



Season 1, Episode 3

- Humans were designed to **communicate in stories**.
- About ½ of the Bible is the genre of **historical narrative**
- A story – a narrative with
 - A theme
 - Conflict / resolution
 - Diversity within unity
 - Beginning, middle, climax, ending
- **Metanarrative** - overarching story that purports to explain the world, how it came to be, and why it is the way it is
- “Myth” / “mythology” - a “narrated worldview” or stories that explain why a particular culture thinks the way it does about its origins and existence
- JRR Tolkien & CS Lewis: the Bible is the great myth that became fact
- Bible’s metanarrative story, or “myth,” which **happens to be true**
- God revealed himself through creation, his words, his actions, and ultimately by becoming a real human being in the person of Jesus. He wants to be known! God spoke so that people could understand him.
- “All together, the books of the Bible unfold the story of human history from beginning to end.” – Jeff Myers

OUTLINE OF BIBLICAL METANARRATIVE

- 6-act story of God’s creation and kingdom
- OT – pattern of the kingdom, how it perished, the promise of a coming restoration and prophesies about its completion.
- NT – the present kingdom, its presence, and what it will be like when perfected

ACT		CREATION-FALL-REDEMPTION	KINGDOM	BIBLE	
1	Creation	Creation	Kingdom Created	Genesis 1-2	Old Testament (39 books)
2	Fall	Fall	Kingdom Fallen	Genesis 3-10	
3	Israel	God's unfolding plan to redeem of all His creation	Kingdom Promised	Genesis 11 - Malachi	
4	Jesus		Kingdom Restored	Gospels	New Testament (27 books)
5	Church		Kingdom Expands	Acts, Letters	
6	New Creation		Kingdom Perfected	Revelation	

THEOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. Promise (Genesis)
 - a. Creation & goodness
 - b. Rebellion & broken creation
 - c. Restoration promised - God chooses a family to use
- B. Plan (Exodus – Deuteronomy, wisdom books)
 - a. Nation formed and delivered
 - b. Covenant, promise, and new lifestyle (how to be the holy people of God)
- C. Problem (historical books)
 1. Wicked kings, false prophets, idolatry, sexual immorality, poor
 2. Unable to be righteous: inside doesn't match outside
- D. Preparation (the prophets)
 1. Promise of a perfect king, priest, prophet
 2. Write God's law (character) on the human heart