

NARRATIVE THEOLOGY – Following the Storyline of Scripture
Grace Community Church -- Sunday School 2017

Part 1 Creation and Fall: The Entrance of Sin and the Beginning of the Long Road Home

Time's Arrow – the role of the Creation account in Scripture
Man created in God's image and likeness
The Fall of man and its consequences

Part 2 God's Covenant with Abraham

God's choice of the man Abram
The Covenant: promises and fulfillments
Abraham's faith and the imputation of righteousness

Part 3 Exodus: Preservation, Deliverance and the Making of the Nation

The Victory of YHWH over the gods of Egypt
The Mosaic Covenant: Law and Atonement
Echoes of Exodus in the rest of Scripture

Part 4 Establishment of the Monarchy and God's Covenant with David

When there was no king in Israel
"Make us a king to judge us like all the nations!"
God's covenant with David—redeeming a national failure

Part 5 Exodus Inverted: Division, Captivity and Return

Solomon's glory and failure
"He who made Israel to sin" – the institution of idolatry
Of Kings and Chronicles – the long descent into ruin and captivity
The return to Jerusalem, and another long wait for deliverance

Interlude – "The Intertestamental Period" or "400 Years of Prophetic Silence"

Part 6 The New Kingdom of God – Messiah's Coming, Crucifixion & Resurrection

The Incarnation – A convergence of many promises
Why Jesus came into the world
The Crucifixion as atoning sacrifice
"I am the resurrection and the life"

Part 7 Pentecost and Council: The Movement from Nation to Church

A new economy of the Spirit, and the fuller meaning of salvation
A new people of God
Resuming and refining the mission of God's people

Part 8 A Tale of Two Cities: The Fall of Jerusalem and the Conquest of Rome

The greatest story never told (only foretold) in Scripture
Go West, young church!
Church history as "Acts – the Next Generation"

Part 9 The Omega Glory

Jesus in His glory
Revelation as encouragement
The destination is worth the journey