

# Year 7 Term 1: The big story



**Theology** = this is about *'believing'*. It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed over time, how they are applied in different contexts and how they relate to each other.

## Key vocabulary

- Temptation** = the desire to do something especially wrong or unwise
- Sin** = for Christians this is an attitude of independence from God and doing bad things, rather than obedience
- Atonement** = making amends for some wrongdoing
- Repentance** = sincere regret or remorse
- Exile** = being expelled or barred from your native country
- Refugee** = a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster
- Asylum** = the protection granted by a state to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee
- Zion** = synonym from Jerusalem
- Covenant** = promises made by humanity to God; an agreement
- Messiah** = the promised savior of the Jewish nation
- Prophecy** = a prediction of what will happen in the future



The Bible tells of a **sacrificial system** that was set up in order to deal with the problem of repeated **sin**.

*"By the rivers of Babylon we sat down; there we wept when we remembered Zion"* ~ Psalm 137

<sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my **covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine," ~ Exodus 19:5

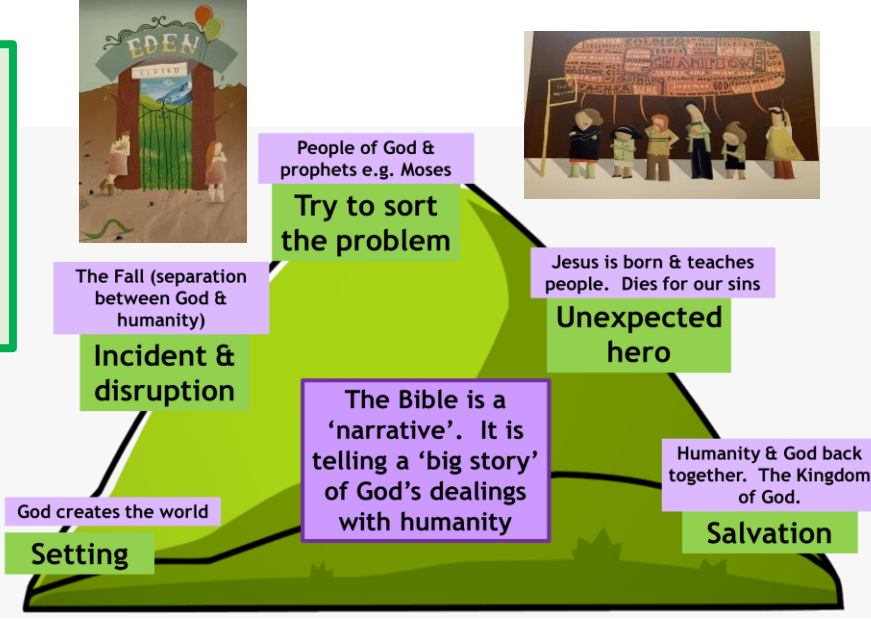


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Elohim = the creator



Many Christians see the story of the Fall as a **myth** – a story that is not necessarily true but contains important truths about what it means to be human.



<b>Creation</b>	The universe & humans are God's creation
<b>The Fall</b>	The separation between God & humans due to Adam & Eve's sin
<b>People of God</b>	God chooses a group of people to have a special relationship with. There are lots of ups and down in this relationship.
<b>Incarnation</b>	God comes to earth in the form of a human: Jesus
<b>Gospel</b>	Jesus' incarnation is 'good news' for all people. Jesus teaches the people how to live and 'love your neighbour'
<b>Salvation</b>	Jesus' death and resurrection opens the way back to God for humans
<b>Kingdom of God</b>	God's ideal for human life in the world. Christians look forward to when God's rule is fulfilled at some future point.