

SESSION 5

Welcome to Session 5; here's what you need to know.

We recommend listening through Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 first.

BEMA Podcast (Session 1): Torah

BEMA Podcast (Session 2): Prophets & Writings

BEMA Podcast (Session 3): Gospels

BEMA Podcast (Session 4): Early Church

Session 5 takes us on a journey through Church History. We try to answer the question: *Where are we and how did we get here?*

At the end, we will take the opportunity to sum up the **big ideas** of our body of work and inspire us to walk it out together.

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

ACTS

“EPILOGUE OF AN EARLY CHURCH”

This is what happens when the Kingdom of Empire meets the Kingdom of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Blessing all nations...

Jewish Church in a Gentile Context

THE EARLY CHURCH

“TEXT TO CONTEXT”

PAUL'S LETTERS: Applying the Way of Jesus
to each unique context and setting

HEBREWS: Instructing these Hebrew believers to persevere
in the face of a destroyed Temple; Jesus has a better way

THE EARLY CHURCH

“TEXT TO CONTEXT”

JAMES: Doing *mitzvot* with a purpose; guarding your tongue

PETER: Holy living as God's chosen people

JOHN: Loving others is truth

JUDE: Using apocrypha to exhort God's people

REVELATION: Using the past to illuminate the present