

Here's how I would summarize the Bible in just two words:

Three chapters into the Bible, all appears to be lost.

- In the Revelation to John our adversary is identified as "that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" (12:9).
- He is depicted as "a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven" (12:3-4).

From Genesis 3 on, curses are a new reality, pain is felt, life is difficult, and death is inevitable. Transgression destroys God's beloved image-bearers; iniquity enslaves God's children and cheats them out of the fullness of life the way it was meant to be. Sin misshapes, infects, pollutes, and paralyzes all.

And yet, God's written revelation can be summarized in just two words: . How?

Tracing God's Path to Victory

- The trailhead: Genesis 3:15 the seed of a ______ will bruise the head of the serpent
- The long, windy trail of the Old Testament...
 - Documenting the dawn and development of ______ over the course of 2,000 years
 - Archiving more than 1,200 prophecies of what God would eventually bring about
 - Establishing a of the coming seed of woman (Isa 7:14; 53:1-5)
- ...which leads us to the _____.
 - His birth (Matt 1:21; Rev 12:1-6)
 - His life (John 1:29; Matt 4:17; John 10:17-18; Luke 22:19-20)
 - His death (John 19:30)
 - His resurrection (Luke 24:25-27)
 - The blessings made available by his accomplishments:
 - I. New _____ (Gal 4:4-7)
 - 2. New _____ (I Cor I 5:20-22)

 - 3. New ______ (2 Cor 5:14-15)

 4. New ______ and a new _____ (Rev 21:1-5)
- My intersection with God's path to victory:
 - The opportunity to be reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:20, 10; Rom 6:3; Acts 22:16; 2 Cor 5:17)
 - Life with confidence in my risen King (1 John 5:4; Rom 16:20)

The overall message of the 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 31,102 verses of the Bible: