

***Artizo Discussion Paper – Section: Students of the Bible***

**‘God’s Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible’**

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**Week 3: Chapter 5 and Chapter 6 (pgs. 89-120)**

We need to study any given passage in 3 key contexts; 1) Its context in the text immediately surrounding it 2) In the book of the bible it is in as a whole 3) In the Bible as a whole. It is this 3<sup>rd</sup> step of understanding how a passage fits into the whole bible that many times is poorly understood. This book has been written to help us understand this ‘last circle of context’

**Questions:**

1. What is consistent and what is different about the exilic and post-exilic prophet’s message?
2. How would you explain to a Jewish person how the Old and New Testaments fit together?
3. Think through what it means to us to be born after the time of the Messiahs first coming.
4. How would you preach a Christmas sermon from the book of Hosea?