

GENESIS: Preface (Good; Trust); Intro (Family; AIJJ)
1–11 12–50

The Narrative — A Tale of Two Kingdoms: Empire vs. Shalom

EXODUS: Rescue, Marriage, Tabernacle

LEVITICUS: Atonement, Priest/Live/Priest, Party, Oppressed

NUMBERS: Desert honeymoon

DEUTERONOMY: Remember (where you came from)
AOW (alien, orphan, widow)

JOSHUA: Crossroads of the Earth

JUDGES: Redemption Cycle

(RUTH): Love story (Moabites); Righteous

ISRAEL 1&2 SAMUEL
1&2 KINGS

agenda-driven headlines

1&2 CHRONICLES
JUDAH

documentary perspective

SAUL:

DAVID:

SOLOMON:

** KINGS:

ISRAEL 1&2 SAMUEL
1&2 KINGS

IMMORALITY / IDOLATRY

1&2 CHRONICLES
JUDAH

EMPIRE / INJUSTICE

SAUL: donkey herder
Benjamin

DAVID: shepherd
Judah

SOLOMON:
lust for empire

*** KINGS: split kingdom*
—> mistrust

Pre-Assyrian

Amos

Hosea

Micah

1 Isaiah

Assyrian

Jonah

Nahum

Zephaniah

2 Isaiah

Babylonian

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Habakkuk

Obadiah

Joel

Exilic

Ezekiel

Daniel

Job

3 Isaiah

Remnant

Esther

Ezra

Nehemiah

Haggai

Zechariah

4 Isaiah

Malachi

“SILENT YEARS”

SYNAGOGUE AND HELLENISM

Synagogue: Return to the Text;
a new education system

Hellenism: Five Responses
(Sadducees, Herodians, Essenes,
Pharisees, Zealots)

GOSPELS

“STORY IN FLESH”

MATTHEW: Mumzer

MARK: Roman

LUKE: Ordered

JOHN: Grafted

SESSION 3

This concludes Session 3; here's what comes next.

BEMA Podcast (Session 4): Early Church

Session 4 will cover the book of Acts as a setup for the remainder of the New Testament. Galatians, Romans, and Revelation will be discussed extensively, and all of the other books will be considered in light of the narrative of the Text.