God's Big Project:

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Phase 1 - Creation: God's Act of Self Giving

God Creates Heaven & Earth

Its good. It's a temple - a house for God and us.

God Creates Humans

to love them, to reflect his glory into creation, and to reflect creation's praises back to him.

This is the project and God never gives up on it!

The Project

New Heaven/New Earth Joined

The Project is complete!
God has a house
The Father has a family
The Son has a bride
Creation free from decay

Phase 2 - The Fall: Humans Rebel

Sin ->Exile from Eden

Death / First Murder ---> Flood / Tower of Babel

God doesn't give up on the project, so . . .

Phase 3 - Israel: A Light To The Nations

God's plan to fix the world begins.
Israel inherits the project and becomes the fix.
Abram / Abraham --> Isaac ---> Jacob / Israel
Egyptian Slavery --> Passover / Exodus
Covenant/Law (separates Israel from nations, points to Christ)
Wilderness --> Conquest of Canaan --> Judges, Kings
Israel persistently violates the covenant!

The Fix

Exile to Assyria
Northern Kingdom

Exile to Babylon
Southern Kingdom (Judah)

Remnant Israel Returns
Pharisees, Saducees, Zealots, Essenes, etc.

God doesn't give up on the plan, so . . .

Unbelievers

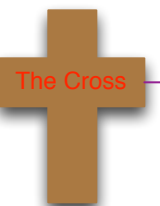
John the Baptist

Phase 4 - Jesus: The New Platform

Proclaims God's Kingdom
Israel's history reaches its climax.
The God of Israel returns to his people as promised.
God's people are redefined.
God's Kingdom confronts and overcomes other kingdoms.

Death

Dead End



Burial

Jesus' Resurrection
The Last Days Begin

Jesus Returns
Coming Age Begins
General Resurrection

Present Age Ends

Eternal Life, the life of the coming age, breaks into the present age.

Phase 5 - The Church:

Inherits Israel's Mission to be a light to the nations.
Models for the nations how to be God's image bearers (i.e. how to reflect God's glory into creation and creation's praises back to God)

Israel redeemed
Israel's history fulfilled
Israel redefined around Christ (i.e. as the Church)

Proclaims the Good News: Christ (Israel's King) is the world's Lord.

Models God's Kingdom
The Church is Christ's family.
The Church is Christ's body.
The Church is called to be to the world what Jesus was to Israel.

The Fix is fixed!
The Project is back on track!

Good News: God Is Becoming King!

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