

The Theme* of the Bible

The first and last things said in the Bible

First: Isaiah 14:12-14 = Satan desired to place his **throne** above God's
Last: Revelation 22:3 = God's **throne** is the source of all life for eternity
Conclusion: The theme of the Bible is a **throne** and who is in charge

This conclusion in light of Jesus

Matthew 4:8-9: The last temptation for Jesus is the kingdom's of the world
Revelation 11:15: The kingdom's of the world are given to Jesus
Conclusion: The main purpose of Jesus' 1st coming to earth was to seek and save that which was lost (Matthew 18:11), but that is not the theme of the Bible. The theme of the Bible is a throne or a kingdom.

The "Plan" of this conclusion

Adam: Given dominion over the earth (Gen. 1:28)
Noah: Told to replenish (have dominion) over the earth (Gen. 9:1)
Abraham: God gives him a covenant about land (Gen. 12:8-9)
Isaac: The land grant is given to Isaac (Gen. 24:7)
Jacob: The scepter is said not to depart the family in the land (Gen.49:10)
Moses: God recognized him as the leader of his people (Deut 32:48-52)
David: First recognized king of Israel, a people
Jeconiah: The throne is taken away from God's people (Jeremiah 22:29-30)
Conclusion: No throne can come down the line, yet David said that one of his descendants would reign (Psalm 110); thus whoever this king would be could not have been from the "seed" of David. ie The Virgin Birth was a must!

The "Picture" of this conclusion: 1 Cor. 15:46:

Cain – Able
Ishmael -- Isaac
Esau – Jacob
Saul – David
Adam – Jesus
Israel -- Church

The "Preaching" of this conclusion -- John the Baptist

Matthew 3:2: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" = Physical kingdom
Mark 1:15: "The kingdom of God is at hand" = Spiritual kingdom

The conclusion of the gospels

John 19:15: The Jews reject the physical kingdom
Acts 2:41: They accepted the spiritual kingdom

* "Theme is defined as a main idea or an underlying meaning of a literary work, which may be stated directly or indirectly." "Theme." "Literary Devices and Terms." <https://literarydevices.net/theme/> January 31, 2018.