

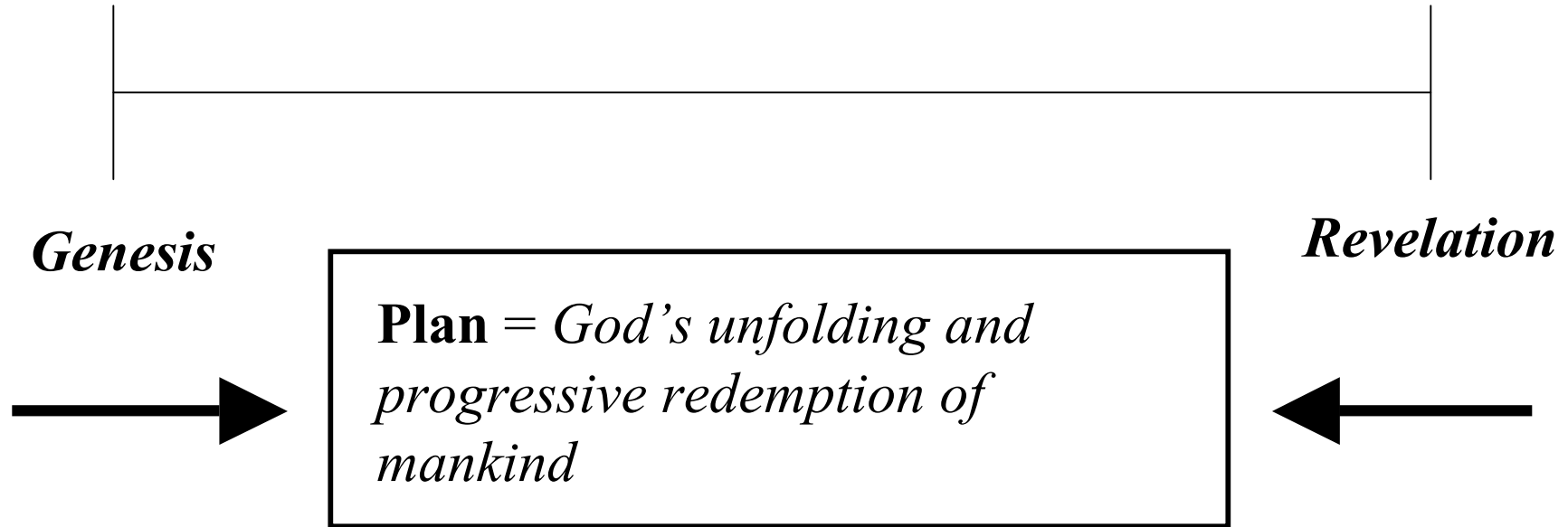
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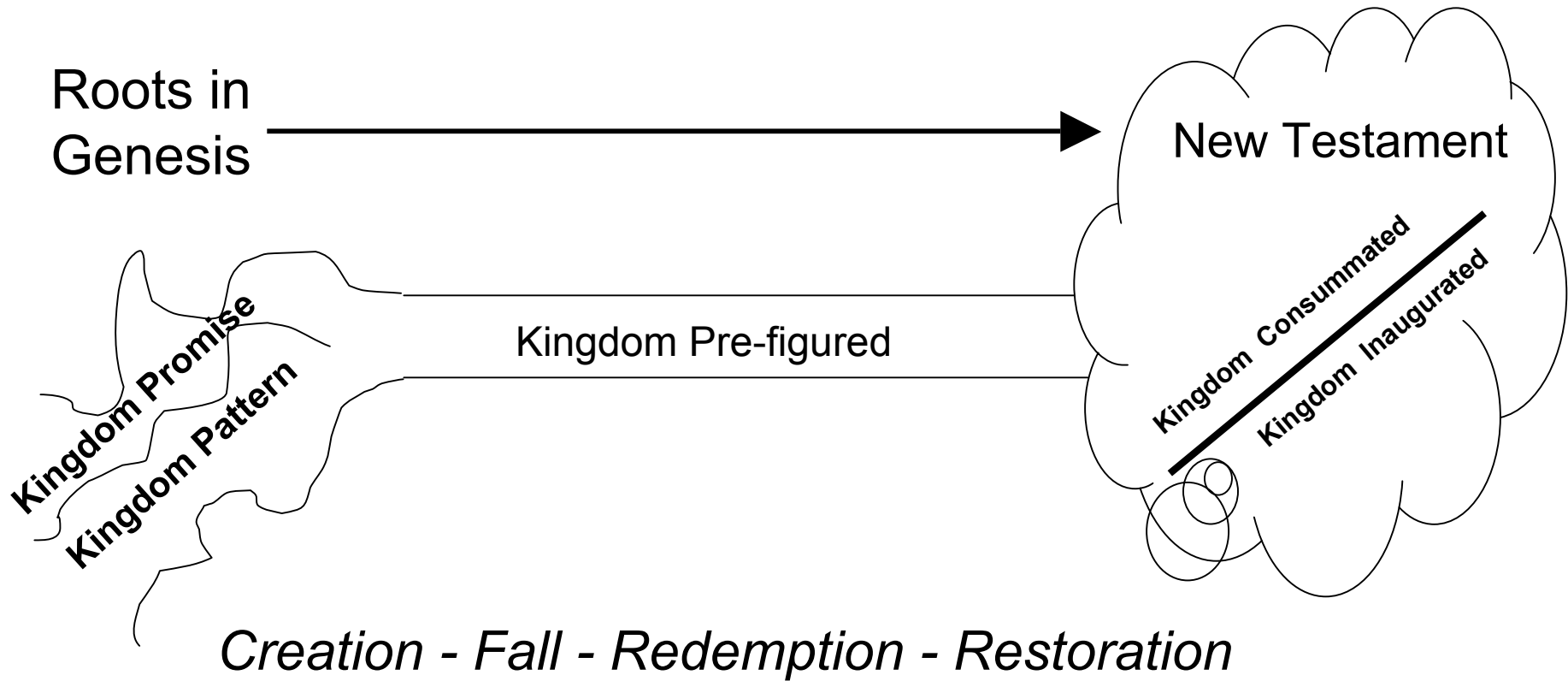
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Purpose = *“the glory of God”*



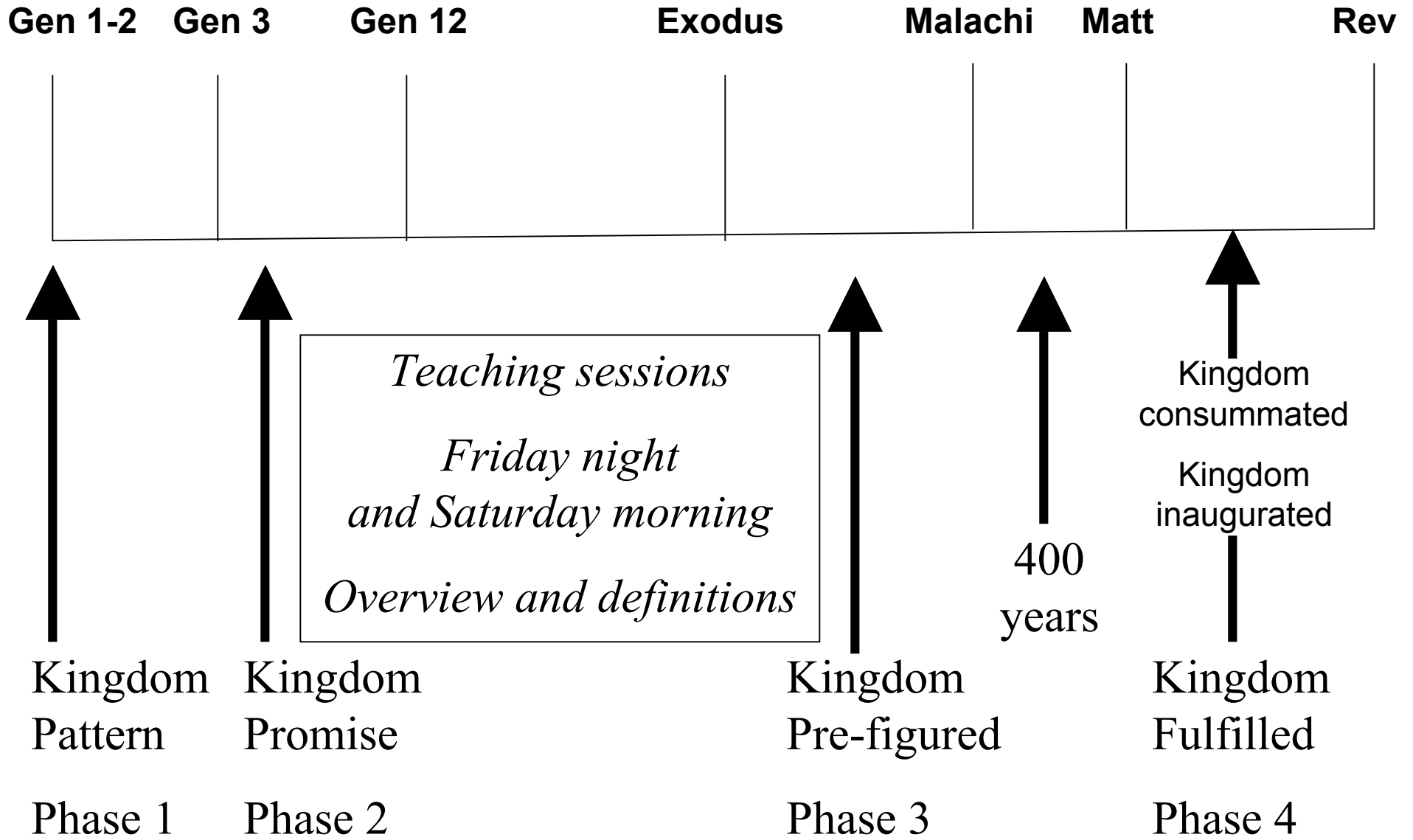
The key to seeing and understanding the plan of redemption in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is *“the kingdom of God.”*

The Kingdom of God

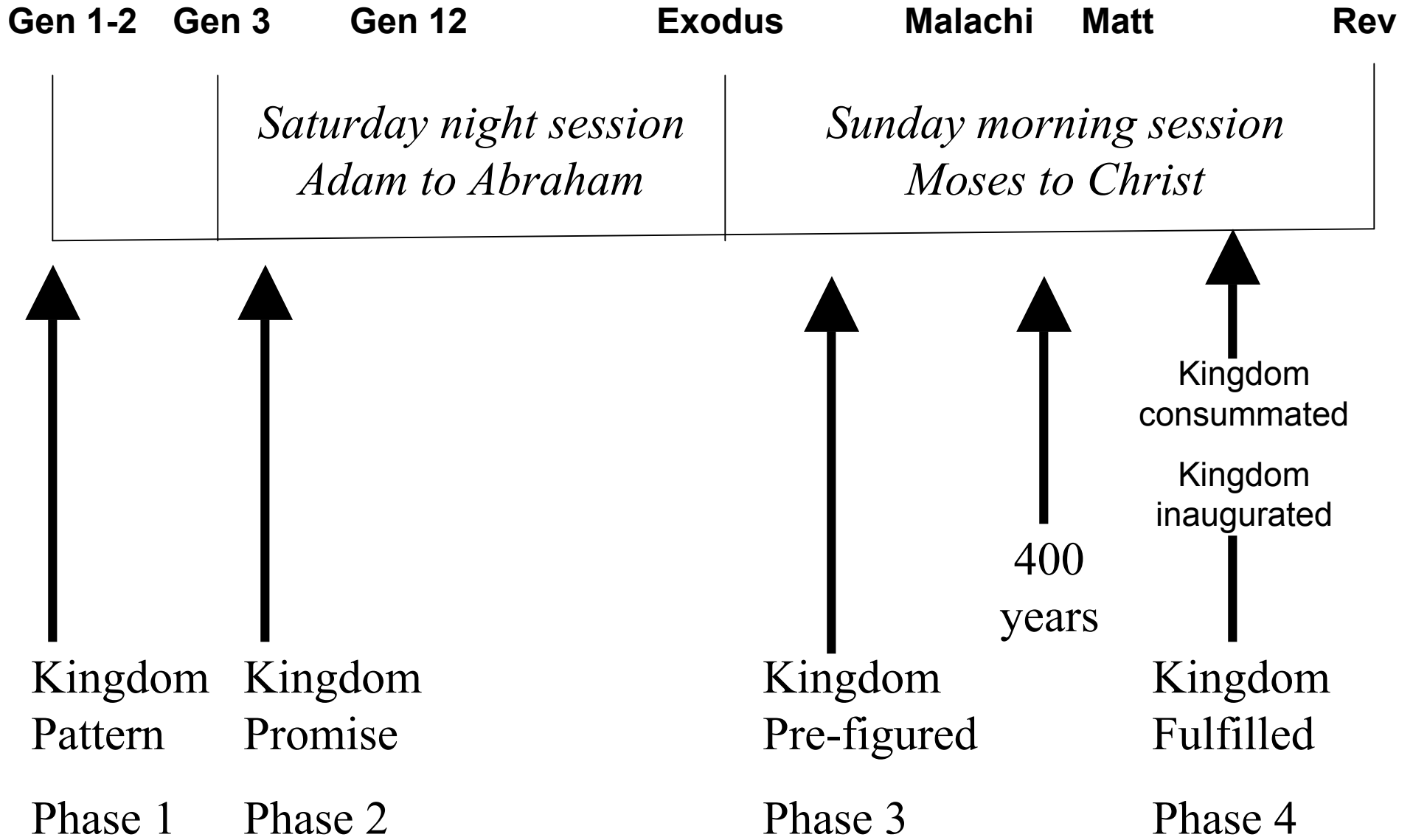


The Bible is mostly in a narrative language that shows us that God is headed to an end. It is God's unfolding and progressive plan of how He intends to redeem mankind.

God's unfolding and progressive redemption of mankind



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An overview from Genesis to Revelation

There are 3 major points in “progressive revelation”

1. Creation eschatology
2. Fall of man (promise of Genesis 3:15)
3. Redemption established in Christ
 - The typical plan
 - The anti-typical plan

God creates Adam and gives him role as

- King - one who has royal dominion over all the earth
- Priest - one who is charged to protect his spiritual garden

Adam is given federal headship or vassal responsibility

- He is tested by the serpent
- If Adam passes the test he is to receive eternal life

God creates a cosmic temple in which the creatures and creation enjoy ceaseless worship of God

Genesis starts out with great expectations but then disappointment comes

Adam fails to keep God's command and therefore is subjected to the curse and condemnation of God

God calls to Adam, and asks where are you?

In order for Adam and Eve to account for their actions

Adam because of his sin is exiled from the garden or land which God has provided

The cherubim now block the way back to the tree of life

Adam's sin has tainted the very glory of God

But right at the time when all this comes crashing down after Adam's sin and we expect the wrath and judgment of God, instead we see "amazing" grace in the form of a promise

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

This seed will finally give access to the tree of life in order for mankind to have immortality and to manifest the glory of God
And this pattern is going to be repeated throughout the Bible
Great expectations will be laid out for the people of God but there will be failure and disappointment that will bring judgment and promise

From Genesis 3:15 we have redemptive eschatology in which God will bring about the promise that He gives in Genesis 3:15

Notice that God doesn't bring Jesus Christ in right away instead He waits approximately 4000 years but in the meantime prepares the way through types and shadows or a typical system.

The first level is provisional (typical)

The second level is permanent (anti-typical)

The big plot

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Ultimately this will be fulfilled in Christ who is the true second Adam

The sub plot

These are all the types and shadows

Don't get these confused, again

Level 1 - provisional

Level 2 - permanent

God is like an artist or a novelist uses history as is His canvas

God is painting a picture, story or narrating a plot in order that we might understand what is happening in Christ

After the creation and fall we come to the next major event which is known as the FLOOD

God initiates a sub plot in Genesis 6:5-7

Gen. 6:5 ¶ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen. 6:6 The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Gen. 6:7 The LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”

This is a pointer for us back to the fall but this time we have Noah who is going to be the second Adam as we read it is Noah who is righteous

Noah as the second Adam obeys God and brings the animals into the ark two by two in order to get ready to begin a new creation

If you put yourself in the story at this point, DON'T think through the NT, Noah is right now the promised seed from Genesis 3:15 The flood represents judgment against all mankind just as God judged man right after the fall

After the flood the animals exit the ark and we have a picture of a new creation

So now we have a righteous Noah and a sacrifice that has been made but then what happens?

The next scene is where we see that Noah gets drunk and his own nakedness is exposed not unlike that of Adam and Eve in the garden It is here when we expect the judgment of God that we in fact see the promise in Genesis 9:25-27 which is the fulfillment of promise in Genesis 3:15

Gen. 9:25 So he said,
 “Cursed be Canaan;
 A servant of servants
 He shall be to his brothers.”

Gen. 9:26 He also said,
 “Blessed be the LORD,
 The God of Shem;
 And let Canaan be his servant.

Gen. 9:27 “May God enlarge Japheth,
 And let him dwell in the tents of Shem;
 And let Canaan be his servant.”

It is through Shem that all the nations will be blessed

Japheth refers to the Gentiles

Ham points to the judgment to God's punishment for the Canaanites

The next major event is the covenant that God makes with Abraham
God calls Abraham from the Ur of the Chaldeans

And God promises to Abraham a land that will be fruitful and have many of his descendants

Again we see that God is fulfilling the promise that He originally made in Genesis 3:15

And we see that Noah was not the true seed but only a type and shadow, because the new creation did not happen

But now we see that God will do it through Abraham and his descendants and the promise will be fulfilled as they crush the serpents head

By executing judgment on the Canaanites they will be given the land This is the land that is flowing with milk and honey and is for us a picture of Eden

Abraham's descendants multiply and they end up in Egypt under Joseph but they are enslaved under a new Pharaoh

The next major event we have is the Exodus

God did not forget to the promises to Abraham in Genesis 12, 15 and 17 as we can see in Exodus 2:23-24

Ex. 2:23 Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God.

Ex. 2:24 So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

God raises up Moses to be a deliverer of His people

So now we finally have the chosen seed, the one who will be the second Adam, the second Noah, and just like Noah, God uses Moses to save the people through the waters of divine judgment

But like Noah, Moses sins and he strikes the rock when he should have spoken to it and therefore Moses can not go into the promised land so he is not the promised seed

So God makes a covenant with the people if not Moses then Joshua will be the one

But now God is starting to change the type from an individual like Noah, Moses or Joshua and He forms the nation of Israel

Israel now becomes the type as God's second Adam and God makes a covenant of command at Mount Sinai that reminds us of the command that He gave to Adam in the garden

Israel becomes a royal nation and a kingdom of priest that are serving God in the land that He has promised to them

They are given a dominion task to crush the serpents head which they do by wiping out the Canaanites

The next major event we see is Joshua's conquest of the land
This is the first level fulfillment of the Abrahamic promise concerning the land

Joshua then leads God's people into the land and the serpents head is crushed

Israel now enters into the land of milk and honey, which is a land of paradise but then Joshua dies. And after his death he leaves a succession of weak judges who rule the land and lead God's people

In the book of Judges we read "there was no king and the people did right in their own eyes" (Judges 17:6, 21:25)

And now we are left to wonder, where is the King, where is the chosen seed?

The people come to Samuel and ask him for a king. But Saul whom they are given is not the anointed one and because of his disobedience the kingdom is snatched away from him and given to another one

The next major event we have is the covenant that God makes with king David

In the midst of failure as God's people that have ask for an earthly king, in the midst of Saul who is a disobedient king, God then chooses David, a man after His own heart. David who wants to build a temple for God but God makes to him a promise that he will never lack a man to sit upon the throne.

An although he would not build the temple himself, his son would be the one who would eventually build the temple

The promise to Abraham continues to expand

In Abraham you have the *promise of the land and descendants*, with David you have the *promise of a Messianic kingdom* with no end

And the crown jewel of the kingdom of God is the building of the temple for God to dwell in

The fulfillment of the temple that God dwelled in during the garden of Eden

It seems that David's son Solomon will be the one and we can see this in 1 Kings 10:23-25:

1Kings 10:23 ¶ So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

1Kings 10:24 All the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

1Kings 10:25 They brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

1 Kings 10:23-25 almost speaks in eschatological language
Look at the creation terminology in that you have the whole earth that is under his authority and they are bringing to him their wealth

But in 1 Kings Chapter 11 we see that Solomon takes foreign wives and they turn his heart away from the Lord, Solomon is not the seed

Because of Solomon's apostasy the kingdom is divided. It is from Solomon's apostasy that we see this spread throughout the nation

First in the northern kingdom and then in the southern kingdom God then brings on the prophets to issue a covenant law suit against Israel and they call her to repent and to obey God but to no avail

The covenant has been broken, Israel is not the second Adam,

Just like in the fall from the garden when Adam and Eve are expelled, the nation of Israel is exiled from God's presence

There is no way back to the tree of life and the land is forfeited due to sin

The next major event is the people of Israel are exiled from the land God writes a bill of divorce for His bride and the land must rest for a time equal to the rest required under the law that Israel has broken

But just as God brings the covenant lawsuit against Israel, just when it looks like His wrath and judgment is going to come on His people the prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel speak in terms of a promise of a new covenant

Even as God proclaims judgment and the end of an old covenant, the lawsuit and divorce, in the midst of the prophesy is a new work of God

A second Exodus

A new covenant

God then begins to fulfill the promises with the return of Israel to the land

Zerrubbable responsible to rebuild the city

Ezra responsible to rebuild the people

Nehemiah responsible to rebuild the wall

At the end of the OT in Malachi we have the people of God, in the land of God but where is the Seed, where is the King?

The typical sub plot has come to an end or maybe you could say a new beginning

It is here that we see the entry of John the Baptist crying out in the spirit of Elijah "prepare the way of the LORD, for the kingdom of God is at hand"

The ministry of John the Baptist is one of preparation for the manifestation of Jesus the Messiah

John baptized with a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins

And Jesus comes to John to be baptized to which John replies "why do You come to me, I should be coming to You"

Jesus is baptized in order to identify Himself with the people

And at this point God says this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased

Finally the chosen Seed has arrived on the scene Genesis 3:15 which began in the form of a promise is now fulfilled

- Adam was not the one
- Noah was not the one
- Moses was not the one
- Joshua was not the one
- David was not the one
- Solomon was not the one

But now the Seed is here

So we now have the anti-typical fulfillment, not just a new creation but the new creation

The arrival of the Messianic King brings the arrival of the Messianic seed

Jesus is the true second Adam

Jesus is our federal head or vassal King who occupies the OT offices of prophet, priest and king

The return of Ezra and Nehemiah and the people were not the fulfillment of the new covenant

But rather the new covenant was to be sealed with the blood of Jesus

The second temple built by Zerubbabel was not the true eschatological temple prophesied by Ezekiel

Jesus Christ as the ascended King of His church, having received the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out that Spirit on the day of Pentecost

And as a result Christ is building a true spiritual temple and we as God's people are living stones being built up in Christ who Himself is the foundation and cornerstone of that temple

But what about the land? the inheritance already belongs to us from a judicial point of view but we are not in full possession of it at this time

We are in a period of time that is best describes as the already but not yet,

Christ must return, the day of judgment the true flood, a flood of purifying fire must come to cleanse and glorify the cosmic temple and grant eternal life in Christ, where we find an eternal Sabbath rest in the heavenly land that Christ has achieved for us

This is a story of the Bible and this is the plot that God has set up to prepare the way for the coming of Christ, first as One who was the suffering Servant but upon His second return the ruling King.