FUTURE

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one, big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.

CREATION   PATRIARCHS   EXODUS   CONQUEST   JUDGES   KINGDOM   EXILE   RETURN   SILENCE   GOSPEL   CHURCH   MISSIONS   FUTURE

Let's summarize the FUTURE era:

This is the only era that has not happened yet. We do not know much about the Future, but we can trust that God knows and is in control of everything that will happen. God gives us clues about what will happen all throughout the Bible, starting in Genesis. What we do know for sure is that Jesus is coming back to fulfill prophecy, defeat His enemies, and rule forever.

Where is it found?

Revelation

Names to know:

Jesus

What are the major stories?

(**Revelation 1**) Jesus is coming back. He will keep the rest of the promises made about Him in God's Word. No one knows when Jesus will return but God the Father.

(**Revelation 18-19**) Jesus will defeat all of His enemies once and for all, including Satan. Because Jesus is God and all-powerful, there is no doubt that He will win.

(**Revelation 20**) God will judge everyone who ever lived. If people chose not to believe in Jesus, they will be guilty of their sin and separated from God. If they believed, God accepts Jesus' payment for their sin and says they are not guilty. They will be with God forever.

(**Revelation 21-22**) Jesus will rule as the perfect King in the perfect kingdom. He will get rid of all death, sorrow, crying, and pain. God will live with His people in a perfect relationship forever.

How does the FUTURE era point to Jesus?

The Bible starts and ends with God's people being in a perfect relationship with Him. That is what He wanted from the very beginning because He loves us so much. Our sin made that impossible, but Jesus makes it possible. All of God's promises come true in Jesus. He is the ultimate victor over all of His enemies. He will judge righteously and reign forever as the perfect King in the perfect kingdom. Jesus will rescue His people from the punishment, power, and presence of sin, so they can be a part of that forever kingdom. This is what the one big, true story of the Bible is all about. And unlike all other stories, God's story never ends...