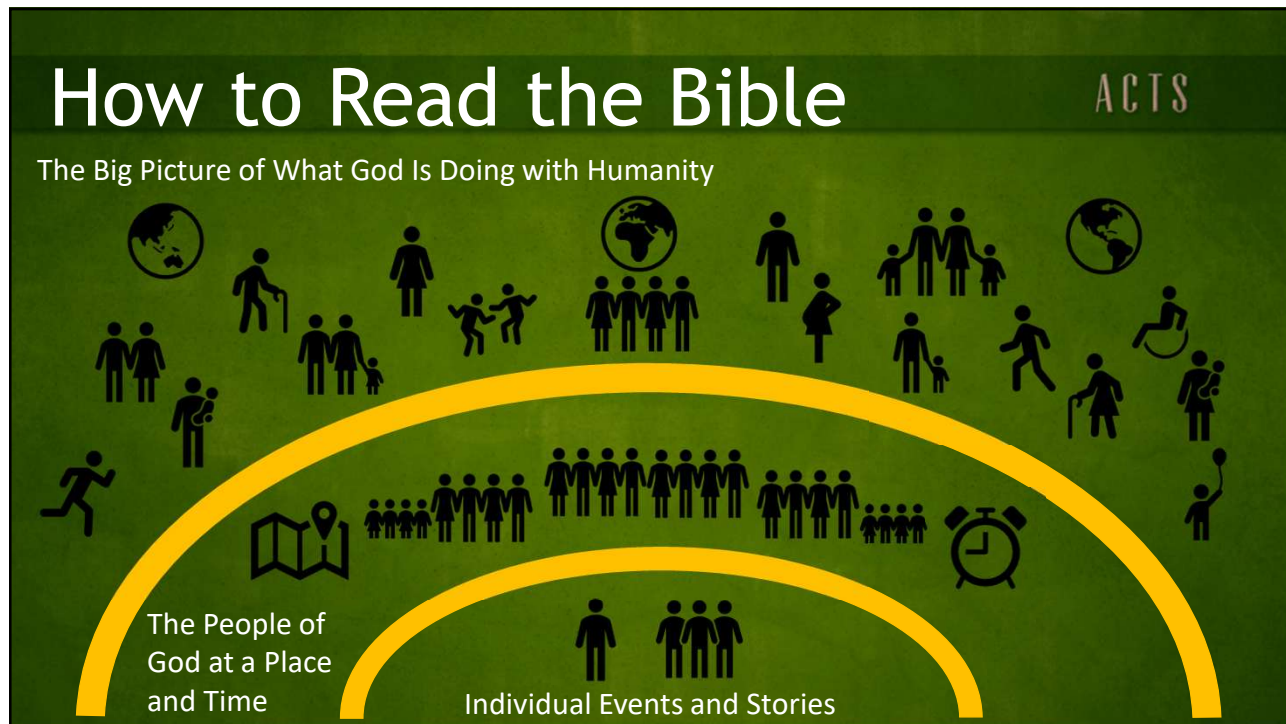




How to Read the Bible

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- Any particular story in the Bible can be read on multiple levels.
 - This does not mean there is a “hidden” meaning.
 - But, each story plays a part in the larger whole.



How to Read the Bible

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- Not every story is intended to “teach a lesson.”
- It can be helpful to ask, “How does this fit into the big picture of what God is doing?”

Redemptive History

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- The Bible is the story of God's relationship with humanity - Creation to Redemption.
- When we read Scripture, it is helpful to ask where does this passage fit in the great work of God to rescue humanity?
- How does that relate to me?

Redemptive History

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Genesis	Creation, Fall, Flood, Nations Covenant with Abraham
Exodus-Malachi	Covenant with Israel
Gospels	Jesus
Acts	Church
Revelation	Renewal of All Things

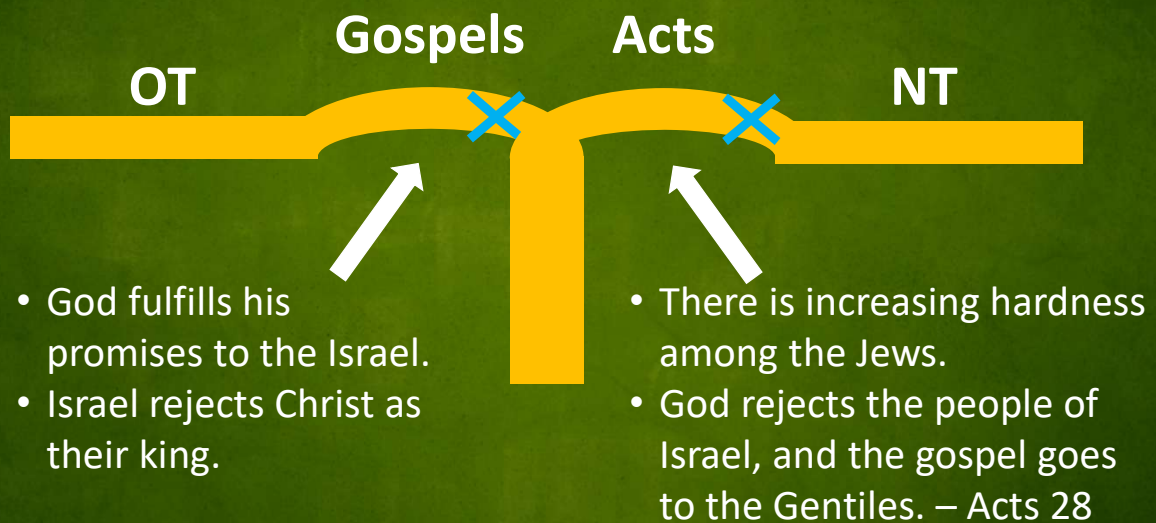
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- The Gospels and Acts are transitional documents.
 - There is a transition from the Old Covenant with Israel to the New Covenant in Christ.

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The Message of Acts

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- God is expanding his rule on the earth and rescuing humanity through Jesus.
- He is inviting you to participate in his work as he redeems the world.