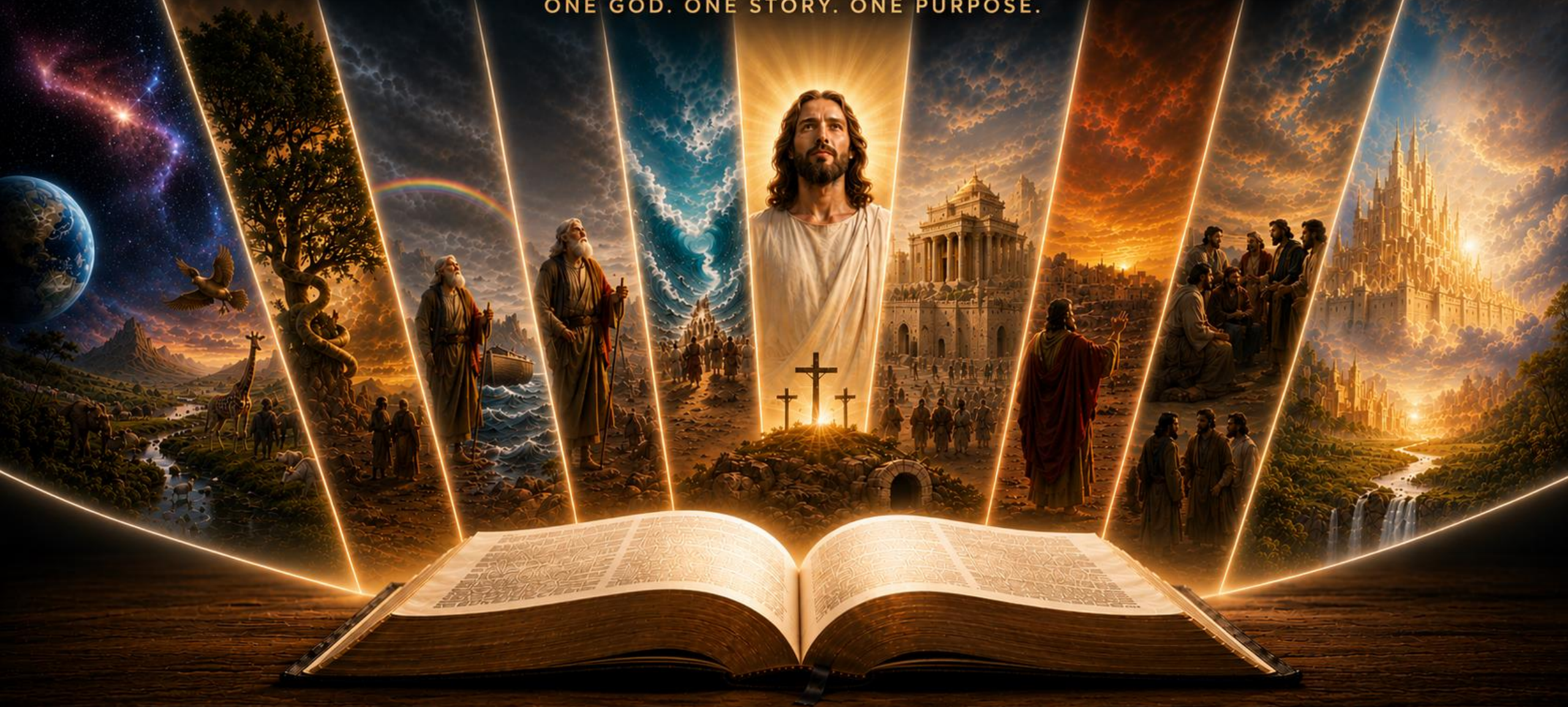


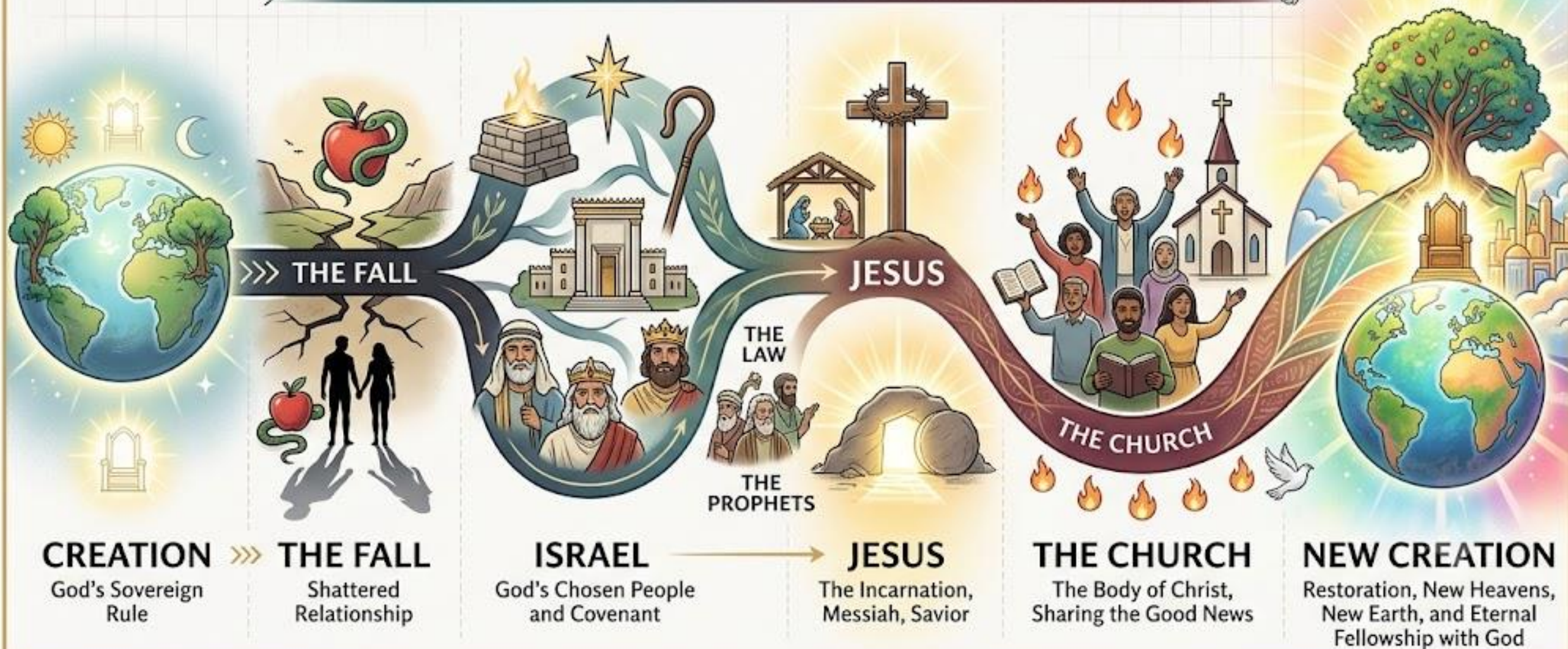
THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

ONE GOD. ONE STORY. ONE PURPOSE.



THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: A TIMELINE

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: GOD'S REDEPTIVE PLAN



The Genesis creation narrative is not the only creation story from the ancient world. The Babylonians, Egyptians, Canaanites, and other Mesopotamian cultures all had creation narratives of their own. Genesis, however, tells a very different story.

1. Instead of many gods struggling for power, there is one sovereign God.
2. Instead of creation merging from conflict or violence, God simply speaks, and the universe comes into being.
3. Instead of humanity being created to serve the needs of the gods, men and women are created in God's image to represent His rule over creation.



Why Begin the Story with Creation?

1. It Introduces the Main Character.

(Genesis 1:1; 2:4)

2. It Establishes God's Authority.

(Psalm 24:1-2; Psalm 95:3-6; Isaiah 40:21-28; Revelation 4:11; Genesis 1:26)

3. It reveals God's Original Intent.



Why Begin the Story with Creation?

4. It introduces Humanities Vocation.

(Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-17)

5. It Sets Up the Conflict of the Rest of Scripture.

(Genesis 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31; 2:15-17)

6. It Introduces Themes that Echo Throughout the Bible.



Creation is the opening scene of God's kingdom story; God reigns, humanity bears His image, and creation is very good. Next week, we'll watch as rebellion enters the story and fractures everything God made.

