

# 7 PARTS OF THE STORY



## OLD TESTAMENT



### FOUNDATION

Creation – 930B.C.

#### **The beginning of the story through King Solomon**

This is essentially the first half of the Old Testament. It covers the development and rise of the nation of Israel. God lays the foundation of his relationship with his people. This is a time of prosperity, leading up to King David and then King Solomon.



### EXILE

930 – 6B.C.

#### **From the division of the Kingdom through the major and minor prophets**

It covers the downfall of the nation of Israel. The central story is the Exile out of the Promised Land. Through the prophets, God warned his people prior to the Exile then comforted them after.

## NEW TESTAMENT



### MESSIAH

6B.C. – 30A.D.

#### **The story of Jesus, found in the four gospels**

This is the crux of the story. It covers the life, teachings, death and resurrection of the Messiah.



### REVOLUTION

30 – 100A.D.

#### **The story of Acts and the biblical letters**

This is basically the second half of the New Testament. Once the followers of Jesus became filled with the Holy Spirit, they continued a revolution of love that spread from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.



### CHURCH

100 – 2000A.D.

#### **2000 years of church history**

We cannot leap from the biblical story to now. Through many mistakes and great courage, the church has shaped the world. We cannot understand our current situation without exploring how we got here.



### UNWRITTEN

Now

#### **The decisions we have made, are making and will make**

This grand story is not just ancient history. It continues and we all get to play a significant role in it. Our relationships, our sacrifices and our opportunities are important elements in this story



### END

Unknown

#### **Glimpses of the end of the story**

There are many unknowns about the timing and the order of events at the end of the story, but the Creator has given us hints, and we are wise to pay attention to them.