

# EIGHT GREAT EPOCHS IN THE FABRIC OF TIME



D A V E N A D L E R

## 50 DAYS - 8 EPOCHS!

The **Eight Great Epochs In The Fabric Of Time** workbook has been produced to help grasp the “big picture” on the God Story, and at the same time, to think through 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 8 video presentations which are each about 30 minutes in length. This workbook follows these presentations, asking questions to augment your understanding of each epoch in the God Story.

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

For someone looking for a fuller understanding of the God story, context is always helpful. To find context read the verses listed. And if you can, underline or highlight in your (paper) bible each verse you reference for your ongoing study and encountering of God through His Word.

**ENJOY!**

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FINDING HOPE



## EIGHT GREAT EPOCHS *within the fabric of time!*

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

The slide diagrams on each page mirrors the eight presentations included in your course data at [Fourthstream.com/courses/8-great-epochs](http://Fourthstream.com/courses/8-great-epochs). I believe if you take several “passes” at each presentation, you will walk away with enough to stimulate your personal spiritual worldview. Because this is so foundational, time spent here will be huge for your connection with His Word.

## **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 substances or unhealthy choices for food intake. Our experiences, both traumatic and pleasant, each help to shape our world view. Our own world view is made up of hundreds of pieces to each puzzle that is uniquely us.

### **#1 LISTENING & OBSERVING PASS**

I would suggest viewing one presentation and paging through the workbook as you listen. Try to grasp each part of the unfolding epoch, and to weigh each of your conclusions about the Story. Integrate what you already know with what you are discovering as you go.

### **#2 ABSORBING PASS**

Next, return to each page of that section and answer the questions presented - frame by frame. This gives you a chance to absorb what I am communicating and then observe the passages from which I have formed 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? How is each epoch relevant to how my life is unfolding?*

### **#3 WORLD VIEW 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 clear 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 any particular principle? On solid ground?*

***If you 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 video #1 and think about the following questions.

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

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

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

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*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, philosophical, and faith* 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, answering these questions.

Why are the Hebrew prophets relevant to us?

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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?

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Read **John 1:1-5**. In your world view, have you thought through the fact that Jesus (the Son) created the world? Read **John 1:14-18**. The Son left heaven and came to earth (into time) and was born as a human child (the incarnation). He accomplished something within the time continuum - and yet He also exists outside of time? Does this seem likely to you? What issues does it present?

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### MY WORLDVIEW

- √ Do I believe God has spoken in nature? Through His God Story?
- √ How has He spoken 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. There is little doubt that both the Creator Father and the Son reveal themselves as distinct, yet in Their very essence, are completely One. There is only one testament - and only One Living God.

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

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

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

Why did Jesus' words preclude future questions?

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√ Read and Search: [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?

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### 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. The Lord God gave His Son before the foundation of the world - and we cannot imagine the depth of this sacrificial choice.

*The God Story* was given to the Jews. Through this nation the power of God would be shown. Through this people the scriptures would *unfold* and be *cared for*. Through the Hebrews the Messiah would be born into the world - 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 this Epic story!