

From Genesis to Revelation:
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The Challenge:

Readers of the Bible must balance attention to the detail of each story, account, or section of Scripture with the whole big picture. I prefer to focus on the individual passages in my preaching—this Big Picture approach gives me the opportunity to hold up the big story of God from beginning to end.

The Method:

I have chosen nine key passages from through Scripture to sketch the big picture. They do not tell the whole story (we need all of the Bible to get the whole story) but they do mark the pattern of God's actions and purposes.

The Passages:

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| 1. Genesis 12:1-8 | The Plan Sketched Out |
| 2. Exodus 12:31-42 | Stage One: Freed to Follow God |
| 3. 1 Samuel 16:1-13 | Stage Two: A Leader is Anointed |
| 4. 1 Kings 8:54-61 | Stage Three: Access to God |
| 5. Isaiah 42:1-9 | The Plan: In the Face of Apparent Failure |
| 6. John 12:20-33 | The Plan: Victory through Death |
| 7. Acts 1:7-8 | From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth |
| 8. Colossians 1:3-14 | From Sinners to Saints |
| 9. Revelation 21:1-11, 22-7 | The Plan Complete; The Promise Begins |

Every time that I attempt to sketch out the big picture, I find myself debating whether to use other favorite passages—such as Genesis 1, Isaiah 25:6-9, John 3:16, and Ephesians 4:1-13. Each of these passages offers yet another look into the incredibly rich purposes and plans that God has for the world He created and for those who would trust in Him.

An Invitation:

The program is designed to be interactive and an encouragement to those who might never have opened the Bible for fear of knowing where to start, as well as to those who have lots of favorite passages in Scripture. I invite you to come, to listen, to join in the conversation and to explore God's wonderful purposes for us "From Genesis to Revelation".