WHAT IS THE BIBLE

THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

CREATION

God makes all that is – seen and unseen – out of nothing, and it is good. Humans are the crowning achievement of this creation because they are made in the image of the creator God.

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FALL

Humanity rebels against the creator God by disobeying his command, and turns inward in self-reliance. This behavior brings the consequences of sin: death, disease, suffering, war, famine, pain, confusion, and alienation.

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REDEMPTION

God promises and sends a Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who reconciles humanity to the creator God. He does this by living the perfect human life, dying a substitutionary death for sinners, and rising from death as the first of a new humanity. Jesus then ascends to heaven and sends God's Spirit to humanity to establish his kingdom in the hearts of his people. This action reestablishes his relationship with them by adopting them into his family.

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RE-CREATION

Jesus Christ returns to earth to restore creation to God's original intention. All things will be made perfect, sin will be removed, justice will be restored, suffering will cease, tears will be dried, and joy will be fully known. Jesus will rule as king, and we as his people will forever be with God in his home. The kingdom of this world will be the kingdom of our God.

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