

SESSION 4

Welcome to Session 4; here's what you need to know.

We recommend listening through SESSIONS 1, 2, and 3 first.

BEMA Podcast (Session 1): Torah

BEMA Podcast (Session 2): Prophets & Writings

BEMA Podcast (Session 3): Gospels

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.

TORAH

“PARTNERSHIP”

Basis of partnership / Meet the characters (GENESIS)

God chooses a partner / The partner chooses God (EXODUS)

God defines the partnership (LEVITICUS)

God shapes His partner (NUMBERS)

God asks His partner to remember (DEUTERONOMY)

HISTORY

“REDEMPTION CYCLE; GOD’S PATIENCE”

God places His people in the middle of the action for mission
(JOSHUA)

God’s people struggle to walk the path and trust the story
(JUDGES & RUTH)

God’s people struggle with identity and obedience
(SAMUEL/KINGS)

God’s people struggle with empire and becoming the anti-story
(CHRONICLES)

WISDOM

“TOOLS”

If we are going to survive the cycle, we are going to need...

Art and song for worship and expression (PSALMS)

Nuggets of conventional wisdom (PROVERBS)

Purpose and a reason to get up every morning (ECCLESIASTES)

Relationships and intimacy with others (SONG OF SONGS)

PROPHETS

“WARNING, WOES, HOPE”

God sends warning in Pre-Assyrian/Pre-Babylonian prophets
(AMOS, HOSEA, MICAH, 1 ISAIAH, ZEPHANIAH, 2 ISAIAH)

God pronounces woe and judgment (JONAH, NAHUM,
JEREMIAH, LAMENTATIONS, HABAKKUK, OBADIAH, JOEL)

God gives hope and encouragement to an exiled people
(EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JOB, 3 ISAIAH)

REMNANT

“RETURNING, YEARNING, LEARNING”

God’s people return to rebuild and restore what once was
(4 ISAIAH, EZRA/NEHEMIAH)

God’s people yearn for what used to be
(HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH)

God’s people learn that this new world demands a new
approach (MALACHI, ESTHER)

“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