The “Big Picture” Story of the Bible

What’s the Bible All About?
The Christian Age:
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Final Judgment
Acts 17:30-31

30 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,
Acts 17:30-31

31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”
Our main thoughts this morning will come from Jesus’ words in Matthew 24-25.
Jesus Said He Would Return
36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

37 For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.
42 “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

43 But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming,
Matthew 24:42-44

he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

44 For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.
He said his return would bring about a **final judgment**.
31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 
32 All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 
33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.
2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
Jesus said there will be an eternal place of punishment for those following Satan.
Matthew 25:41

41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;
Matthew 25:46

46 These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
Matthew 25:30

30 Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [Painful]
Matthew 5:29

29 If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

[Avoidable]
Jesus Said There Will Be An Eternal Place of Reward for Those Following God
Matthew 25:34

34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”
Matthew 25:46

46 These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
Matthew 25:21

21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’
Matthew 8:11

11 I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; [Fellowship]
So many biblical themes tie together at the end...
42 “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.
Don’t miss His main thought: Stay ready!
Matthew 7:21

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.
# Receiving God’s Salvation

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Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.