

The God Story!



EIGHT GREAT EPOCHS
IN THE FABRIC OF TIME

50 DAYS - 8 EPOCHS!

The **Eight Great Epochs In The Fabric Of Time** DVD's and work pad have been produced to help grasp the "big picture" on the God Story and to think through some of the deeper issues of life.

I have done my best to accurately represent the Living God's words about time, eternity, life, death, and the human struggle.

There are 4 DVD's that include eight presentations which are about 30 minutes in length. This work pad follows these DVD presentations, asking questions to augment your understanding of what is presented.

My work is to provide an accurate representation of the facts, not recruit you to an ideology. It is my hope that your worldview will be enhanced as you systematically think your way through each Epoch in their unfolding context.

For a 'beginner' it would be good to read the verses, but for someone looking for a fuller understanding of the God story, context is always necessary. To find context, you should read back and forth over the verses that are listed. And if you can, underline or highlight in your bible each verse you reference.

ENJOY!

Dave Nadler





EIGHT GREAT EPOCHS *within the fabric of time!*

EPOCH ONE (Days 1-7)

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How to get the most out of this experience...

The slides on these pages mirror the eight presentations included in your four DVD's. I believe if you take three different "passes" at each presentation, you will walk away with enough to evaluate and stimulate your personal worldview from a spiritual perspective.

What do I mean by worldview?

Each of us has a series of beliefs or operating principles upon which we make our decisions. For instance, if we lost someone important to us at some point in our life, it may make us sad, depressed, thoughtful, searching, angry, or aggressive about denial. It could make us overindulge in drinking or dangerous about unhealthy choices for food intake. Our experiences, whether traumatic or pleasant, all help to shape our world view. Each of our world views is made up of hundreds of pieces to each puzzle that is uniquely us.

ONE: THE LISTENING & OBSERVING PASS

I would suggest viewing one presentation, paging through the work pad as you listen. Try to grasp each part of the unfolding epochs, and to weigh each of the conclusions. Track the teaching with the slides, making sure you are weighing the story being told with whatever background you have in the scriptures.

TWO: THE ABSORBING PASS

Next, return to each page of that section and answer the questions that are presented - slide by slide. This gives you a chance to absorb what I am communicating and then to look at the passages from which I have derived my conclusions. This should be deliberate and involve some time set aside to think things through. *Do I think this is right? Is this something I have encountered or wrestled with before? Is each of these epochs relevant to how my life is unfolding?*

THREE: THE WORLDVIEW PASS

Finally, draw some conclusions about your own world view. *Does this principle (and Dave's conclusions) ring true for me? Is the foundation of how I operate definite and strong? Is there any place where I should consider modifying my world view? In what ways do I feel as though I am on shaky ground with this principle? On solid ground?*

If you will take the time to weigh each epoch and evaluate your personal world view, I believe you will grow in your understanding of the Kingdom, your usefulness to the King, and your satisfaction with your spiritual life.

HAPPY HUNTING!

ENDLESS ETERNITY PAST

THE AGE OF TIME

1. Origins
2. Deliverance
3. Kings & Kingdoms
4. Prophets & Captivity
5. Return (400 silent years)
6. The Shining Light
7. To the Ends of the Earth
8. The End of the Age

ENDLESS ETERNITY FUTURE

DAY ONE I

WELCOME!

Listen to the introduction from video #1 and think about the following questions.

What images come to mind when you think about endless eternity?

How firm are you in your belief that there is eternity apart from the time continuum?

With which of the above eight epochs would you say you are most familiar?

Least familiar? _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the most likely and 1 being the least - how well thought through are your ideas about the scientific and theological realities of existence outside of time (eternity)?

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 (circle one)

MY WORLDVIEW

Do I believe in life after death?

Do I feel my mind and heart are prepared to enter eternity?

Do I feel I have any part in the ultimate occurrence of this event?

DAY ONE I

The God Story!

The Living God has spoken.
Hebrews 1:1-4

HEBREWS 1:1-4

Read this passage in your favorite copy of the scriptures. Search to answer these questions.

Why are the Hebrew prophets relevant to us?

What is the significance of identifying Jesus as the Son of the Living God? Read Psalm 2 regarding the Son. What do you learn about Him?

In your world view, have you ever thought through the fact that Jesus (the Son) made the world? That in His coming to earth and birth as a human child, He accomplished something within the time continuum - and yet He also exists outside of time? Does this seem likely to you? What issues does this present? _____

MY WORLDVIEW

Do I believe God has spoken? In nature? Through the God Story?
Through the Jews? Do I believe He still communicates with “sons
of Adam” today? With me?

— *There is only one testament* —
Deuteronomy 6:4/Matthew 22

The Living God
(Yahweh)

The Son of the Living God
(Yeshua)

The Spirit of the Living God
(Ruach - Breath)

DAY TWO 2

The terms “old” and “new” testament are not something that appear within the Scriptures, but are man-made distinctions. Even our traditional teaching of the trinity presents some biblical challenges. There is little doubt that both the Creator Father and the Son reveal themselves as distinct, yet in Their very essence, One. There is only one testament, and only One Living God.

Read and Search: [DEUTERONOMY 6:4](#)

How does this passage reflect what we observe in Genesis 1:26?

Read and Search: [MATTHEW 22:35-46](#)

Why did Jesus’ words preclude future questions?

Read [MATTHEW 14:22-36](#)

What made Peter come to the conclusion that he did? What would it have been like to have talked with God face to face?

MY WORLDVIEW

Do I believe that God is One? Does it make sense that there is only one story and one “testament?” Why would this make any difference to me as I read the God Story?

The God Story! LIFE - DEATH - GLORY



When God chose Abraham it was not because he was a Jew. God was going to fashion a chosen people for His own purposes, and Abram was His choice.

We know from Genesis 1-11 that mankind was subverting the Living God's purposes for the human race. He confused our language and scattered us to the four winds - so that His purpose of redemption could be brought about through loss. This loss was shared with the Living God - in the garden we lost our innocence - and our souls. Before the foundation of the world - the Lord God gave His Son. We cannot imagine the depth of this loss.

The God Story was given to the Jews. Through this nation the power of God would be shown. Through them the scriptures would unfold and be cared for. Through the Hebrews the Messiah would be born - to save us from our sins.

One of the questions I want to ask God when I see Him face to face is why loss was necessary for redemption. Redemption (rescuing) and loss (separation) are somehow linked to who He is on a very deep level. It is also totally entwined with who we are.

Life is a gift of amazing proportions. Loss is inevitable for any human - because death is loss. But the Living God is bringing about a great glory - and He has included mankind right in the middle of the Epic story!