

Overview of Redemptive History

PERIOD	UNIVERSAL DECAY	ISRAEL		CHRIST	CHURCH	UNIVERSAL RESTORATION	NEW CREATION	
		Historic reality	Prophetic Hope					
STORY	The need for a redeemer demonstrated. Hope based on God's covenant with creation. Introduces ideas of sin, judgement, grace and sacrifice	<p>Promise of blessing through Abraham's descendents and pattern for salvation by grace through faith.</p> <p>The pattern for the Redeemer established through the progressive revelation of God in the Old Covenant with national Israel, the covenant community.</p>	<p>Developing hope for Redeemer (Messiah) against the back-drop of Israel's failure.</p> <p>He will be a Conquering King in David's line but also a Suffering Servant who will faithfully obey the covenant.</p>	The centre-piece of redemptive history – the coming of the Redeemer to fulfil the Old Covenant and bring in the New Covenant through His sacrifice of Himself.	Christ continues his ministry of redemption through His body the Church, which is the spiritual union of those who have been baptised in the Spirit.	The achievement of the Redeemer demonstrated as all things are made new. Christ judges and ushers in the new creation.		
BIBLE SECTION	Genesis 3-11	Genesis 12 – II Chronicles	Isaiah – Malachi	Matthew – John	Acts – Jude (Revelation 1-18)	Revelation 19-20		
DATES	Pre-history	2000 – 430 BC <i>2000 – Abraham; 1500 – Moses; 1000 – David</i>		4 BC – 30 AD	30 AD - present	Unknown future		
COVENANT	CREATION	OLD COVENANT <i>mediated knowledge of God developed in three stages</i>		<i>Prophetic hope of New Covenant</i>		1st COMING OF MESSIAH <i>(partial fulfilment)</i>	NEW COVENANT <i>direct knowledge of God</i>	2nd COMING OF MESSIAH <i>(consummation)</i>
		Problem of human government – Babel	Davidic Eternal dynasty of Kings (II Samuel 7)	CONQUERING KING (Psalm 110; Isaiah 11)	MESSIAH	Kingdom of God is present in those who follow Christ (Luke 17:20-21)	Law internalised by the Spirit – people who obey from a transformed nature (Hebrews 8:10; II Corinthians 3:18)	Kingdom of God present in its fullness – enemies are defeated (Revelation 19)
		Problem of human sin – Eden / Cain	Mosaic Law: command / sacrifice Priests & Prophets (Exodus 19-24)	SUFFERING SERVANT (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53)		Fulfils Law in sinless life and sacrificial death (Matthew 5:17; Hebrews 9:15)	Sins forgiven – finality of redemption in Christ's perfect sacrifice (Hebrews 8:12; Romans 3:25-26)	Sin is finally judged (Revelation 20)
			Abrahamic Promises of great nation and land of Canaan (Genesis 12, 15, 17)	<i>Hope of national restoration for Israel</i>		Believing Jews joined with Gentiles in Church; ? national Israel awaiting restoration	? <i>Special future for national Israel (Romans 11)</i>	
		<i>Creation Mandate</i>	Abrahamic – promise of personal blessing based on response to Abraham's God and blessing to all nations through Abraham's seed (Genesis 12,15,17) – this promise underpins redemption					
	NOAHIC COVENANT – for all peoples throughout all time (Genesis 9); fruitfulness and increase upon the earth; stewardship of creation in the context of God's faithful provision							