

# SESSION 5

*Welcome to Session 5; here's what you need to know.*

We recommend listening through Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4 first.

*BEMA Podcast (Session 1): Torah*

*BEMA Podcast (Session 2): Prophets & Writings*

*BEMA Podcast (Session 3): Gospels*

*BEMA Podcast (Session 4): Early Church*

**Session 5** takes us on a journey through Church History. We try to answer the question: *Where are we and how did we get here?*

At the end, we will take the opportunity to sum up the **big ideas** of our body of work and inspire us to walk it out together.

# TORAH

## “PARTNERSHIP”

Basis of partnership / Meet the characters (GENESIS)

God chooses a partner / The partner chooses God (EXODUS)

God defines the partnership (LEVITICUS)

God shapes His partner (NUMBERS)

God asks His partner to remember (DEUTERONOMY)

# HISTORY

## “REDEMPTION CYCLE; GOD’S PATIENCE”

God places His people in the middle of the action for mission  
(JOSHUA)

God’s people struggle to walk the path and trust the story  
(JUDGES & RUTH)

God’s people struggle with identity and obedience  
(SAMUEL/KINGS)

God’s people struggle with empire and becoming the anti-story  
(CHRONICLES)

# WISDOM

## “TOOLS”

**If we are going to survive the cycle, we are going to need...**

Art and song for worship and expression (PSALMS)

Nuggets of conventional wisdom (PROVERBS)

Purpose and a reason to get up every morning (ECCLESIASTES)

Relationships and intimacy with others (SONG OF SONGS)

# PROPHETS

“WARNING, WOES, HOPE”

God sends warning in Pre-Assyrian/Pre-Babylonian prophets  
(AMOS, HOSEA, MICAH, 1 ISAIAH, ZEPHANIAH, 2 ISAIAH)

God pronounces woe and judgment (JONAH, NAHUM,  
JEREMIAH, LAMENTATIONS, HABAKKUK, OBADIAH, JOEL)

God gives hope and encouragement to an exiled people  
(EZEKIEL, DANIEL, JOB, 3 ISAIAH)

# REMNANT

## “RETURNING, YEARNING, LEARNING”

God's people return to rebuild and restore what once was  
(4 ISAIAH, EZRA/NEHEMIAH)

God's people yearn for what used to be  
(HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH)

God's people learn that this new world demands a new  
approach (MALACHI, ESTHER)

# “SILENT YEARS”

## SYNAGOGUE AND HELLENISM

Synagogue: Return to the Text; a new education system

Hellenism: Five Responses  
(Sadducees, Herodians, Essenes, Pharisees, Zealots)

# GOSPELS

“STORY IN FLESH”

MATTHEW: *Mumzer*

MARK: Roman

LUKE: Ordered

JOHN: Grafted

# ACTS

## “EPILOGUE OF AN EARLY CHURCH”

This is what happens when the Kingdom of Empire meets the Kingdom of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Blessing all nations...

Jewish Church in a Gentile Context

# THE EARLY CHURCH

## “TEXT TO CONTEXT”

PAUL’S LETTERS: Applying the Way of Jesus  
to each unique context and setting

HEBREWS: Instructing these Hebrew believers to persevere  
in the face of a destroyed Temple; Jesus has a better way

# THE EARLY CHURCH

## “TEXT TO CONTEXT”

JAMES: Doing *mitzvoth* with a purpose; guarding your tongue

PETER: Holy living as God's chosen people

JOHN: Loving others is truth

JUDE: Using apocrypha to exhort God's people

REVELATION: Using the past to illuminate the present