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From Creation To New Creation



Synopsis

Sometimes it's hard to see the wood for the trees. Running through the many gripping and memorable stories the Bible contains is one big story of God's plan for the world he made, and how he brought it about through Jesus Christ. Packed with diagrams, illustrations and timelines, this accessible Bible overview unlocks the storyline of the whole Bible how God promised and then brought about the plan to save our fallen world. But this is no book of arid theological ideas. It is a story that will encourage effective, active Christian living in today's world. Looking at God's covenantal promises with Abraham, Moses and David, Tim Chester presents the 'big picture' of the Bible and helps Christians understand the part in relation to the whole. From Creation to New Creation traces different elements of the promise and introduces: A people: God's promise to save a people who will be His people A land: God's promise to provide a place of blessing A king: God's promise to re-establish his rule of freedom and peace The nations: God's promise to bring his salvation to all the peoples of the world

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The concept of the Bible as story is a popular one these days. With the publication of The Jesus Storybook Bible, The Big Picture Story Bible, and others like it, parents and grandparents are seeing the cloud of confusion surrounding the cohesion of the Bible begin to lift as they read aloud. Books of this nature geared toward adults are getting attention. Graeme Goldsworthy's book, According to Plan (written on this subject in 1991 before it was popular), is gaining a new audience and D.A.

Carson's The God Who is There comes at concept from a fresh angle by drawing the reader to think about his/her place in God's story. Of the books stacking up on the subject, few will have heard of Tim Chester's From Creation to New Creation. This is an unfortunate reality, for it may well be the most useful one to date. What do I mean? While Carson's book makes for an engaging read, sometimes leading one to forget he's reading theology, Chester's book reads more like a syllabus or a manual for understanding the storyline of the Bible. The strength of this approach is in its organization and search-ability. I enjoyed Carson's book, but unless I can commit to reading it all the way through again, I'm not sure how often I'll pick it up. This book, however, makes it easy to pop into a specific motif in the story and get the basic information you need without a lot of sifting. Chester follows the motifs of a people who know God, a place of blessing, a King and a kingdom, and blessing to the nations and brings them all together under the umbrella of God's promise fulfilled in Christ. While not afraid to quote much Scripture, and often longer passages, Chester acts as a guide to the reader, making comments on important texts that highlight these different themes.

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