

Biblical Theology: The Story of Scripture

Class 5: From Eden to New Jerusalem

III. Systematic Lessons

- 1) *God is a holy creator*
- 2) *God dictates how humanity is to have relationship with him.*
- 3) *God intends for his glory to fill the earth*
- 4) *In Christ, God dwells through the Spirit in the worldwide Church.*
- 5) *Christians are the inaugurated temple, designed to expand and spread God's presence throughout the earth.*
- 6) *The Church is the temple as well, they represent outposts of God's glory.*



Goal: Better understand Scripture and be shaped by its story.

Schedule:

The Stories to be Told: Biblical Theology Displayed

5. Eden to New Jerusalem	Oct. 10
6. People of God	Oct. 17
7. Sacrifice	Oct. 24
8. Mission	Oct. 31

Based on a core seminar from Capitol Hill Baptist Church (DC).

Resources for Further Study:

- *God Dwells Among Us: Expanding Eden to the Ends of the Earth* by G.K. Beale and Mitchell Kim (IVP)
- *From Eden to New Jerusalem: An Introduction to Biblical Theology* by T. Desmond Alexander (Kregel)
- *The Temple and the Church's Mission: A Biblical Theology of the Dwelling Place of God* by G. K. Beale (IVP)
- "Eden, the Temple, and the Church's Mission in the New Creation," *JETS* v. 48/1, by G.K. Beale, available online here: https://www.etsjets.org/files/JETS-PDFs/48/48-1/48-1-pp005-031_JETS.pdf

I. From Eden to New Jerusalem

A) *The Garden-Temple (Genesis 2-3)*

Presence of God

Priestly Duties

Placement

Provision of Life

(other) Parallels

Prophetic Mention

The Fall (Genesis 3-11)

B) *Patriarchs & The Tabernacle (Exodus 19; 25-31)*

Significance of Altars

Imagery of Tabernacle

C) The Jerusalem Temple (2 Samuel 7; 1 Kings 8:10-11)

David's Son

Significance of Zion

D) The Prophetic Temple (Isaiah; Ezekiel; Zechariah)

The city has lost its way: Isaiah 1:4, 10-15

A new temple and transformed city are envisioned: Isaiah 2:2-5; 65:17-25

Ezekiel sees stark visions of judgment and destruction of the city, but in 40-48 the visions focus on God's return to a transformed heavenly city: "...*And the name of the city from that time on shall be, The LORD Is There.*" Ezekiel 48:35 (ESV)

E) Jesus (John 1:14; John 2:18-21, 7:38-39)

F) Church (2 Cor. 6:14-18; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Pet. 2:5; Rev.3:12; 11-12)

"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6:14-18, ESV)

"For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." (Ephesians 2:18-22, ESV)

G) New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22)

Gold & Jewels

Measures like a Cube

Tree & River of Life

God's Name on our Foreheads

No Uncleaness There

Glory & Presence of God

II. Patterns in the Story

A) Promise-Fulfillment

B) Typology

C) Continuity/Discontinuity