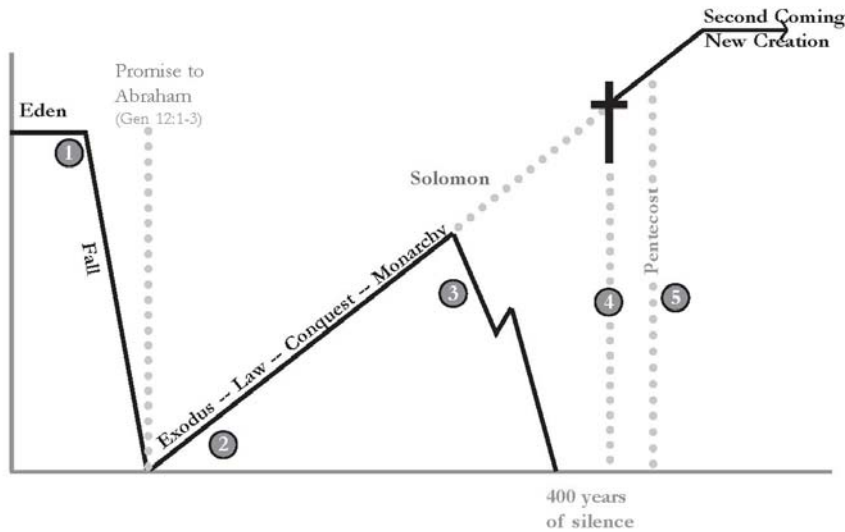


Ephesians: An introduction

I. Before you begin, consider the context



- A. Jew/Gentile issues (cf. Gen 12: 1-3), e.g. Eph 2:11-13, 19-22.
- B. Holy Spirit issues; e.g. Eph 1:13, 2:22
- C. “Summing up” in Christ, “mystery,” e.g. Eph 1:11, 3:1-11

II. Before you begin, survey the “whole”

- A. Intro/conclusion 1:1-2, 6:21-24
- B. Two main sections, chapters 1-3, 4-6

The second part (“ethics”) flows from the first part (e.g. 5:3-8 cf. 2:1-10; 4:1, 4:30)

- C. Spiritual Battle/Armor -- The concluding section (6:10-20) ties many themes together (“truth,” “righteousness,” “gospel,” “peace,” “word of God,” “salvation,” “faith”)
- D. 2 famous prayers: 1:15-23, 3:14-21

III. Paul’s introduction: Ephesians 1:1-2

- A. Paul’s standard opening: writer, audience, greeting
- B. WHO is Ephesians written to?
 - 1. Ephesians?
 - 2. You? (Matthew 22:23-33)

