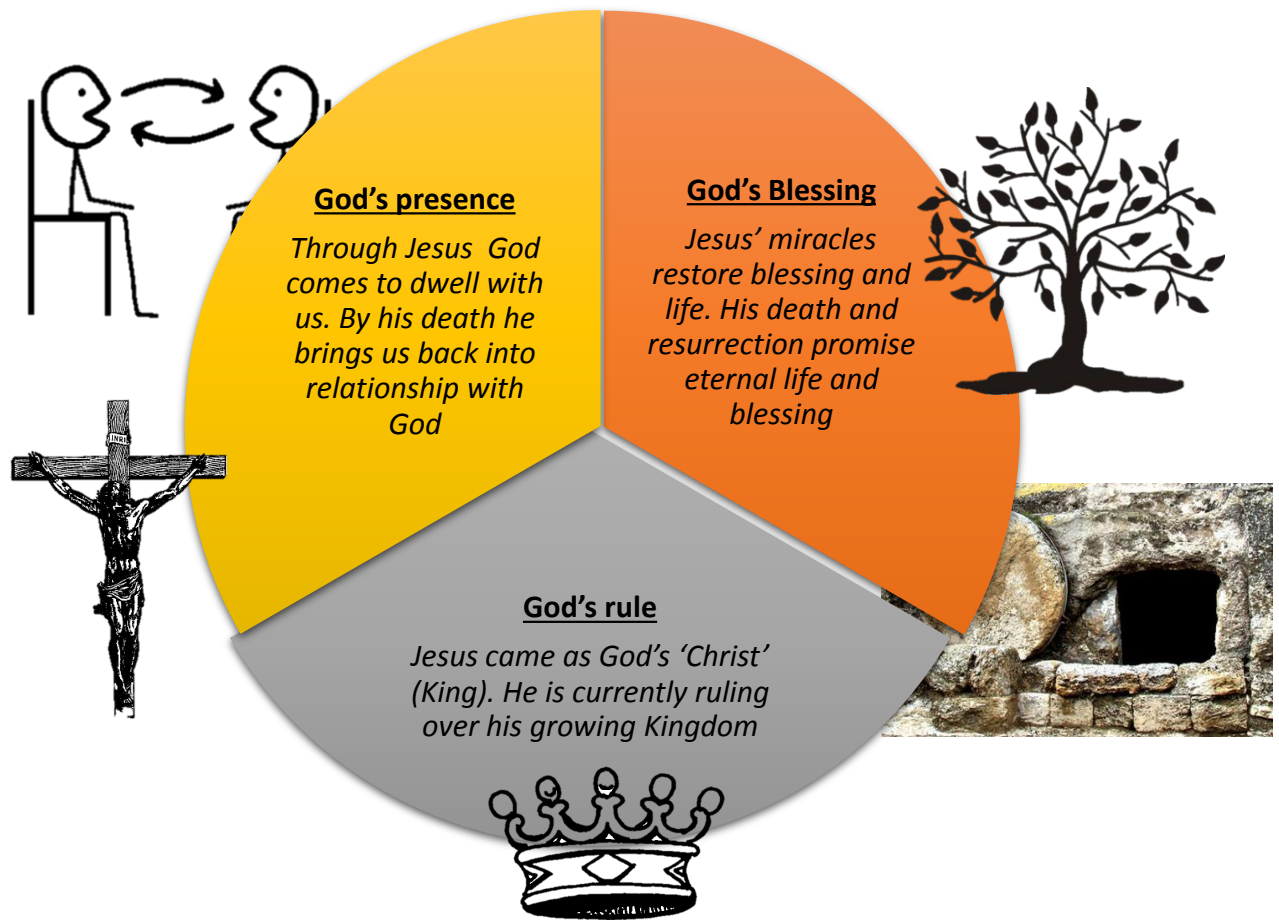
➤ **Romans 5:6-8 (p. 1132)**

"God so loved the world that **whoever** believes in him shall **not perish** but have **eternal life**"

John 3:16



## Life is restored through the death and resurrection of Jesus



### b. The spread of Jesus' Kingdom of life across the world

#### Matthew 28:16-20

- What does Jesus say about himself?
- What job does Jesus give his disciples to do?
- What reassuring promise does he give them?

### c. Jesus' return and the final restoration of life



# SCENE 4b: All God's promises are fulfilled

## The new creation!



**PERFECTLY  
RESTORED**



**God's presence**  
*We will enjoy a  
perfect eternal  
face to face  
relationship with  
God*

**God's Blessing**  
*The New Creation  
is a perfect place  
with no more  
tears of death*

**God's rule**

*Jesus will return as judge  
of the whole world, and  
finally bring in his  
perfect Kingdom*

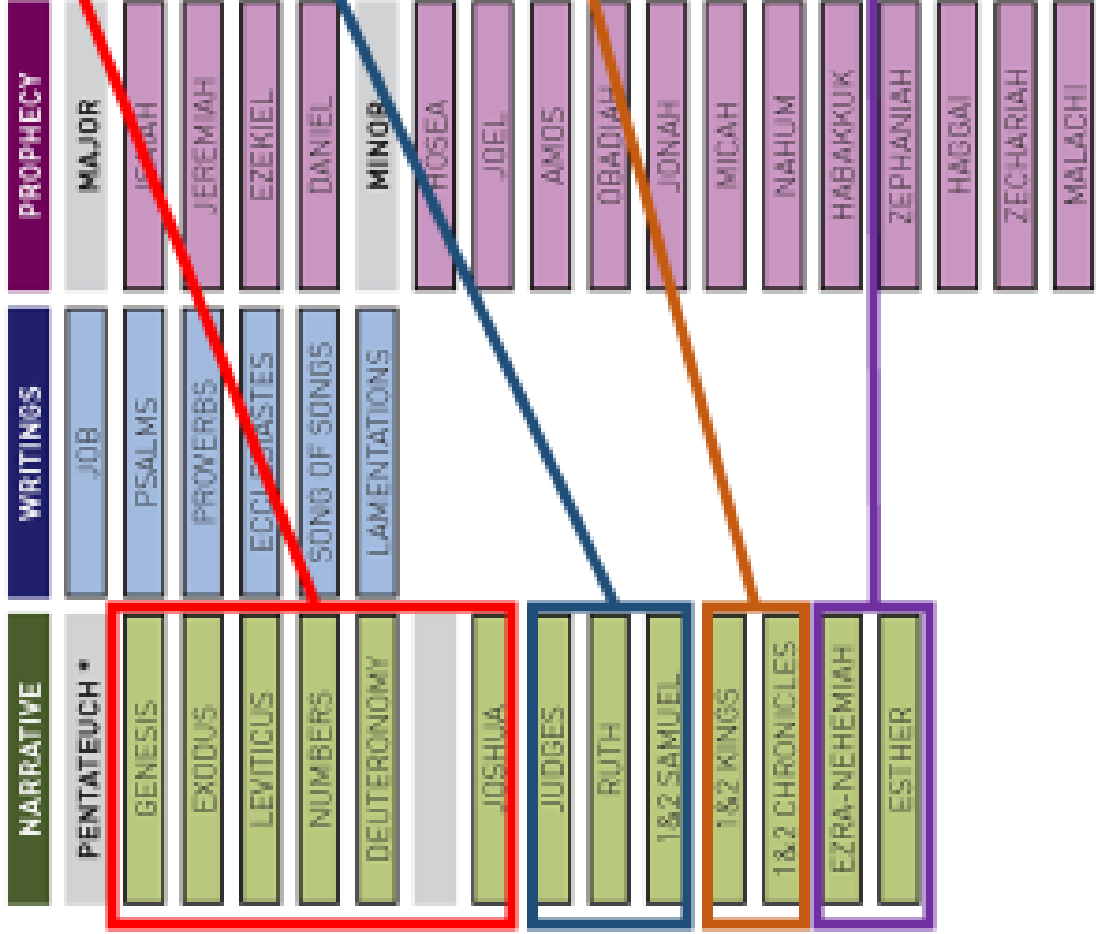


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big disappointment**

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**The story of  
God's  
restoration  
through Jesus**

- MATTHEW
- MARK
- LUKE
- JOHN

ACTS

- PAUL → CHURCHES
- ROMANS
- 1 CORINTHIANS
- 2 CORINTHIANS
- GALATIANS
- EPHESIANS
- PHILIPPIANS
- COLLOSSIANS
- 1 THESSALONIANS
- 2 THESSALONIANS
- PAUL → INDIVIDUALS
- 1 TIMOTHY
- 2 TIMOTHY
- TITUS
- PHILEMON
- GENERAL
- HEBREWS
- JAMES
- 1 PETER
- 2 PETER
- 1 JOHN
- 2 JOHN
- 3 JOHN
- JUDE

PROPHECY/LETTER  
REVELATION

**The spread of  
God's restoration  
through the world**

**The completion of  
God's restoration in  
the new creation**

