

# Getting Your Bible Off of Your Shelf and Into Your Life: Before You Begin

## Know the Three Most Important Things about the Message of the Bible

### From: God

*(2 Timothy 3:16) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

### To: You

*(Acts 2:28) You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'*

*(Psalm 139:11-12) If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

### About: Jesus

*(John 5:39) You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me.*

## See the Big Picture that the Stories of Scripture come together to Create.

Creation

Israelites

Remnant



Disciples

Church

# God's Kingdom

## **Know the Best Place to Begin Your Bible Study**

*(1 Peter 2:2) Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.*

**The Bible is not best studied from beginning to end.**

**Don't begin your Bible study with confusing and controversial passages.**

*(Revelation 12:3-4) Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.*

**Enter the Bible through the gospels.**

*(John 10:9) I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.*

**The purpose of the Bible is to lead you to the person of Jesus Christ.**

*(John 20:31)... these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*