

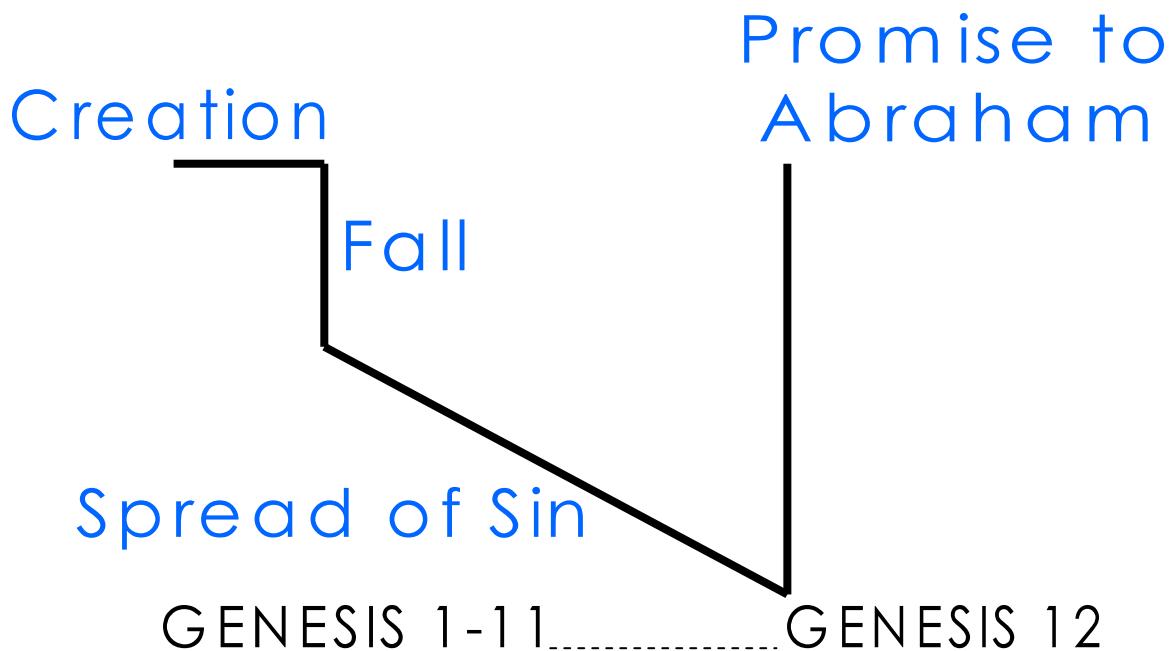
OLD TESTAMENT 1

UNIT ONE

CREATION AND GOD'S PURPOSES

THE PURPOSE OF GENESIS 1-11

- Two beginnings
 - Creation
 - The promise to Abraham



THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

➤ THE OPENING VERSES

- Creation of 'the heavens and the earth'

➤ THE LANGUAGE OF GENESIS 1-2

- Not scientific
- Poetic structure
- Important theological truths

➤ THE WORD 'DAY'

- Day as opposed to night
- A 24 hour period
- A much longer period (Genesis 2:4b)

➤ THE STRUCTURE OF GENESIS 1

- God forms the creation then fills the void with content

FORM		CONTENT	
Day 1	LIGHT	Day 4	SUN / MOON / STARS
Day 2	WATER / SKY	Day 5	FISH / BIRDS
Day 3	LAND / VEGETATION	Day 6	BEASTS / HUMANS

THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

➤ CREATION BY WORD

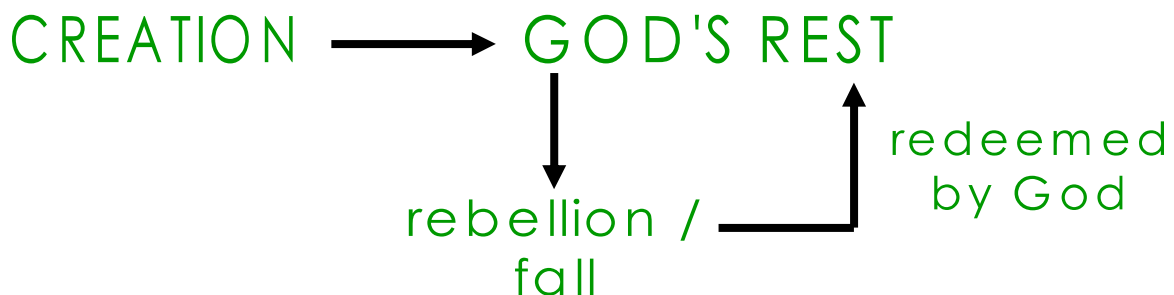
- All creation was the product of God's personal will and command

➤ THE 'IMAGE OF GOD'

- Humans have a special relationship with God and with the rest of creation
- Humans are God's representatives on earth

➤ THE SABBATH REST

- No end to the seventh day
- Rest as an unspoiled relationship with God
- The fall in Genesis 3 removes this
- Teaching about salvation shows us how the 'rest' can be recovered



THE GARDEN OF EDEN

➤ MAN AND WOMAN

- 'A helper suitable for him'
- The marriage relationship as the fulfilment of God's purpose in creating us male and female

➤ THE GARDEN

- The centre of world blessing
- Man's role to take care of it

➤ GOD, MAN, WOMAN, ANIMALS

- Perfect set of relationships between:
 - Humans and God
 - Humans and animals
 - One person and another
- Man must live under the word and command of God
- To grasp for equality with God breaks that relationship and leads to judgement