

Take the Guesswork Out of Biblical Interpretation – Part 7

“Big Picture Context”

We have already established that the Bible must be interpreted by first understanding the whole, big picture context and then fitting all the many different parts of the Bible into the whole. Here is the timeless principle: **the wider the context, the more accurate the interpretation of the individual parts** (every book and letter, every prophecy, every historical event, every word, and so forth).

This principle would be acceptable to all Protestant Evangelical theology. But again, if you don't understand the entire biblical story correctly, you don't understand the “big picture” – the whole context.

Big Picture Cliff Notes

We have already challenged in [Part 6](#) the two primary universal assumptions of conventional Christianity that the Bible is for and applies to everyone on the planet. But does that fit the facts of the biblical evidence? Let's briefly review the story and the facts revealed. (For a more detailed study, please see Books One, Three and Four of the [Covenant Heritage Series](#).)

1. Abraham received seven unconditional promises from God.
2. These promises were inherited by his son, Isaac, and grandson, Jacob, and his twelve sons who became the patriarchs of the twelve tribes of Israel.
3. These twelve tribes were delivered by God out of Egypt and subsequently received the offer of a conditional covenant (the Old or Mosaic Covenant).
4. Over the years that followed, Israel continually rebelled and disobeyed God's laws and received God's discipline.
5. Eventually God raised up a man called David as Israel's king. He was promised an everlasting covenant that one of his descendants would sit on the throne of Israel forever.
6. The unified Kingdom of Israel eventually split into two houses – the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
7. Many years later God sent the house of Israel into exile and divorced them as His covenant people. He also sent the house of Judah into exile and only a remnant returned to Judea.
8. God promised a new covenant with both houses, which was fulfilled through Jesus Christ by His sacrificial death and resurrection.
9. Jesus also fulfilled the covenant promise to David (see #5) as the everlasting King of all Israel.

From Abraham to Jesus Christ, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, the Bible is for and about the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Exclusively!

Big Picture Conclusion

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is the story of the Creator God working in and through biblical Israel to establish and manifest His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. His Kingdom is His government.

The Bible is not about any other race of people. It is not for nor does it pertain to all “humanity.” Nor does it apply to today’s “Jews” who are not descended from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob but are impostors and, therefore, are not God’s Covenant People.

All the above declarations are true, correct, and certain. They are irrefutable and incontrovertible facts. They are individually, conjointly, and uniformly self-evident.

This is the big-picture context by which the Bible, in all its various parts, must be interpreted. Apart from this context, the Bible remains misunderstood, distorted, and perverted as to its original intent and meaning.

The Stay tuned for Part 8.

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