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The Structure and Organization of the Bible

Breakout Group Activity Handout

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- Gen. 1:1 and 1 Cor. 15:26-28.

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Take Home

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- Gen. 3:16-17 and Rev. 21:4 – **Man cursed to Man blessed**
- Gen. 12:1-3 and Rev. 7:9-11, Rev. 21:24-26 – **God's plan to bless all nations to all nations, tribes and tongues gathered at His throne**
- Gen. 1:1 and 1 Cor. 15:26-28 – **In the beginning, God... in the end, God.**

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