

1. **The Point Of Biblical Theology!**
 - Just Like Systematic Theology:
 - Biblical Theology Starts With:
 - A **Subject** To Study:
 - And Something To Investigate!
 - It Can Even Be:
 - The Same **Question**:
 - That You Ask:
 - In Systematic Theology!
 - For Example:
 - In Both Approaches:
 - You Can Try To Find Out The Biblical Answer To The Question:
 - Who Is God?
 - And - For Our Study:
 - You Can Use Both Approaches:
 - To Find Out The Biblical Answers To The Question:
 - What Is Going To Happen In The End Times?
 - So - Even Though The Subject Matter:
 - May Be The Same:
 - You Start To Notice The Difference:
 - When You Look At:
- **A Field Of Study:**
 - In Your Quest:
 - To Answer Your Questions!
 - In Systematic Theology:
 - The Whole Bible:
 - Is Your Field & Sphere Of Study:
 - And The Texts Are Usually Weighted More-Or-Less Equally!
 - But - In Biblical Theology:
 - The Field Of Your Study:
 - Can Be **Narrowed** To:
 - A Specific Book Or Writer Or Even Testament:
 - In The Bible!
 - So - The Same Subject:
 - But In A Different Sphere!
 - For Example - What Does:
 - The Book Of Genesis Tell Us About God? Or - What Does:
 - The Apostle Paul Tell Us About God In His Letters?
 - Of Course - There Is Going To Be:
 - A Lot Of Overlap Between These Two Approaches:
 - But There Might Be Some Significant Differences As Well!
 - **Because - Even Though The Book Of Genesis:**
 - Tells Us **A Lot** About God - It **Does Not** Tell Us:
 - **Everything** About God!
 - But - When You Narrow:
 - The Field Of Your Study:
 - It Helps You To Take A Step Back:
 - And See What Moses Knew About God & What God Wanted His Original Audience To Know About Him!
 - And That Then Leads Us To:
- **A Development:**
 - Of The Doctrine Or Theme That You Are Looking At!
 - Because - That Is How God Chose:
 - To Reveal Himself And His Purposes!
 - Over Time & History!
 - You Can See One Example Of This:
 - In The Books Of Genesis & Exodus:
 - When - In Exodus 6:2-3 - "And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the

- Planted By God In His Word:
 - That Over Time - Grows & Develops - So That:
 - You Can See More & More Of What God Intended About That Truth!
- In Fact - So Many Of The Major Doctrines Of The Bible:
 - Can Be Found In Seed Form:
 - In The Book Of Genesis!
 - Another Way To Illustrate Biblical Theology:
 - Is To See It:
- **Like A Light!**
 - Like The Light Of The Sun:
 - That - At First:
 - Is Dim - When It Begins To Dawn:
 - On A New Day!
 - But Then:
 - It Gets Brighter & Brighter:
 - Until "There Is Nothing Hid From The Heat Thereof!" (Psalm 19:6)
 - This Picture Can Be Found:
 - In Proverbs 4:18:
 - "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day!"
 - Of Course - This Is Referring To:
 - The Growth & Maturity & Purity:
 - Of "The Just" - Which Includes All Who Are "Justified By Faith" In Christ! (See Romans)
 - But - There Might Be More To This Verse:
 - Than Just Our Spiritual Development!
 - Could It Also Be Describing "The Perfect Day" When:
 - They Themselves Will Be Glorified?
 - As Jesus Said In:
 - Matthew 13:43 - "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father!"
 - Jesus Is Talking About Eschatology!
 - And So - When Comes To:
 - Doctrine - Including Eschatology:
 - More & More Light:
 - Is Given To Us:
 - Over The Course Of Biblical History!
 - So - What Begins:
 - As Dim Revelation In Genesis:
 - May Become Brighter & Brighter:
 - By The Time We Come To The Book Of Revelation!
 - And This Is What Biblical Theology:
 - Will Help Us Discover!
 - But - This Does Not Mean That:
 - **We Have All The Light There Is!**
 - We Just Have All The Light We Need!
 - Even John Admits This In 1 John 3:2 - "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is!"
 - So - When It Comes To Our Personal Eschatology:
 - There Is Still More Light:
 - To Be Shined On Just:
 - "What We Shall Be" & What It Will Be Like:
 - When "We Shall See [Jesus] As He Is!"
 - And That Leads Us To Learn About:

3. **The Process Of Biblical Theology!**

- One Brief Example:
 - Of Biblical Theology:

- Should Help Us See How It Can Help Us:
 - In Our Own Understanding Of Truth!
- In Genesis 3:15 - We Are Given:
 - What Is Known As:
 - The “Proto-Evangelium” - Or - The First Mention Of The Gospel - About The **“Seed!”**
 - When God Says To The Serpent - “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel!”
 - Well - Both Adam & Eve:
 - Were There To Hear This Promise:
 - And - From That Time:
 - They Looked Forward To A Special:
- **Seed Of The Woman!**
 - Who Would Eventually Crush:
 - That Old Serpents Head!
 - In Biblical Theological Terms:
 - The “Seed” Of Genesis 3:15:
 - Is The “Seed” Of The Doctrine:
 - Of Redemption!
 - And - There Was Enough Truth Given:
 - To Both Adam & Eve:
 - For Them & Their Children:
 - That To Believe In This Seed:
 - Meant Salvation & Redemption From Their Sin!
 - But - As Time Went On:
 - God Started To Narrow Down The Search Pattern:
 - For Just Who This “Seed” Would Be!
 - He Would Also Be:
- **The Seed Of Abraham!**
 - Because In Genesis 12:1-3 - We Meet Abraham For The First Time:
 - And God Makes A Gracious Promise To Him:
 - “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: / And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: / And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed!”
 - God Promised To Bless Abraham:
 - And God Promised To Bless The World:
 - Through Abraham!
 - And So - That Redeeming Seed:
 - That We Are Too Look For:
 - Will Come Through The Family Of Abraham!
 - But God Doesn't Stop Here!
 - He Narrows Things Down Even Further:
 - And Identifies The Redeemer As:
- **The Seed Of Isaac & Jacob!**
 - God Extends His Promise To Abraham:
 - Through His Son Isaac – And Not Ishmael:
 - And Through His Son Jacob – And Not Esau!
 - And - Over Time:
 - God Continued To Narrow Down The Field To:
- **The Seed Of Judah & David & Solomon!**
 - So That - When You Come To The Genealogies:
 - Of Matthew & Luke - You Find The Fulfillment Of:
 - All Of These Prophecies & Promises:
 - In Our Lord Jesus Christ!
- Well - In A Similar Way:
 - This Is Going To Be:

4. **The Purpose Of Biblical Theology:**
- Even When We Are Looking At:
 - What The Bible Says About:
 - The End Times!
 - **We Believe That Over The Biblical Time-Line:**
 - God Develops And Shines More Light On:
 - The Doctrine Of Eschatology!
 - So - Our Goal:
 - Is Not Just To:
 - Look At Charts & Diagrams:
 - Which We Will Do A Bit More:
 - Over The Coming Weeks!
 - But - Eventually:
 - As Joel James Admonishes:
 - **"Build Your Eschatology Step By Step,** Following The Progress Of Revelation From One Key Passage To The Next!"

Conclusion:

1. Really - This Should Be The First Approach:
 - That We Take:
 - With Any Biblical Question Or Doctrine!
 - But - All Too Often:
 - We Don't - Because:
 - It Just Doesn't Seem As Neat And Orderly:
 - As Those Diagrams & Those Systematic Approaches!
2. But - There Is A Reason:
 - Why God Has Revealed His Truth To Us:
 - In The Manner & Order He Did!
 - And That Is Why:
 - We Need To Investigate His Truth:
 - The Same Way!
3. So - These Are:
 - **The Two Approaches:**
 - That You Can Take:
 - With Biblical Eschatology:
 - The Systematic Theological Approach:
 - Which Has Its Place! And:
 - The Biblical Theological Approach:
 - Which Is Where It Should Start!
4. Next Week:
 - We Are Going To Look At:
 - Some Of The Key Principles:
 - That We Need To Keep In Mind:
 - When It Comes To:
 - Interpreting & Understanding:
 - The Passages In The Bible That Deal With:
 - Prophecy And The End Times!
5. Close:
 - **Titus 2:13 - "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ!"**

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