

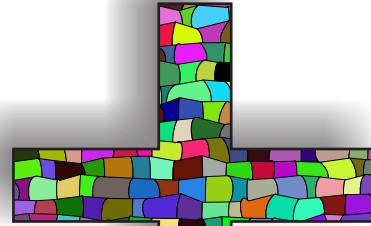
The Unfolding Mystery

The Bible is an unfolding story of the creation, its fall into sin, and its redemption through the suffering and resurrection of the Son of God, the man Christ Jesus, for the forgiveness of sin.



The Old Testament is about God's Son, the Messiah, who would come to save the world from its fall into sin by suffering rejection and rising from the dead to rule over it.

Christological Hermeneutic



The New Testament is about God's Son, the Messiah, who did come to suffer, die, and be resurrected to save the world and rule over it, and who will one day return to judge it and consummate its salvation.

| <i>a</i> Law | <i>b</i> Prophets | <i>c</i> Writings | <i>a'</i> Gospels | <i>b'</i> History | <i>c'</i> Epistles | <i>d</i> Theodicy ¹ |
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| The record of the creation, the fall and the beginning of redemption thru the suffering and obedience of God's firstborn son - the newly formed covenant people of God. | The record of God's covenant people as they failed to save the world around them by living under the covenant conditions. The prophets were sent, 1) to chasten God's people who in their rebellion against God, rejected them and, 2) to reaffirm God's faithfulness to his promises to save a people for himself from the world through his first-born son, the Messiah. | The Writings convey two messages: First, having suffered the searing pain of the exile, they show that a hope remains for God's people, and second, they picture the true Covenant Keeper and Redeemer - God's son, the Messiah. | The record of the birth, life, death and resurrection of God's Son - the Messiah Jesus - who is bringing together and ruling over a new covenant people thru whom he will save the world. | The newly formed people of God begin to live under the new covenant in the power of the Holy Spirit sent by God's Son. They begin to bring God's message of salvation to the world with great success. | The vision of hope in the Writings is crystalized and the new covenant community is given instructions and molded through the HS and its church leaders into perfect covenant keepers. | God will show all that he is just in saving his people and judging those who have rejected his and his Son's rule when he destroys the world as we know it and makes a new earth for his people. |
| Genesis (seed) Exodus (worship) Leviticus (priesthood) Numbers (wilderness) Deuteronomy (second law) | <p>Former Prophets</p> <p>Joshua Nahum* Judges Habakkuk* 1 & 2 Samuel Zephaniah* 1 & 2 Kings Haggai Zechariah Malachi</p> <p>Latter Prophets</p> <p>Major Isaiah* Jeremiah* Ezekiel</p> <p>Minor Hosea* Joel* Amos* Obadiah Jonah* Micah*</p> <p>* Before Exile</p> | <p>Wisdom & Poetry</p> <p>Job Psalms Proverbs</p> <p>Rolls</p> <p>Song of Solomon Ruth Lamentations Ecclesiastes Esther</p> <p>Historical</p> <p>Daniel Ezra Nehemiah 1 & 2 Chron.</p> | <p>Synoptics</p> <p>Matthew Mark Luke</p> <p>Johanine</p> <p>John</p> | Acts | <p>Paul's Epistles</p> <p>General</p> <p>Romans 1 & 2 Corinth. Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thess.</p> <p>Pastoral</p> <p>1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon</p> <p>Misc. Epistles</p> <p>Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude</p> | Revelation |



Narrative or Literary Hermeneutic

