

A Brief OT Survey

Created Order-In the beginning...

[Genesis 1:11](#) (ESV)

¹¹ And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, **plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed**, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so.

[Genesis 1:12](#) (ESV)

¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

[Genesis 1:20–22](#) (ESV)

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² **And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”**

[Genesis 1:27–28](#) (ESV)

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**”

[Genesis 2:8](#) (ESV)

⁸ And the LORD God **planted a garden** in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

[Genesis 4:1-2](#) (ESV)

¹ Now **Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain**, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ² **And again, she bore his brother Abel.** Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

Human Multiplication (Good and Bad)

Look to [Genesis 5](#). (Good)

And now the bad...

[Genesis 6:11](#) (ESV)

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and **the earth was filled with violence.**

The good in Joseph’s story...

Genesis 41:38-41 **ESV**

³⁸ And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?” ³⁹ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. ⁴⁰ You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you.” ⁴¹ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

Genesis 46:27 ESV

²⁷ And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two. All the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.

Exodus 1:7 ESV

⁷ But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.

The bad...

Exodus 1:9–10 ESV

⁹ And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

Blessings for Obedience

Deuteronomy 7:12–16 ESV

¹² “And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. ¹³ He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. ¹⁴ You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. ¹⁵ And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. ¹⁶ And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

Ezekiel 11:19–20 ESV

¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Joel 2:28–29 ESV

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward,

that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female servants

in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

Joel 2:32 ESV

³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

A Brief NT Survey: A New Heart and Gifts to Fulfill the Mission

Acts 2:17 ESV

¹⁷ “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;

| [Acts 2:21](#) (ESV)

²¹ And it shall come to pass that **everyone** who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Beginning of Mission-A Prophetic Word

[Luke 3:4-6](#) (ESV)

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶ and **all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**’ ”

[Luke 4:43](#) (ESV)

⁴³ but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God **to the other towns as well**; for I was sent for this purpose.”

[Luke 5:10](#) (ESV)

¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. **And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”**

[Luke 5:11](#) (ESV)

¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, **they left everything and followed him.**

[Luke 6:17-19](#) (ESV)

¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a **great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon**, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

[Luke 22:14–16](#) (ESV)

¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ **For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**”

[Luke 22:20](#) (ESV)

²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the **new covenant** in my blood.

[Luke 24:45–49](#) (ESV)

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ **and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.** ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

A Missional Mandate

[Acts 1:8](#) (ESV)

⁸ But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Gifts to Complete the Task, Love God and Each Other

1 Corinthians 12:4–11 ESV

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1 Corinthians 12:28–31 ESV

²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

[Acts 13:1–5](#) (ESV)

¹ Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² **While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”** ³ **Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.**

⁴ So, **being sent out by the Holy Spirit**, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. **And they had John to assist them.**

A Model for Leaders

[2 Timothy 2:2](#) (ESV)

² and what **you** have heard from **me** in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **faithful men**, who will be able to teach **others** also.

An Eschatological Fact We Can All Agree On

[Revelation 7:9-10](#) (ESV)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a **great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”