

## **Bible Study Methods**

### **The whole Bible as a book**

The Bible reveals truth to us since it is the word of God, but knowing where you are in the timeline of the Bible.

- Lev. 4:27-31

Three questions to ask:

1. Where is this passage on the Bible timeline?
2. Where am I on the Bible timeline?
3. How do I read this passage in light of what happens between?

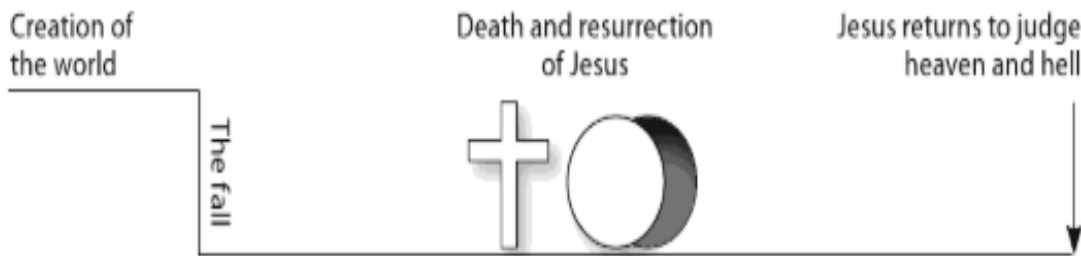


FIGURE 15.1. A SIMPLE BIBLE TIMELINE

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- Knowing what is different in redemptive history between books is helpful
  - What happens between Leviticus and Philippians?

#### **A warning:**

- This does not mean books of the Old Testament are irrelevant or not useful.
- Because God does not change:
  - Mal. 3:6
  - James 1:7
  - Heb. 13:8
- But, because of who Jesus is and what He has done, we cannot and should not attempt to read the Old Testament without seeing how it is pointing to Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> Take from page 120 of *Dig Deeper*, by Nigel Beymon and Andrew Sach

**A reminder:**

- The Bible, while made up of 66 books, with several human authors, has one divine author.
- And God is the best author imaginable.

**Tips for reading the Bible as one book:**

1. What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach us about man?
2. When you encounter a problem, first try to understand what the author of the book means.
  - a. Ex. Paul vs. James
3. Understand what claims are made and what are not.
4. Read the OT the way Jesus and the Apostles did.

“The Bible was not written to us, but it is wonderfully for us.”