

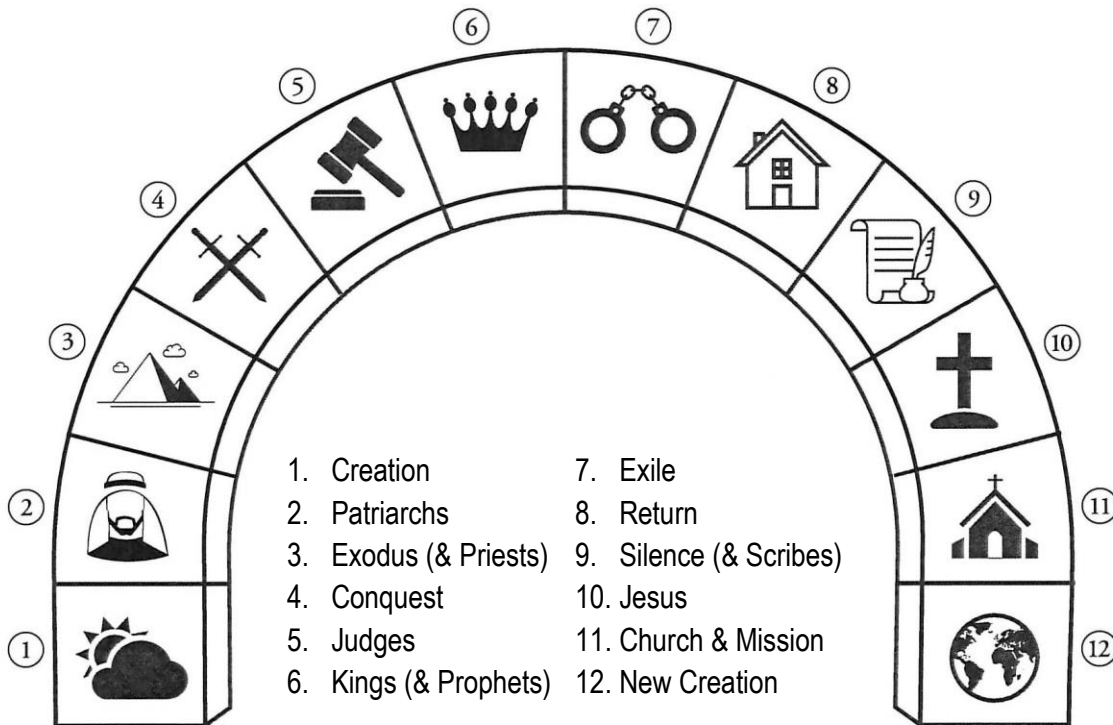
**WHAT'S THE BIBLE ALL ABOUT? – THE BIBLE'S STORY, Acts 7, 5/28/23**

**GETTING OUR FEET WET**

- Stories are p\_\_\_\_\_. True stories are even more p\_\_\_\_\_
- So, how p\_\_\_\_\_ is the Bible? God's story that is true!
- Can you tell the Bible's story like Stephen? Acts 7

*This is God's Word. It's God's authority over me. It's God telling me who I am and what I'm to do. I will read it, obey it, and share it; to be close to Jesus and bring others to Jesus!*

**ARC OF BIBLE HISTORY**



**12 TIME PERIODS**

(Adapted from 30 Days to Understand the Bible, by Max Anders)

**STEP 1- KNOW-** Do we KNOW the Bible's story like Stephen?

- Every Sabbath- they read 3+ chapters of the Law, and 5 chapters of the rest of the OT
- Every 7 years they read the entire Law at the Feast of Tabernacles (Dt 31:11)
- All Hebrew children memorized the entire Law (Genesis through Deuteronomy) by song
- The better students continued schooling and memorized the entire OT (as Stephen)
- How would you rate your personal Bible reading and knowledge of Scripture?  
 \_\_\_ need to get started \_\_\_ need to get consistent \_\_\_ need to go deeper. I will....

1. Get the big picture- for a great, animated overview of the Bible go to <https://bibleproject.com/explore/book-overviews/>
2. Memorize the 12 Time Periods of the Bible
3. Get a free Bible reading plan
  - o Bible Project- animated, gives overview- reading 4 chapters a day  
 - <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/22273-bibleproject-one-story-that-leads-to-jesus/day/1>
  - o Nicky Gumble- very devotional, practical, with prayers for the OT, Psalms, and NT readings-  
 - <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/34130>
  - o For a free 30-Day daily prayer experience with Jesus check out- <https://www.pauseapp.com/>

**STEP 2 -OBEY-**Have we missed the point like the Jewish leaders?

- Acts 7<sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."
- What does the Arc of the Bible teach you?

1. I need J\_\_\_\_\_!
2. God has a p\_\_\_\_\_!
  - God is in control
  - God is loving
  - God wants to b\_\_\_\_\_ us, and b\_\_\_\_\_ through us!
  - God is sovereign. God is good. God loves me. God loves the world.
3. God is always i\_\_\_\_\_ us & involving us. (see John 4)
4. God must p\_\_\_\_\_ sin. He will e\_\_\_\_\_ us if we do not repent.

So, as you read the Bible, look for:

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?	WHAT ARE WE LIKE?
WHAT DOES GOD DO?	WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

❖ **WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU?** – write it down, pray it back, DO IT, and share it with others!  
 "Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word! I want to get to know it and You. Obey it and You. I hear you saying..."