

God's Heart for the Nations in the Grand Narrative of Scripture



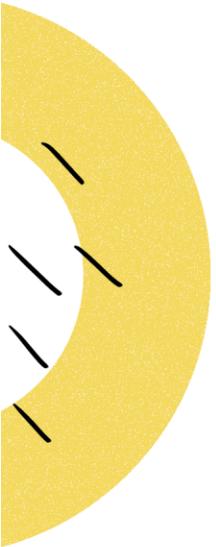
What is the Bible?

- Not a grab bag of unrelated texts
- Rather, one consistent story
 - THE one true story that makes sense of everything else
 - A story with a beginning, a plot, and a climactic ending
 - God's story
 - He is the author
 - He is the only hero
 - He is before it, above it, all through it, and at its end



A Story in Four Plot Movements

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration





A Story Centered on Christ

- The Old Testament points forward to Christ
- The New Testament presents and explains Christ



The Grand Narrative and the Nations

- The Nations in the Law
- The Nations in the Prophets
- The Nations in the Writings
- The Nations in the Gospels
- The Nations in Acts
- The Nations in the Epistles
- The Nations in Revelation



The Grand Narrative and the Nations

- The Nations and the Mission of the Church



