

# Year 7 Term 3: 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



אלהים

Elohim = the creator



Mutual respect



Tolerance



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.



The Fall (separation between God & humanity)

Incident & disruption

God creates the world

Setting

People of God & prophets e.g. Moses  
Try to sort the problem



Jesus is born & teaches people. Dies for our sins

Unexpected hero

The Bible is a 'narrative'. It is telling a 'big story' of God's dealings with humanity

Humanity & God back together. The Kingdom of God.

Salvation

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