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ThoughtWorks Assignment

After viewing the NGSIDVD, listening to the MP3, or reading the book (“Nothingsgonnastopit” The Storyline of the Bible by Bill Jackson), for each question below, write a short paragraph. If you are working together with a cohort, you may wish to divide the questions among yourselves and have each participant present their answers for a group discussion.

1. Explain Bill Jackson’s hypothesis for why God created the world. How is this affected by the introduction of sin?
2. How do the conditions before the flood result from what happened in Gen 1-3? Why are Noah’s prophecies over his three sons important for understanding the history of the world?
3. Why might God have broken the world into different language groups? How does this relate to Pentecost?
4. What is the promise God made to Abraham and how does it function as a solution to the division of languages in Gen 11? What is the relationship between Gen 15 and 17 and why is it critical for the gospel?
5. What is the 3-part promise of God to Israel that is repeated in Rev 22?
6. Explain the significance of the Day of Atonement, Sabbath (day and year) and the Year of Jubilee? How do they relate to the Gospel?
7. How was the function of the prophets different from the function of the priests? How do they relate to the responsibilities of the king?
8. What is the origin of the Samaritans, and how would you describe their relationship to the Jewish remnant? To Jesus? To the Church?
9. How might the stories of Judas the Maccabee and the Jewish battles against “Hellenization” have influenced Jewish attitudes to the “Greeks” in the 1st Century A.D.?
10. Explain how Jesus’ baptism appears to be connected to Adam and how his period of temptation in the wilderness relates to Israel.
11. Why did Jesus get into trouble with the Pharisees? Why did Jesus judge the Temple?
12. How does the Great Commission relate to the commands God gave Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:26-28?

At the completion of the discussion of your responses to these questions, either with your cohort members or with your mentor, please give or send your final report to your regional thoughtworks representative to receive your certificate of completion for this course.