

THE BIBLE IN AN HOUR & WHY IT MATTERS

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- ▶ Romans 14:4

1. Kingdom Foundations

A Divine Story

- ▶ Genesis 1
- ▶ Psalm 24:1

A Human Story

- ▶ Gen 2

God's People in God's Place under God's Rule

- ▶ Gen 3

Rescue Story

- ▶ Gen 3:15
- ▶ Rev 20:7-15
- ▶ Rev 21:1-4
- ▶ Rev 22:1-5

God's People RESTORED to God's Place under God's Rule

2. Kingdom Promises

Abraham – the beginning (Genesis 12, 15, 17)

- ▶ 12:1 land
 - ▶ 12:2-3 people
 - ▶ 17:1-14 covenant
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- ▶ Gen 50:20 – *a template for the way God works.*

But the kingdom promises won't be realised until...

Exodus – the Great Escape

- ▶ Passover (Exodus 12)
- ▶ Sinai (Ex 19:5-6, 20:2)

3. Kingdom Shadows

- ▶ Judges
- ▶ 1 Sam 8

The Golden Age – of David & Solomon

- ▶ 2 Samuel 7:11-16
- ▶ 1 Kings 8
- ▶ 1 Kings 10 (esp vv8-9)

The Golden Age – The not-so golden reality

- ▶ 1 Kings 11
 - **Northern Kingdom** Israel; capital: Samaria; destroyed by Assyria in 722BC
 - **Southern Kingdom** Judah; capital: Jerusalem; exiled by Babylon in 596 & 586BC
- ▶ Deuteronomy 28

God's kingdom can never be realised now without...

God's Rescue – the Prophetic Promise of a New Exodus

- ▶ A New Covenant (*Jeremiah 31:31-34*)
- ▶ A New Restored People (*Isaiah 51:11*)
- ▶ A New Temple (*Ezekiel 44:4*)
- ▶ A New David (*Isaiah 9:5-7*)
- ▶ A New Sacrifice (*Isaiah 53:4-6*)
- ▶ A New Creation (*Isaiah 40:1-11, 65:17f*)

The Return From Exile:

- ▶ Ezra 3:10-13
- ▶ Nehemiah 13

4. God's Kingdom At Hand

Gospels: The King has come...

- ▶ Matthew 1
- ▶ Luke 1:27, 32, 69; 2:4, 11; 3:23f

... and has worked his rescue

- ▶ Luke 23:45-47

Acts: How the Kingdom Message went global

- ▶ Acts 1:6-8 ... 28:31

Epistles: The People of God under His rule in a fallen world

- ▶ Romans 8

5. The Kingdom is Consummated

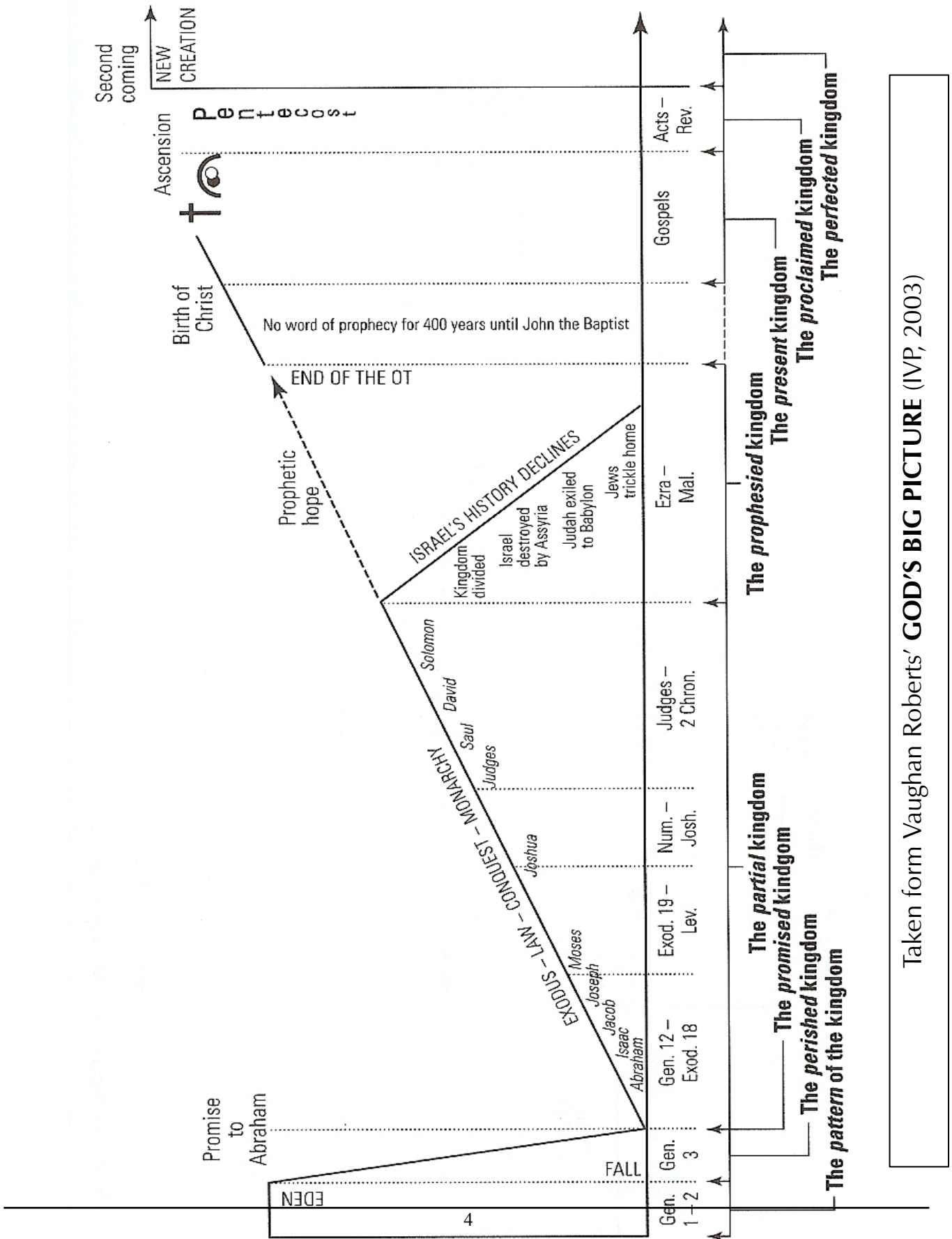
- ▶ Revelation 21-22

- ▶ Psalm 145:13

Further Reading

- Vaughan Roberts: **God's Big Picture** (IVP UK)
- Graeme Goldsworthy: **According to Plan** (IVP)

DIAGRAM 1: THE BIBLE'S HIGHS & Lows



Taken from Vaughan Roberts' **GOD'S BIG PICTURE** (IVP, 2003)

DIAGRAM 2: OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE

