

Connecting the Dots:
Preaching the Big Picture in Acts 13
Women in the Word Workshop, 2013

“Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.”

Acts 13:23 (ESV)

- **Redemptive History** (*adj.: Redemptive-historical*)

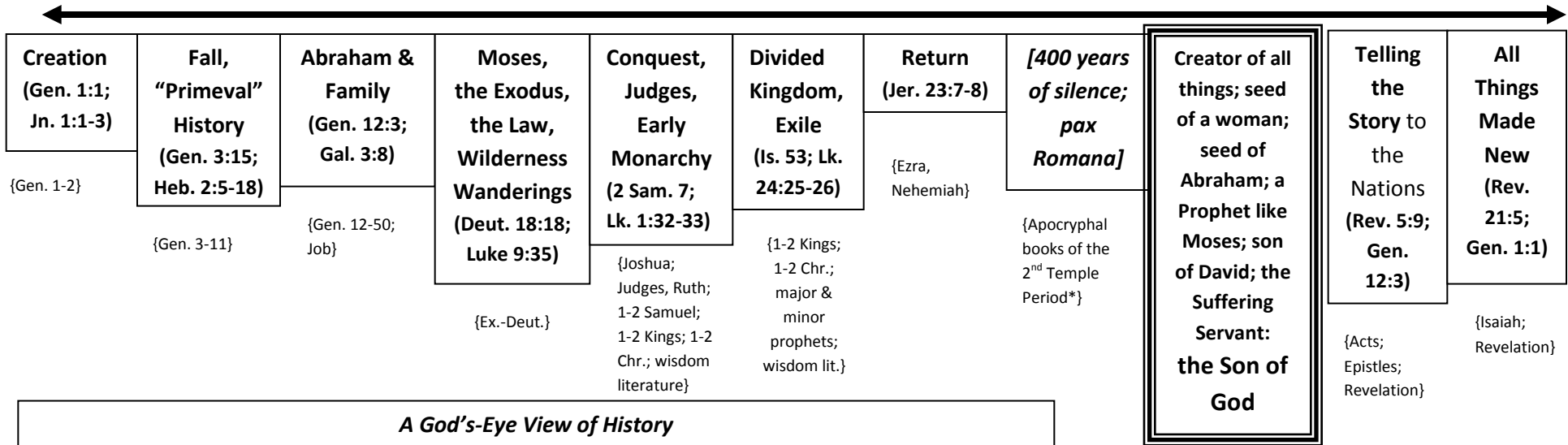
- **The New Testament’s Use of the Old**

- **Paul’s Connect-the-Dots Sermon (esp. Acts 13:16-23)**
 - *What links the historical events in this brief recap of Israel’s story?*

 - High points of the whirlwind tour:

- ***What does this have to do with US?***

The High Points of the Storyline



A God’s-Eye View of History

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, **according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.***

Eph. 1:3-10 (ESV)

(*) The 2nd Temple Period describes the years during which the Temple was under construction and in use, following the Babylonian exile (ended 538BC) and prior to its ultimate destruction by the Romans in 70AD. The “Apocrypha” is a collection of Jewish literature from this period, interesting to read but not considered inspired Scripture (by Protestants).