

The Big Story – Part I

God & Sons: Make or Break

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A partnership between God and Man

Make or Break – Genesis 1-11

Boom and Bust – from Abraham to exile

A Winning Formula – Jesus Christ

World Beaters – the Church finishes the job



Setting the scene...

Genesis 1-11 provide the context for our story

Creation 1-2

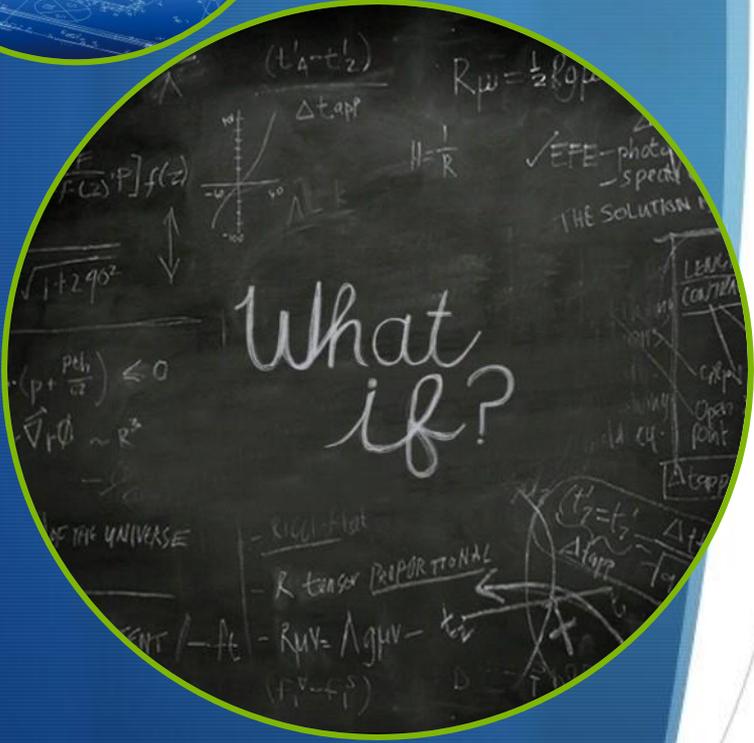
Fall 3-5

Flood 6-9

Babel 10-11

Explains 'Why?'





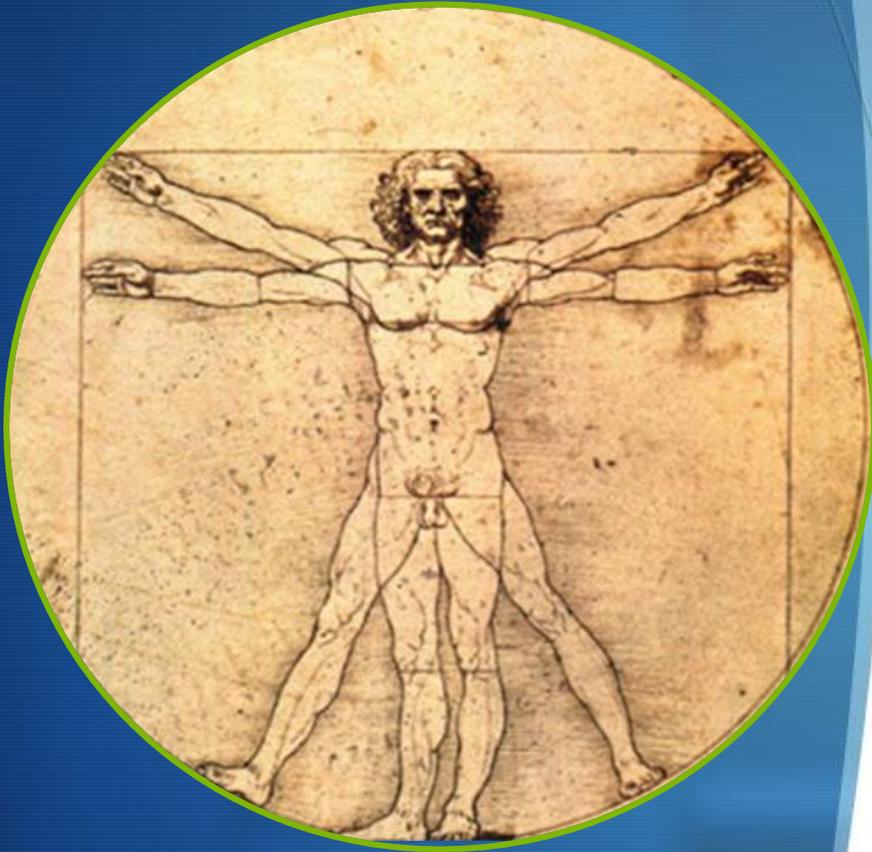
Pre Creation

- 🟢 **God is** – Genesis 1:1
- 🟢 **Love is** – John 17:24
- 🟢 **Purposes Revealed & Plans are made** –
Ephesians 1:4
- 🟢 **Every possibility covered** –
Revelation 13:8

Creation

- ◆ Not how but why...
- ◆ Why is day two not declared good?
- ◆ Why was the world created unfinished?
- ◆ Why are we like we are – part 1?





Man is created...

- ◆ Like God
- ◆ To rule
- ◆ To love
- ◆ To work
- ◆ As sons
- ◆ Free but guided

The Fall

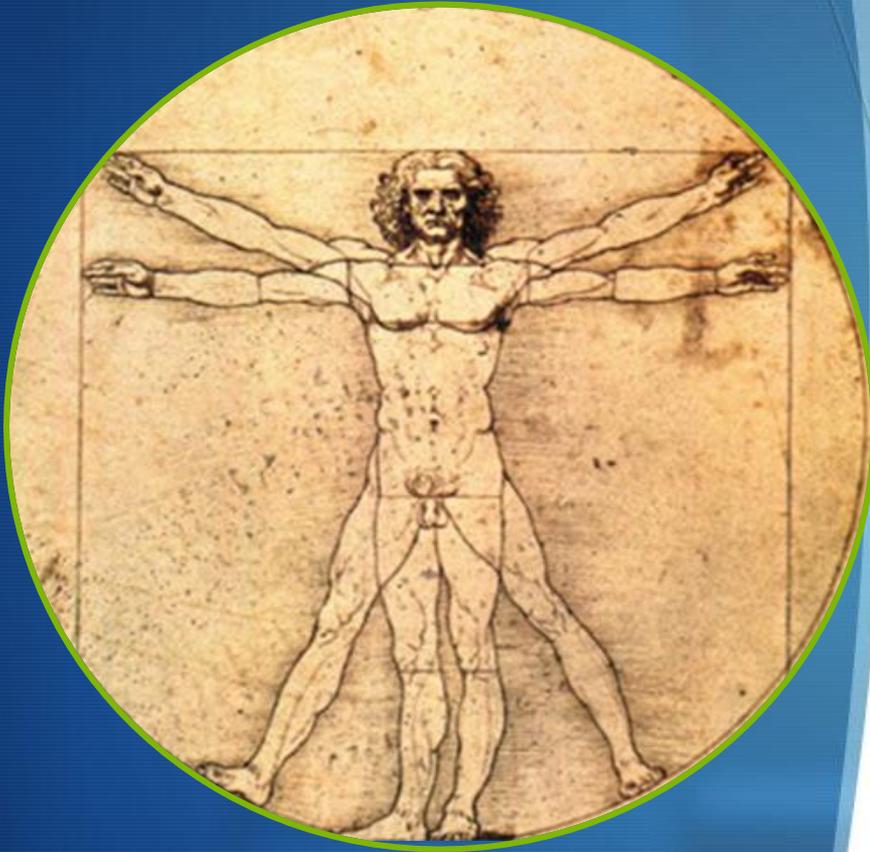
- What was the serpent up to?
- Why are we like we are – part 2?
- Why is the world so pain-full?



Man chooses independence

SO...

- ◆ Death comes
- ◆ Pain is increased
- ◆ Relationships suffer
- ◆ The work is tougher
- ◆ Sonship lost
- ◆ Free but influenced



The Flood



- 💧 Genesis 6-9
- 💧 Why?
- 💧 Punishment or grace?

Babel



- 💧 Genesis 10-11
- 💧 Why?
- 💧 Punishment or grace?

Summary

- ◆ God created the universe for love
- ◆ Made man in His image to co-create with Him
- ◆ To rule for Him
- ◆ To bring the earth into its fullness
- ◆ And so to become like Him
- ◆ But...

Summary

- ◆ We chose to believe another
- ◆ To believe that God was not a loving father
- ◆ To become independent
- ◆ To wander away from His presence
- ◆ Hence we ended up hurting and even killing each other

Next Time we see...

- ◆ How God steps in to begin to win back creation!
- ◆ How He finds someone who is prepared to believe Him and trust Him.