

Bible Basics

*Introduction to Biblical Studies
Everything You Should have Learned in Sunday School
Survey of the Bible*

*Lakeport Christian Church
Sunday Evening Study*

*Study to show yourself approved before God.
(II Timothy 2:15)*



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Lesson 1 – Book of Books

The Bible is the Word of God

- II Timothy 3:16-17
- Hebrews 1:1-2
- II Peter 1:20-21

God inspired men

- Written over a period of 1600 years
- Written by at least 40 men
- Written by men living on 3 continents
- Written in three different languages
 - Hebrew
 - Aramaic
 - Greek

Sixty-Six Books selected by God – Canonization

- The process by which the books of the Bible came together into one authoritative volume
- Old Testament
 - Thirty-nine books
- New Testament
 - Twenty-seven books
- Sixty-six books total

Survival of the Bible

- King Jehoiakim of Judah
 - Jeremiah 36
- Antiochus Epiphany of Greece
 - 175-164 BC
- Diocletian of Rome AD 284-305
 - Order all Bibles destroyed
 - Christians died, instead of surrendering the Bible
 - Extincto Nomine Christianorum – “extinct is the name of Christian”
- Voltaire (AD 1694-1778)
 - Within a century the Bible would be forgotten
- Robert Ingersoll (AD 1833-1899)
 - Within fifteen years, I will have this book in the morgue.

Testimony of the Bible

- Isaiah 40:8
- Psalm 33:11
- Matthew 24:35
- I Peter 1:25

14 Reasons the Bible is from God

1. The Bible cannot be destroyed
2. The Bible is the most popular book of all time in all of history
3. The Bible has one message
4. The Bible makes many predictions and they all come true!
5. The odds of just 48 prophecies coming true are 1 to 10157
6. When it comes to science, the Bible is accurate
7. The testimony of great men and women
8. The sacrifices of great men and women for what is written
9. The power to change lives
10. Archaeology continues to prove it true
11. The manuscripts are accurate and consistent
12. The testimony of Jesus
13. The eyewitness testimony of the resurrection
14. Scripture says it is from God

Popularity of the Bible

- First book printed by Gutenberg in 1456
- As of 1985, 7,111,665,848 Bibles were distributed by the United Bible Society
- In 1970, Edgar Mitchell deposited a complete RSV Bible on the surface of the moon!

Lesson 2 - Ancient Words

Two types of ancient documents

- Autographs
- Originals – actually penned by the author
- Manuscripts
- Copies of the autographs
- Abbreviated MS; plural MSS

Autographs written on

- Leather
- Parchment – hair removed and rubbed smooth
- Vellum – lamb skin used for best books
- Papyrus (Jeremiah 36)

Autographs were written in three different languages

- Hebrew
- Aramaic
- Greek

Ancient documents

- Earliest form
 - Scrolls
- Later forms
 - Codex
 - Book form

Earliest existing Old Testament manuscript

- Nash Papyrus
 - Single sheet containing the ten commandments dating to 100 BC
 - Discovered in 1898
- Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Discovered in 1947
 - Fragments of 140 MSS – dating back to 250 BC
 - Fragments of all the Old Testament except Esther
- Silver Amulet
 - Discovered in 1986
 - Priestly benediction of Numbers 6:24-26
 - Dates to the seventh century BC

Earliest existing New Testament manuscripts

- Seventy-six papyrus MSS dating to the second and third century with almost all the New Testament represented.
- St. John's Fragment
 - Discovered in 1986
 - Written on both sides
 - John 18:31-33 on one side – 37-38 on other
 - Dates to AD 117
- Codex Sinaiticus
 - Discovered in 1844
 - Uncial MSS
 - Script – using only capital letters
 - Old and New Testaments
 - Dates to AD 340
- Codex Vaticanus
 - Discovered in 1886
 - Uncial MSS
 - Written on 759 leaves of vellum
 - Old and New Testaments
 - Dates to AD 350

The Word can be trusted

- Dead Sea Scrolls proved the OT text had not been altered in 1000 years of hand copying!
- Huge amounts of manuscripts are available to reconstruct the NT texts
- 5000+ Greek MSS
- 11,000+ NT MSS in other languages
- 36,289 Quotations in Church Fathers
- 2000+ Lectionaries – collections of Scripture verses

Ancient Versions of the Bible

- Septuagint (OT only) - LXX
 - Greek translation
 - Dates to around 250 BC
 - Prepared in Alexandria, Egypt
 - NT writers often quoted the Septuagint version of the Bible
- Vulgate (V)
 - Latin translation
 - Dates to around 350 BC
 - Prepared by Jerome
 - Most used Bible from AD 400-AD 1400

Lesson 3 – Ancient Words to the English Language

Psalm 119:105

לְנִתְיָבְתִי׃ וְאוֹר׃ , דְּבַרְךָ׃ לְרַגְלִי׃ נֵר- 105
 to my path and a light Your word [is] to my feet a lamp

First Complete English Translation

- John Wycliffe (1330-1384)
 - From the Latin
 - Completed NT in 1380 and the OT in 1382
 - 170 copies exist today
 - Very expensive project – handwritten
 - Printing press invented AFTER Wycliffe (1450)

First Complete English Version

- William Tyndale (1484-1536)
 - From the original languages
 - Completed NT in 1525
 - One known copy exists today – British Museum
 - 80% of King James Version is Tyndale
 - Created a desire for the Bible

Authorized Versions of the Bible

- Coverdale Bible (1535)
- Matthew's Bible (1537)
- Taverner Bible (1539)
- Great Bible (1539)
- Geneva Bible (1560)
- Bishop's Bible (1568)

First Catholic English Version

- Douay Version (1611)
- Translated by Gregory Martin
- Translation of the Latin Vulgate
- Catholic doctrine is reflected

Great Britain’s English Version

- King James Version (1611)
- Authorized to be created by King James I in 1604
- Translated from original languages
- Seven years of translation by 54 scholars
- Contained the books of the Apocrypha

Revised English Versions

- English Revised Version (1881; 1885)
- American Standard Version (1901)
- Revised Standard Version – NT (1946; 1952)
- New English Bible (1961-1970)
- New American Standard Bible (1971; 1995)

Roman Catholic Editions

- Confraternity New Testament (1941)
- Knox Translation (1948)
- Jerusalem Bible (1966)
- Revised New American Bible (1987)

Other English Works

- New World Translation – Jehovah’s Witnesses (1953)
- Amplified Bible (1964)
- Living Bible - Paraphrase (1971)
- New Living Bible – Paraphrase (1996; 2004; 2007; 2015)
- Good News Bible (1976) Today’s English Version
- New International Version (1978; 1984; 2011)
- New King James Version (1979)
- Revised English Bible (1989)
- New Revised Standard Version (1993)
- English Standard Version (2001; 2007; 2011)
- Message – Paraphrase (2002)

Descriptive Terms

- Translation – can be from any language
- Version – from the original languages
 - Dynamic Equivalent – thought for thought
 - Literal translation – word for word
- Paraphrase – free interpretation

Lesson 4 – Tools to Study the Bible

Bible is organized by

- Chapters
 - Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury, 13th Century
- Verses
 - Robert Stephens, 1545; Robert Estienne, 1551, Greek text

Locating Bible Verses

- Concordance
 - A book containing the words of Scripture in alphabetical order with their contexts and a description by chapter and verses of the places in which they can be found
 - History of the use of the concordance
 - Began to appear around 1230 under the guidance of Hugo de Saint-Cher for the Latin Vulgate
 - Concordance for the English Bible
 - Alexander Cruden (1550) – “Father of the English Bible Concordance”
 - Using the concordance
 - Locate Bible Verses
 - Find verses by key words
 - Find supporting scriptures
 - Assemble biographical information
 - How many time a word appears
 - In the entire Bible
 - In a particular book
 - In a particular section
 - In a particular chapter
 - By a particular author
 - Defining a word
 - The best way to define a biblical word is to note how it is used in context
 - Example: Luke 14:26 – the word “hate” should be studied as it is used throughout the Bible.
 - Telling the differences between words
 - Example: John 21:15-17 - The word “love” represents several Hebrew and Greek words. A concordance differentiates between the same English words

- King James Version Concordance
 - Robert Young, Analytical Concordance (1879)
 - Every English word is organized under the various Hebrew and Greek words
 - James Strong, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (1890)
 - Every English word is organized in alphabetical order with "Strong's number" which corresponds to a Hebrew and Greek dictionary
- Online Bible Study Websites (*all details as of August 17, 2022*)
 - <http://www.blueletterbible.org>
 - Also available at Google Play and Apple Appstore
- Downloads for Computers and Mobile (*all details as of August 17, 2022*)
 - <https://onlinebible.net/> (Windows or Mac computer)
 - King James AV Bible; Easton's Dictionary; Treasury of Scripture Knowledge; Greek and Hebrew Lexicons; OLB Theme Index; Morning and Evening Devotional
 - *Also available at Google Play and Apple Appstore*
 - <https://www.theword.net/> (Windows only)
 - King James Bible of 1611/1769; English Standard Version; Holman Christian Standard Bible; NET Bible (New English Translation); Textus Receptus (1550/1894) Greek New Testament; Westminster Leningrad Codex Old Testament; Mickelson's Enhanced Strong's Greek and Hebrew Dictionaries; Robinson's Morphological Analysis Codes; Nave's Topical Bible; Torrey's New Topical Textbook; Hole's Commentary on the NT and selected books of the OT; The Gospels Compared; All of Grace (C.H.Spurgeon); Bible Doctrines (M.G.Cambren); The Complete Sunday School Atlas (S.W.Walter); Miller's Church History (Andrew Miller); Pilgrim's Progress (John Bunyan); Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth (C.I.Scofield); Treasury of Scripture Knowledge; Day by Day by Grace (Bob Hoekstra)

- <https://www.logos.com/product/194909/logos-9-basic> (free version)
 - 1890 Darby Bible; 1901 American Standard Version; Christian Standard Bible; Lexham English Bible; Tanakh: Scriptures according to the Masoretic Text; King James Version; King James Version Apocrypha; Young's Literal Translation; Classic Commentaries and Studies on Galatians; Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible; High Definition Commentary: Romans; Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary; Easton's Bible Dictionary; Lexham Bible Dictionary; The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge; Brand New: A 40-Day Guide to Life in Christ; 365-Day Devotional with Bible Reading Plan; DIY Bible Study; Morning and Evening: Daily Readings; Pilgrim's Progress; NT313 Jesus and the Witness of the Outsiders; ESV Hear the Word Audio Bible; Lexham English Bible Audio New Testament; Apparatus for the Greek New Testament: SBL Edition; The Greek New Testament: SBL Edition; Pocket Lexicon to the Greek New Testament; Hebrew Grammars, Lexicons, and Tools; Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew-English Lexicon of the OT; Disputation Martin Luther (95 Theses); Confessions of Saint Augustine; Historic Creeds and Confessions; Faithlife Study Bible Infographics; Study Bible Notes; Study Bible Photos; Study Bible Video Resources; Introduction to Cultural Engagement for Christians; Rooted & Grounded: The Church as Organism and Institution; Scholarship: Two Convocation Addresses on University Life; Wisdom & Wonder: Common Grace in Science & Art;
 - *Also available Web based, Google Play, and Apple Appstore*
- <https://www.e-sword.net/>
 - King James Bible; King James with Strong's numbers study Bible; Strong's Lexicon; Smith's Bible Dictionary; Meyer's Devotional Commentary; Treasury of Scripture Knowledge
 - *Also available at Google Play, and Apple Appstore*
- <https://www.bible.com/> (YouVersion)
 - Also available at Google Play, Apple Appstore and Kindle

- Topical Bible
 - A resource where whole Scriptures are usually printed on a particular topic
 - Orville Nave – Nave’s Topical Bible (1896)
 - Roswell Dwight Hitchcock – Hitchcock’s New and Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible (1878)
- Bible Dictionary
 - A resource where words found in the Bible are in alphabetical order with definitions or explanations
 - William Smith – 3 Volumes (1860-63)
 - John Davis (1878)
 - James Hastings – 4 Volumes (1898-1902)
- Bible Encyclopedia
 - A resource where articles on particular biblical subjects can be researched
 - International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (1979)
 - Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia (1975)
 - Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible (1988)

Lesson 5 – Interpreting the Bible

Interpreting the Bible

- Hermeneutics
 - The branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts

Questions needed to be asked

- Who is speaking?
- To whom is the passage speaking?
- When and where was the passage written?
- In what form is the passage written?
- What do the words mean?
- Under what dispensation were the words written?

Three Dispensations		
PATRIARCHAL	MOSAIC	CHRISTIAN
<i>Creation to Sinai</i>	<i>Sinai to the Cross</i>	<i>Cross to 2nd Coming</i>

- What do other passages of Scripture say on the same subject?
- What does this passage teach me about God and His Son?
- What have great Christian scholars said about this passage?

Tools for Interpretation

- Commentaries
 - Literary notes – origin of the passage
 - Textural notes – variations in manuscripts
 - Philological notes – meaning of words
 - Grammatical notes – meaning of sentences
 - Structural notes – connection of ideas
 - Historical notes – contemporary events
 - Geographical notes – weather, topography
 - Archaeological notes – sheds light on culture
 - Theological notes – parallel passages
 - Popular notes – devotional, homiletical

- Popular Commentaries
 - Pulpit Commentary – 49 Volumes (1880-1887)
 - Jamison, Faussett & Brown – 6 Volumes (1868-1870)
 - Adam Clarke – 4 Volumes (1833-1835)
 - Matthew Henry – 6 Volumes (1708-1710)
- Church of Christ/Christian Church Commentaries
 - Bible Study Textbook Series (various authors)
 - Most available in PDF format for free:
https://www.abarc.org/?page_id=182
 - College Press NIV Commentary Set (various authors)
 - Available for purchase at:
<https://www.collegepress.com/collections/all/commentaries>
 - James Smith (retired from Florida Christian College)
 - Old Testament Survey Series 5 Volume Set
 - Available for purchase at:
https://www.collegepress.com/products/the-old-testament-survey-series-set?_pos=1&_sid=b34be0717&_ss=r
 - All OT & NT
 - Available for purchase at:
https://www.lulu.com/search?contributor=James+E.+Smith%2C+Ph.D.&page=1&pageSize=50&adult_audience_rating=
 - Jack Cottrell
 - Romans; I II Peter; along with many other books
 - Available for purchase at:
<https://bookstore.thecra.org/search?page=1&q=Cottrell&type=product>
 - Gareth Reese
 - Acts; Romans; I Corinthians; II Corinthians & Galatians; Paul's Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians; Thessalonians; Timothy & Titus; Hebrews; James & I II III John; Peter & Jude
 - Available for purchase at:
<https://bookstore.thecra.org/search?type=product&q=reese>

Lesson 6 – Overview of the Old Testament

Old Testament

- 39 Books by 32+ authors
- Written over a period of 1000 years (1400-400 BC)
- Covers at least 3600 years (4000-400 BC)
- OT is 77% of the Bible
- 929 Chapters
- 23,214 Verses

Old Testament – Christ-link

- The coming of the Messiah (Christ) is the story of the Bible in three chapters
 - Chapter 1 (OT) – Christ is Coming
 - Chapter 2 (NT Gospels) – Christ is Here
 - Chapter 3 (Rest of NT) – Christ is Coming Again

Old Testament – Organization

- Books of the Law – 5 Books
 - Hebrew word “torah” means “law”
 - Pentateuch means “five scrolls”
 - Authorship – Moses
 - Pentateuch claims this; OT agrees; Jesus and the apostles confirm it.
 - Christ-link – Foundation for Christ
 - Lays the foundation in four ways
 - Promises (Genesis 12:2-3)
 - Prefigurations (temple rituals and festivals)
 - Precepts (Law of Moses)
 - Prophecies (Genesis 49:10; Deuteronomy 18:15)
- Historical Books – 12 Books
 - Authorship – Some are anonymous
 - Jewish tradition is eight authors
 - Joshua, Samuel, Gad, Nathan, Jeremiah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Mordecai
 - Christ-link – Preparation for Christ
 - Four Major Emphasis in the historical books
 - Kingship God is faithful to His promise to David
 - Prophets God’s messengers preach repentance
 - Temple God’s earthly dwelling place
 - Worship God’s standards

History <i>Before Kings</i>		History <i>During Kings</i>		History <i>After Kings</i>	
Joshua	Judges	I & II Samuel	I & II Kings	Ezra	Nehemiah
Ruth		I & II Chronicles		Esther	

- Poetry – 5 Books
 - Authorship – Many, some being anonymous
 - Job traditionally written by Moses
 - Psalms – various authors; 73 by David
 - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon by Solomon, and various authors in Proverbs
 - Christ-link – Anticipation of Christ
 - Poetry books focus on
 - Personal interests vs. national interests
 - Experiences vs. historical
 - Human race vs. Hebrew race
 - Poetry vs. prose
- Prophets – 17 Books
 - Two main divisions
 - Major Prophets – 5 Books
 - Minor Prophets – 12 Books
 - Christ-link – Expectation of Christ
 - Books of the Prophets focus on
 - National issues that arise in Northern and Southern kingdoms
 - Judgment of other nations
 - Prophecies about the coming Messiah

Obadiah Joel Jonah Amos	Isaiah	Jeremiah	Daniel Ezekiel	Haggai Zechariah Malachi
	Hosea Micah	Nahum Zephaniah Habakkuk		

Importance of the Old Testament

- God reveals His will to man
- OT teaches man about his beginnings
- OT answers some of life’s tough questions
- Genesis teaches the beginning of God’s redemption
- Impossible to understand the NT without the OT
- OT is a tutor to the NT Christians (Galatians 3:24)

Lesson 7 – Beginnings

Genesis

- Name: The book of beginnings
- Content Summary: Patriarchs and Promises
- Basic Lesson: Salvation is Essential
- Chronology: From Creation to a Coffin (Joseph)
- Key Text: Genesis 1:1
- Christ-link: The Promised Seed

Exodus

- Name: The major event of the book
- Content Summary: Plagues and Precepts
- Basic Lesson: Deliverance is Essential
- Chronology: From Coffin to Construction
- Key Text: Exodus 19:4-6
- Christ-link: The Passover Lamb

Leviticus

- Name: Greek – pertaining to the Levites
- Content Summary: Sacrifices and Sanctity
- Basic Lesson: Holiness is Essential
- Chronology: From Construction to Census
- Key Text: Leviticus 19:2
- Christ-link: The Perfect Priest

Numbers

- Name: Two censuses taken
- Content Summary: Marching and Murmuring
- Basic Lesson: Perseverance is Essential
- Chronology: From Census at Sinai to Commands
- Key Text: Numbers 14:29-30
- Christ-link: The Star and the Scepter (24:17)

Deuteronomy

- Name: Greek – second law
- Content Summary: Preaching and Pleading
- Basic Lesson: Obedience is Essential
- Chronology: From Moses' first address to his death
- Key Text: Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- Christ-link: The Prophet like unto Moses (18:15)

Antediluvian (Before the flood) Period

- Genesis 1-9
- Duration is uncertain
- Major Events
 - Creation
 - The fall in the Garden of Eden
 - Cain and Abel
 - Preparation for the flood
- Major characters
 - Adam & Eve
 - Noah
- Major Revelations
 - Study of Origins
 - Expect a Messiah (Genesis 3:15)
 - The dignity of man and the equality of woman
 - The importance of marriage
 - The existence and work of Satan

Postdiluvian (After the flood) Period

- Genesis 9-11
- Duration is uncertain
- Major Events
 - Exiting the Ark
 - Confusion of the Languages
- Major character
 - Noah
- Major Revelations
 - God's faithfulness displayed through a rainbow
 - Laws concerning murder
 - God to dwell in the tents of Shem

Patriarchal Period

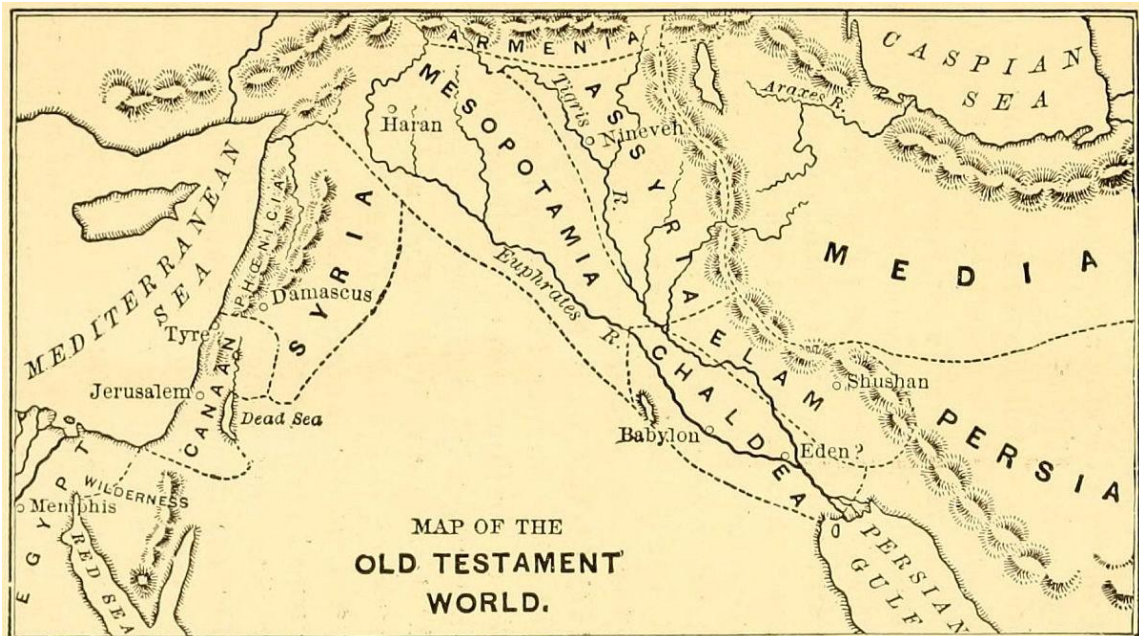
- Genesis 12-46
- Duration 215 years (2092-1877 BC)
- Major Events
 - Journey of the Patriarchs
 - Destruction of Sodom
 - Birth of Isaac
 - Birth of Jacob's Children
 - Leah – Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah
 - Bilhah (Rachel's maid) – Dan and Naphtali
 - Zilpah (Leah's maid) – Gad and Asher
 - Rachel – Joseph and Benjamin
- Major characters
 - Abraham and Sarah
 - Isaac and Rebekah
 - Jacob and Leah and Rachel
- Major Revelations
 - Covenant to Abraham (Genesis 12)
 - Melchizedek (Genesis 14)
 - Sign of circumcision (Genesis 17)
 - Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)
 - Dreams of Joseph (Genesis 41)

Egyptian Period

- Genesis 47-50 & Exodus 1-15
- Duration is 430 years (1877-1447 BC)
- Major Events
 - Joseph saves Egypt and his people
 - Servitude under a new Pharaoh (Exodus 1)
 - Moses leads Israel out of bondage
- Major characters
 - Joseph (in Genesis)
 - Moses (in Exodus)
- Major Revelations
 - Jacob's prediction of Shiloh (Genesis 49:10)
 - Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3-4)
 - Passover (Exodus 12)
 - Crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14)

Wilderness Period

- Exodus 16-40, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy
- Duration is 40 years (1447-1407 BC)
- Major Events
 - God provides food and water (Exodus 16)
 - God gives the Law at Sinai (Exodus 20)
 - The golden calf (Exodus 32)
 - The tabernacle (Exodus 35-40)
 - The report of the 12 spies (Numbers 13)
 - Korah rebellion (Numbers 16)
 - The bronze serpent (Numbers 21)
 - Defeat of Sihon and Og (Numbers 21)
 - Death of Moses (Deuteronomy 34)
- Major characters
 - Moses
 - Aaron
 - Miriam
- Major Revelations
 - The Law of Moses
 - Worship centered at the tabernacle
 - Balaam's prophecy of the Star and the Scepter (Numbers 24:17)
 - Moses' prophecy of future prophet (Deuteronomy 18)
 - Moses' prophecy of Israel's captivity and restoration (Deuteronomy 28-30)



Lesson 8 – Israel Rises as a Nation

Joshua

- Author: Joshua
- Content Summary: Conquering to Distribution
- Basic Lesson: The Victory of Faith
- Chronology: From crossing Jordan to elders' death
- Key Text: Joshua 1:3
- Christ-link: The Captain of our Salvation

Judges

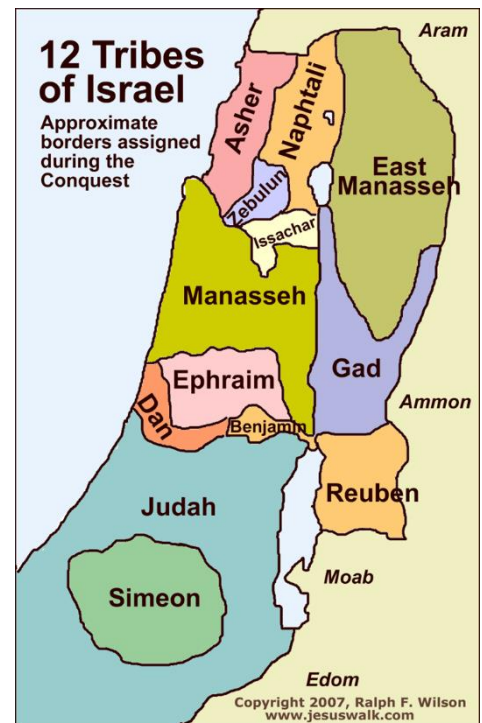
- Author: Samuel
- Content Summary: Servitude and Salvation
- Basic Lesson: Penalty of sin is suffering
- Chronology: Death of Joshua to death of Samson
- Key Text: Judges 2:19
- Christ-link: The Ultimate Deliverer

Ruth

- Originally appendix to Judges
- Content Summary: Spotlight on a godly family
- Basic Lesson: Inclusion of God's grace
- Chronology: Famine to a family
- Key Text: Ruth 1:16
- Christ-link: Our Kinsman-Redeemer

Conquest Period

- Joshua, Judges 1-2, 17-21
- Duration is 40 years (1407 - 1367 BC)
- Major Events
 - Conquest of Jericho
 - Defeat at Ai
 - Conquest of southern coalition of kings
 - Conquest of northern coalition of kings
 - Assignment of tribal areas
- Major characters
 - Joshua
 - Caleb
- Major Revelations
 - Captain of the Lord's Host (Joshua 5-6)
 - The rebuke by the angel of the Lord at Bochim (Judges 2)



Judges Period

- Judges 3-16, Ruth, I Samuel 1-7
- Duration is 325 years (1367-1043 BC)
- Major Events
 - Victory over Sisera (Judges 4-5)
 - Victory by Gideon with 300 men (Judges 6-7)
 - Exploits of Samson (Judges 13-16)
 - The call of Samuel (I Samuel 3)
 - The capture of the ark (I Samuel 4)
- Major characters
 - Deborah
 - Gideon
 - Samson
 - Samuel
 - Ruth
- Major Revelations
 - Hannah’s prophecy of future king (I Samuel 2:10)
 - Samuel’s prophecy of the rise of a faithful priest (I Samuel 2:35)
 - Revelations to Samuel (I Samuel 3:19-21)



1	Othniel	1359-1319	8	Jephthah	1108-1102
2	Ehud	1301-1221	9	ibzan	1105-1098
3	Shamgar	1300	10	Elon	1097-1087
4	Deborah	1261-1221	11	Abdon	1089-1081
5	Gideon	1214-1174	12	Samson	1105-1085
6	Tola	1171-1148	13	Eli	1145-1105
7	Jair	1148-1126	14	Samuel	1085-1014

Lesson 9 – Monarchy of Israel

I & II Samuel

- Author: Samuel, Nathan & Gad
- Content Summary: Birth & Expansion of kingdom
- Basic Lesson: Leaders submit to God's Word
- Chronology: Birth of Samuel to last days of David
- Key Text: II Samuel 7:16
- Christ-link: David's Everlasting Son

I & II Kings

- Author: Traditionally Jeremiah
- Content Summary: Glory and decline of a kingdom
- Basic Lesson: Obedient leaders are blessed
- Chronology: Death of David to Jerusalem destroyed
- Key Text: I Kings 9:4-5
- Christ-link: King of kings

I & II Chronicles

- Author: Traditionally Ezra
- Content Summary: Spotlight on David's dynasty
- Basic Lesson: God kept His promise to David
- Chronology: Death of David to Jerusalem destroyed
- Key Text: II Chronicles 6:17
- Christ-link: The Faithful Ruler

United Monarchy Period

- I Samuel 8-31; II Samuel;
I Kings 1-11; I Chronicles; II Chronicles 1-9
- Duration is 113 years (1043-930 BC)
- Major Events
 - Saul's disobedience (I Samuel 13-14)
 - David's victory over Goliath (I Samuel 17)
 - Saul's efforts to kill David
 - Saul's death
 - David is anointed as king
 - David's sin with Bathsheba
 - Absalom's rebellion
 - Building of the temple

- Major characters
 - Samuel
 - Saul
 - David
 - Solomon
- Major Revelations
 - Saul as Israel's first king (I Samuel 1:9)
 - David should be anointed king (I Samuel 1:16)
 - Davidic covenant (II Samuel 7)
 - Revelation of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Divided Monarchy Period

- I Kings 12-II Kings 17; II Chronicles 10-29
- Duration is 208 years (930-722 BC)
- Major Events
 - Golden calves in the north (I Kings 12)
 - Invasion of Pharaoh Shishak (II Chronicles 12)
 - Mount Carmel showdown (I Kings 18)
 - Jehu wipes out remnants of Jezebel – 841 BC
 - Revivals of Asa and Jehoshaphat in the south
- Major characters
 - Two kings in the north: Jeroboam & Ahab
 - Two prophets in the north: Elijah and Elisha
 - Two kings in the south Asa and Jehoshaphat
- Major Revelations
 - Period of some of the prophets: Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, and Hosea

Assyrian (Judean) Period

- II Kings 18-24;
II Chronicles 30-36
- Duration is 117 years (722-605 BC)
- Major Events
 - Invasion of Judah by Sennacherib in 701 BC
 - Revivals of Hezekiah and Josiah in the south
 - Call of Jeremiah
 - Death of Josiah at Megiddo in 609 BC
- Major characters
 - Kings of Judah: Hezekiah and Josiah
 - Prophets: Isaiah and Jeremiah
 - Foreign kings: Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar
- Major Revelations
- Period of some of the prophets: Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and the early days of Jeremiah



Lesson 10 – Post Monarchy

Babylonian (Exilic) Period

- Daniel, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah
- Duration is 67 years (605-539 BC)
- Major Events
 - Exile of 10,000 Jews in 597 BC
 - Call of Ezekiel
 - Deliverance from the fiery furnace
 - Nebuchadnezzar becomes like an animal
 - Handwriting on the wall of Belshazzar's palace
- Major characters
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar
 - Babylonian king Belshazzar, who ruled when the nation was conquered
- Major Revelations
 - Prophecy of four world empires (Daniel 2 & 7)
 - Prophecy of seven heptads (Daniel 9)
 - Prophecy of the dry bones (Ezekiel 37)

Ezra

- Author: Ezra
- Content Summary: Restoration of the nation
- Basic Lesson: God's Word motivates decisive action
- Chronology: Decree of Cyrus to decree of Ezra
- Key Text: Ezra 1:5
- Christ-link: The Great Restorer

Nehemiah

- Author: Nehemiah
- Content Summary: Reconstruction of the Nation
- Basic Lesson: God's work succeeds in opposition
- Chronology: Appointments of Nehemiah
- Key Text: Nehemiah 2:8
- Christ-link: The Builder of Zion

Esther

- Author: Ezra or Mordecai
- Content Summary: Preservation of the nation
- Basic Lesson: God orchestrates events
- Chronology: National assembly to celebration
- Key Text: Esther 4:14
- Christ-link: The Preserver of His People

Persian (Postexilic) Period

- Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther
- Duration is 139 years (539-400 BC)
- Major Events
 - Daniel and the lion's den
 - Return of the Jews under Zerubbabel
 - Rebuilding of the temple
 - Preservation of the Jews from genocide
 - Rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem
- Major characters
 - Zerubbabel the governor of Judah
 - Joshua the high priest
 - Esther
 - Ezra
 - Nehemiah
- Major Revelations
 - Prophecies of
 - Haggai
 - Zechariah
 - Malachi

Lesson 11 – The Writings

Hebrew Poetry

- Synonymous Parallelism
 - Psalm 19:1
 - Psalm 24:1
 - Proverbs 1:8
 - Psalm 94:3
- Antithetic Parallelism
 - Proverbs 1:7
 - Psalm 1:6
- Synthetic Parallelism (Constructive)
 - Completion
 - Psalm 2:6
 - Comparison
 - Proverbs 15:17
 - Proverbs 25:20
 - Reason (Explanation)
 - Proverbs 26:4
 - Climatic
 - Psalm 1:1

General Observation of Hebrew Writings

- Two types of Wisdom Literature
 - Proverbial wisdom (Proverbs) – short, pithy sayings that state rules for personal happiness and welfare.
 - Speculative wisdom (Job & Ecclesiastes) – dialogues or monologues that attempt to unlock the mysteries of life, death, and the workings of God

Job

- Author: Traditionally Moses
- Content Summary: Faith under trial
- Basic Lesson: Trust God for who He is
- Chronology: Job’s life
- Key Text: Job 19:25; 23:10
- Christ-link: Our Mediator and Redeemer

Speaker	Classification	Key Thought
Eliphaz	Visionary	“I saw a vision from God”
Bildad	Historical	“History proves . . .”
Zophar	Dogmatic	“Everybody know . . .”
Elihu	Reflective	“God refines through suffering”

- Features of Job
 - Extremely difficult Hebrew
 - 110 words that do not appear anywhere else in the Old Testament
 - Job begins and ends with prose
 - Middle of the book is all poetry

Psalms

- Author: David and many others
- Content Summary: Faith in various circumstances
- Basic Lesson: Faith reaches God in all experiences
- Chronology: Collection from many years
- Key Text: Psalm 29:2
- Christ-link: Our Enthroned Priest-King
- Features of Psalms
 - Psalms were intended to be sung
 - “Psalter” is from the Greek meaning “stringed instrument”
 - One of the most quoted books in the New Testament
 - Collected in five stages
 - Book 1 – Psalm 1-41
 - Book 2 – Psalm 42-72
 - Book 3 – Psalm 73-89
 - Book 4 – Psalm 90-106
 - Book 5 – Psalm 107-150
 - In the Hebrew Bible, Psalms was the first book in the “Kethubhim” (Writings)
 - TaNaKh
 - T – Torah (Law)
 - N – Nevi’im (Prophets)
 - K – Kethubhim (Writings)
 - Many psalms have heading
 - In the Hebrew Bible counted as the first (and sometimes second verse)
 - Musical information
 - Authorship
 - Settings

David	73	Ethan	1
Asaph	12	Heman	1
Sons of Korah	10	Moses	1
Solomon	2	Anonymous	50

Proverbs

- Author: Solomon, among others
- Content Summary: Faith - foundation of wisdom
- Basic Lesson: Faith expressed in ancient virtues
- Chronology: Collection from many years
- Key Text: Proverbs 9:10
- Christ-link: Wisdom Personified
- Features of Proverbs
 - Snapshots into everyday life in Old Testament days
 - Principles, NOT promises (Proverbs 22:6)
- Five Sections
 - Section 1 – Proverbs 1:1-9:18
 - Section 2 – Proverbs 10:1-22:16
 - Section 3 – Proverbs 22:17-24:34
 - Section 4 – Proverbs 25:1-29:27
 - Section 5 – Proverbs 30:1-31:31

Ecclesiastes

- Author: Traditionally Solomon
- Content Summary: Faith is the key to meaning
- Basic Lesson: Life without God is empty and vain
- Chronology: Adult life of King Solomon
- Key Text: Ecclesiastes 1:2-3
- Christ-link: The Supreme Good
- Features of Ecclesiastes
 - The writer calls himself the “Koheleth”
 - “one who assembles a congregation” – the preacher
 - The name Ecclesiastes comes from Greek and Latin meaning the preacher
 - God wants us to enjoy life – Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

Song of Solomon

- Author: Solomon
- Content Summary: Faith expressed in love
- Basic Lesson: God smiles on human love
- Chronology: Adult life of Solomon
- Key Text: Song of Solomon 8:6-7
- Christ-link: Altogether Lovely
- Features of Song of Solomon
 - Called the “Canticles” from the Latin meaning songs
 - Song of Solomon does not mention the name of God
 - Song of Solomon seen by some as a preview of Christ and His church (the bride of Christ)

Lesson 12 – Earliest Prophets

Classification of the Prophets

- Size of Books
 - Major Prophets – larger books
 - Minor Prophets – smaller books
- Kingdoms the Prophet Served
 - Judah
 - Israel

Chronological	Bible Period	Date	Kingdom
Obadiah	Divided	845 BC	Judah
Joel	Divided	835 BC	Judah
Jonah	Divided	755 BC	Israel
Amos	Divided	752 BC	Israel
Hosea	Divided	752 BC	Israel
Isaiah	Divided/Assyrian	739 BC	Judah
Micah	Divided/Assyrian	735 BC	Judah

Obadiah

- Author: Obadiah
- Content Summary: Prophet of Edom's doom
- Basic Lesson: God humbles arrogance
- Chronology: 845 BC
- Key Text: Obadiah 1:21
- Christ-link: Deliverer on Mount Zion
- Other Key Passages
 - Arrogance of Edomites
 - Obadiah 3
 - Day of the Lord
 - Obadiah 15-16

Joel

- Author: Joel, son of Pethuel
- Content Summary: Prophet of Pentecost
- Basic Lesson: God pours out His spirit in last days
- Chronology: 835 BC
- Key Text: Joel 2:13
- Christ-link: Dispenser of the Holy Spirit
- Other Key Passages
 - Day of the Lord
 - Joel 2:1-2; 11
 - Plea for Repentance
 - Joel 2:12-14
 - Coming day of the Spirit
 - Joel 2:28-32

Jonah

- Author: Jonah, son of Amittai
- Content Summary: The Prejudiced Prophet
- Basic Lesson: God loves all men, even Ninevites
- Chronology: 755 BC
- Key Text: Jonah 3:4
- Christ-link: Resurrected Proclaimer to the nations
- Other Key Passages
 - Rejection of God's Commission
 - Jonah 1:2-3
 - God's Mercy
 - Jonah 3:10
 - Lesson on Compassion
 - Jonah 4:9-11

Amos

- Author: Amos from Tekoa of Judah
- Content Summary: Prophet of the Plumb Line
- Basic Lesson: God demands justice in human affairs
- Chronology: 752 BC
- Key Text: Amos 4:12
- Christ-link: Restorer of David's Tabernacle
- Other Key Passages
 - For three transgressions _____, yea for four . . .
 - Amos 1:3 (Eight times in two chapters)
 - God's Mercy and Justice
 - Amos 3:2
 - Future hope for the Gentiles
 - Amos 9:11-12

Hosea

- Author: Hosea
- Content Summary: Prophet of Love
- Basic Lesson: People not God's can become His
- Chronology: 752 BC
- Key Text: Hosea 11:8
- Christ-link: 2nd Moses; 2nd David; 2nd Israel
- Other Key Passages
 - Future King David
 - Hosea 3:5
 - Plea for Repentance
 - Hosea 6:1-3
 - Final Plea for Repentance
 - Hosea 14:1-3

Isaiah

- Author: Isaiah, son of Amoz
- Content Summary: The Gospel Prophet
- Basic Lesson: God demands faith and faithfulness
- Chronology: 739-701 BC
- Key Text: Isaiah 28:16
- Christ-link: Suffering Servant
- Other Key Passages
 - Virgin Birth
 - Isaiah 7:14
 - Future Leader
 - Isaiah 9:6-7
 - Suffering Servant
 - Isaiah 53

Micah

- Author: Micah
- Content Summary: Champion of the downtrodden
- Basic Lesson: God hates injustice and ritualism
- Chronology: 735-701 BC
- Key Text: Micah 6:8
- Christ-link: Bethlehem's Savior
- Other Key Passages
 - Inspired Prophet
 - Micah 3:8
 - Future Last Days
 - Micah 4:1-5
 - God's Complete Forgiveness
 - Micah 7:19

Lesson 13 – Seventh Century Prophets

Chronological	Bible Period	Date	Kingdom
Nahum	Assyrian	650 BC	Judah
Zephaniah	Assyrian	630 BC	Judah
Jeremiah	Assyrian/Babylonian	627 BC	Judah
Habakkuk	Assyrian	609 BC	Judah

Nahum

- Author: Nahum from Elkosh
- Content Summary: Prophet of Nineveh's doom
- Basic Lesson: God overthrows His enemies
- Chronology: 650 BC
- Key Text: Nahum 1:6
- Christ-link: Mighty Warrior
- Other Key Passages
 - God's Character
 - Nahum 1:7
 - God will use armies to punish Nineveh
 - Nahum 2:4

Zephaniah

- Author: Zephaniah, descendant of king Hezekiah
- Content Summary: Prophet of God's Wrath
- Basic Lesson: God is a jealous God
- Chronology: 640-630 BC
- Key Text: Zephaniah 1:14
- Christ-link: Purger of the Remnant
- Other Key Passages
 - Lord has prepared a sacrifice
 - Zephaniah 1:7
 - Lord's Judgement in Jerusalem
 - Zephaniah 1:12
 - Conversion of the Gentiles
 - Zephaniah 3:9-10

Jeremiah

- Author: Jeremiah, son of Hilkiah, a priest
- Content Summary: Weeping Prophet
- Basic Lesson: God's threats & promises conditional
- Chronology: 627-575 BC
- Key Text: Jeremiah 31:31
- Christ-link: Mediator of a New Covenant
- Other Key Passages
 - Jeremiah's call to be a prophet
 - Jeremiah 1:4-10
 - Ancient Paths
 - Jeremiah 6:16
 - Hypocrisy of the people
 - Jeremiah 7:8-12

Habakkuk

- Author: Habakkuk
- Content Summary: Prophet of the Watchtower
- Basic Lesson: Accept by faith the inequities of life
- Chronology: 609 BC
- Key Text: Habakkuk 2:4
- Christ-link: Creator of a New Earth
- Other Key Passages
 - Unanswered prayers
 - Habakkuk 1:1-4
 - Vanity of idol worship
 - Habakkuk 2:18-20
 - Faithfulness of the prophet
 - Habakkuk 3:17-19

Lamentations

- Author: Jeremiah
- Content Summary: Fall of Jerusalem
- Basic Lesson: In all situations, count your blessings
- Chronology: 586 BC
- Key Text: Lamentations 3:22-23
- Christ-link: The Weeping Savior
- Other Key Passages
 - Judah's affliction
 - Lamentations 1:1-7
 - Reason for God's Judgement
 - Lamentations 1:8-9
 - Prayer for Restoration
 - Lamentations 5:21-22

Lesson 14 – Exilic and Postexilic Prophets

Chronological	Bible Period	Date	Kingdom
Daniel	Babylonian	604 BC	Judah
Ezekiel	Babylonian	593 BC	Judah
Haggai	Persian	520 BC	Judah
Zechariah	Persian	520 BC	Judah
Malachi	Persian	432 BC	Judah

Daniel

- Author: Daniel
- Content Summary: Statesman Prophet
- Basic Lesson: God is supreme Ruler of the world
- Chronology: 604-537 BC
- Key Text: Daniel 2:44
- Christ-link: One Like unto a Son of Man
- Other Key Passages
 - Daniel's Faithfulness
 - Daniel 1:8
 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Resolve
 - Daniel 3:16-18
 - Son of Man's Kingdom
 - Daniel 7:13-14

Ezekiel

- Author: Ezekiel, son of Buzi
- Content Summary: Action Prophet
- Basic Lesson: People are personally responsible
- Chronology: 593-560 BC
- Key Text: Ezekiel 3:17
- Christ-link: Shepherd of the Flock
- Other Key Passages
 - Personal Responsibility
 - Ezekiel 18:20
 - Valley of Dry Bones
 - Ezekiel 37:1-12
 - River of Life
 - Ezekiel 47:7-12

Haggai

- Author: Haggai
- Content Summary: Prophet of Temple Building
- Basic Lesson: God demands first place in our lives
- Chronology: 520-519 BC
- Key Text: Haggai 1:5-7
- Christ-link: Desire of the Nations
- Other Key Passages
 - Reason for Judah's suffering explained
 - Haggai 1:7-11
 - Great Shaking
 - Haggai 2:6-9
 - Signet Ring
 - Haggai 2:23

Zechariah

- Author: Zechariah, son of Berekiah
- Content Summary: Prophet of Night Visions
- Basic Lesson: God truly cares for His people
- Chronology: 520-490 BC
- Key Text: Zechariah 4:6
- Christ-link: King upon His throne and His donkey
- Other Key Passages
 - Plea for Repentance
 - Zechariah 1:3
 - Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua
 - Zechariah 3:1-7
 - Triumphal Entry
 - Zechariah 9:9

Malachi

- Author: Malachi, my messenger
- Content Summary: Great Debater
- Basic Lesson: God demands proper respect
- Chronology: 432 BC
- Key Text: Malachi 1:6
- Christ-link: Messenger of the Covenant
- Other Key Passages
 - Sincere Worship
 - Malachi 1:10-11
 - Preparing the way
 - Malachi 3:1
 - Messiah and Elijah
 - Malachi 4:2-6

Lesson 15 – New Testament Overview

Leading up to the New Testament Age

- End of Persian Empire (334 BC)
 - Last OT King to die was Artaxerxes I in 424 BC
- Greeks and Alexander the great (334-198)
- Ptolemies ruled Egypt and Palestine (301-198 BC)
 - Jews led by many corrupt high priests
- Seleucids ruled Syria and Palestine (198-163 BC)
 - Antiochus the Great (223-187 BC)
 - Seleucus IV (187-175 BC) – plundered the temple
 - Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-163 BC)
 - Outlawed Jewish customs; claimed to be God
- Maccabean Period (165-163 BC)
 - Judas cleansed the temple (165 BC)
 - Members of the Hasmonean family ruled
 - Synagogues became popular
 - Sect of the Pharisees was started
- Roman Period (begin in 63 BC)
- Pompey conquered Jerusalem
- Herod the Great (40-4 BC) was allowed to rule
 - Visit of the magi and slaughter of Bethlehem infants

	Old Testament	New Testament
Books	39	27
Time	1000 years	50-60 years
Authors	32+	8 or 9

Bible in Three Chapters

- Chapter One – Christ is Coming (OT)
- Chapter Two – Christ is Here (NT Gospels)
- Chapter Three – Christ is Coming Again (rest of NT)

New Testament Books Outlined

- Foundational Books – Four Gospels (4 Books)
- Framework Book – Acts (1 Book)
- Focus Books – Epistles (21 Books)
- Prophecy Book – Revelation (1 Book)

Paul's Epistles				
Evangelical	Encounter	Ecclesia	Eschatological	Exhortation
Romans Galatians	I Corinthians II Corinthians	Ephesians Philippians Colossians	I Thessalonians II Thessalonians	I Timothy II Timothy Titus Philemon
Christ and the Cross	Christ and the Critics	Christ and the Church	Christ and His Coming	Christ and the Charge
Raised with Christ	Contending for Christ	Seated with Christ	Caught up to be with Christ	Faithful to Christ
Faith looks back to the Cross and is molded	Faith looks down to base and is strengthened	Faith looks up to the Bridegroom and is deepened	Faith looks forward to His coming and is brightened	Faith looks within the heart and is measured

Balance in the General Epistles	
<u>Faith</u> Hebrews	<u>Works</u> James
<u>Future Hope</u> I Peter	<u>Present Growth</u> II Peter
<u>Love</u> John's Epistles	<u>Contention</u> Jude

Other observations

- Hebrews is anonymous
- Four non-apostles – Luke, Mark, James & Jude
- James and Jude were half-brothers of Jesus
- James – earliest written about AD 48
- Revelation – latest written about AD 90

Lesson 16 – The Four Gospels

Matthew

- Author: Matthew, Levi, tax collector
- Content Summary: Gospel for the Jews
- Basic Lesson: Jesus, the fulfilment of OT prophecies
- Chronology: AD 50
- Key Text: Matthew 3:2
- Christ-link: Promised Sovereign
- Other Key Notes
 - Twenty-one prophecies fulfilled by Jesus
 - Twenty-one other fulfilled prophecies
 - Emphasis on the Law
 - Emphasis on the ancestry of David
 - Kingdom references
 - “Kingdom of heaven” used thirty-three times

Mark

- Author: companion of Paul and Barnabas
- Content Summary: Gospel for the Romans
- Basic Lesson: We follow Jesus in path of service
- Chronology: AD 68 after Peter’s death in AD 64
- Key Text: Mark 10:45
- Christ-link: Powerful Savior
- Other Key Notes
 - Relatively short book
 - Deeds of Jesus emphasized
 - Nineteen miracles in sixteen chapters
 - “Immediately” used nineteen times in Gospel
 - Very few Old Testament references
 - Explanation of Jewish phrases and customs

Luke

- Author: Luke, physician, travels with Paul
- Content Summary: Gospel for the Greeks
- Basic Lesson: Jesus is the Perfect Son of Man
- Chronology: AD 58
- Key Text: Luke 19:10
- Christ-link: Son of Man
- Other Key Notes
 - Very polished Greek language
 - Special attention to dates
 - Mentions other contemporary rulers
 - Emphasized the humanity of Jesus
 - Genealogy links all the way back to Adam

John

- Author: John, youngest, “inner circle”
- Content Summary: Gospel for the Everyone
- Basic Lesson: Jesus is the eternal Son of God
- Chronology: AD 90
- Key Text: John 20:31
- Christ-link: Son of God
- Other Key Notes
 - Takes Jesus back to His preexistence
 - John 1:1-14
 - Powerful Miracles – water to wine; walk on water; raising of Lazarus from the grave
 - Jesus’ dramatic claims – “I am” passages

Chronological Overview of the Gospels

- Preparation
 - Birth (5 BC)
 - Temple Visit (AD 8)
 - Immersion (November AD 26)
 - Temptations (40 days and nights)
- Obscurity (AD 27)
 - First Miracle (Cana of Galilee)
 - First Cleansing of the Temple

- Popularity (AD 28)
 - Twelve Chosen
 - Two resurrections
 - Widow's son
 - Jairus' daughter
 - Feeding of 5000
- Opposition (AD 29)
 - Feeding of the 4000
 - Peter's Confession
 - Transfiguration
 - Sending out the Seventy-two
- Persecution (AD 30 – three months)
 - Resurrection of Lazarus
- Passion (AD 30 – one week)
 - Triumphal Entry
 - Second Cleansing of the Temple
 - Crucifixion
- Triumph (AD 30 – forty days)
 - Resurrection of Jesus
 - Ascension

Miracles in the Gospels

- Thirty-six recorded miracles of Jesus
 - Two recorded in all four Gospels
 - Feeding of 5000
 - Restoring of severed ear
 - First miracle – water to wine – John 2:7-9
 - Last miracle – catch of fish – John 21:6
- Touched person during eleven miracles
- Touched by the sick person in one miracle
- Spat while performing three miracles
- Performed miracles on the Sabbath five times
- Filled with compassion six times
- Filled with amazement two times
- Groaned during one miracle (Mark 7:34-35)
- Wept during one miracle (John 11:43-44)

Miracles in Gospels		
Gospels	Unique Miracles	Total Miracles
Matthew	3	22
Mark	2	19
Luke	5	19
John	6	9

Healing Miracles in Gospels	
Fever (2)	Blindness (5)
Leprosy (2)	Deafness
Paralysis (3)	Dropsy
Withered hand	Severed ear
Internal bleeding	

Rebuking Miracles in Gospels	
Convulsions (2)	Unknown affliction
Insane behavior	Blindness and Muteness
Muteness	Paralysis

Raising Miracles in Gospels	
Widow's Son	Jairus' daughter
Lazarus	His own

Nature Miracles in Gospels	
Calming the Sea	Great fish catches (2)
Walking on water	Coin in fish's mouth
Changing water into wine	Cursing a fig tree
Feeding multitudes (2)	

Miracles in Gospels					
	Miracle	Significance		Miracle	Significance
1	Water to wine	First	6	Lazarus	Greatest
2	Walk on water	Above nature	7	Man born blind	Purpose
3	Calming Sea	Controls nature	8	Coin in fish	Divine Omniscience
4	Feeding 5000	Popular	9	Fig Tree	Saddest
5	Gerasenes Demonic	Worst case	10	Fish catch	Last

Parables in the Gospels

- Counts vary from six to thirty
 - Not all parables are clearly labeled as parables
 - Even the definition of a parable is not uniform
- Parable was a real to life teaching illustration

Some Parables of Jesus in Gospels					
	Parable	Reference		Parable	Reference
1	Two Builders	Mt 7:24-27	6	Urgent Widow	Lk 18:1-8
2	The Sower	Mt 13:3-23	7	Vineyard	Mt 21:33-41
3	The Tares	Mt 13:24-30	8	Ten Virgins	Mt 25:1-13
4	Good Samaritan	Lk 10:30-37	9	The Talents	Mt 25:14-30
5	Prodigal Son	Lk 15:11-32	10	Rich Fool	Lk 12:16-21

Prayers of Jesus in Gospels					
	Prayer	Reference		Prayer	Reference
1	His immersion	Lk 3:21	10	Tomb of Lazarus	Jn 11:41 ff
2	Before His preaching tour	Mk 1:35	11	Greeks come	Jn 12:27 ff
3	After healing leper	Lk 5:16	12	Leaving upper room	Jn 17:1-26
4	Ordaining the twelve	Lk 6:12	13	In the Garden	Mt 26:38
5	After 5000 fed	Mt 14:23	14	In the Garden	Mt 26:42
6	Caesarea Philippi	Lk 9:18	15	In the Garden	Mt 26:44
7	Transfiguration	Lk 9:28 ff	16	On the Cross	Lk 23:34
8	Return of the Seventy	Lk 10:21	17	On the Cross	Lk 23:46
9	After Bethany visit	Lk 11:1	18	On the Cross	Mt 27:46 ff

Some Predictions by Jesus in Gospels					
	Prediction	Reference		Prediction	Reference
1	His kingdom	Mt 16:28	7	Spirit's coming	Jn 7:37-39
2	His death and resurrection	Sixteen times	8	Second coming	Mt 16:27
3	His betrayal	Jn 6:70-71	9	Final judgment	Mt 7:21-23
4	Peter's denial	Jn 13:38	10	Resurrection	Jn 5:28-29
5	Appearance in Galilee	Mt 26:31-32	11	Last days	Lk 17:26-30
6	His ascension	Jn 1:50-51	12	Death of Peter	Jn 21:18-19

Lesson 17 – History of the Church

Acts

- Author: Luke, companion of Paul
- Content Summary: History of our faith
- Basic Lesson: Gospel taken to whole world
- Chronology: AD 63
- Key Text: Acts 1:8
- Christ-link: The Enthroned King
- Other Key Notes
 - Book of Conversions
 - If you want to know how to be saved, read how it was done in the early church, as it was taught by the apostles and prophets!
 - 289-1016 Ext 182226
 - Written for Theophilus
 - Acts 1:1-2
 - Luke 1:1-4
- Great Teachings found in Acts
 - Qualifications of an apostle (Acts 1:21-22)
 - First Gospel Message (Acts 2)
 - Disciples first called Christians (Acts 11:26)
 - Need to study the Scriptures (Acts 17:10-11)
 - Direct connection between first day of the week and the Lord’s supper (Acts 20:7)

Book of Acts			
Petrine Phase Acts 1-12	Locations Jerusalem Caesarea Joppa	Pauline Phase Acts 13-28	Locations Antioch Asia Minor Jerusalem Rome
Pentecost to Arrested in Jerusalem	AD 30-44 14 Years	First Missionary Journey to imprisonment in Rome	AD 44-68 24 Years

Outline

- Acts 1 – Ascension and commission
- Acts 2 – Pentecost
- Acts 3 – Healing of lame man
- Acts 4 – Arrest of Peter and John
- Acts 5 – Sin of Ananias and Sapphira
- Acts 6 – Choosing of the Seven to serve tables
- Acts 7 – Stephen’s Defense of the Gospel
- Acts 8 – Samaritan Revival and Ethiopian
- Acts 9 – Conversion of Saul of Tarsus
- Acts 10 – Conversion of Cornelius
- Acts 11 – Peter reporting back to apostles
- Acts 12 – Peter arrested and delivered
- Acts 13 – Paul’s first missionary journey
- Acts 14 – Paul and Barnabas called gods
- Acts 15 – Jerusalem Council
- Acts 16 – Conversion of Lydia and Jailor
- Acts 17 – Sermon at Mars Hill
- Acts 18 – Third missionary journey begins
- Acts 19 – Conversion of disciples of John
- Acts 20 – Paul’s discourse with Ephesus elders
- Acts 21 – Paul arrested in Jerusalem
- Acts 22 – Paul’s defense before the Jews
- Acts 23 – Paul’s defense before the Jewish Counsel
- Acts 24 – Paul’s defense before Felix
- Acts 25 – Paul’s defense before Festus
- Acts 26 – Paul’s defense before Agrippa
- Acts 27 – Paul’s shipwreck on way to Rome
- Acts 28 – Paul’s wait for his accusers in Rome

Lesson 18 – Writings of the Apostle Paul – Part 1

Romans

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: The Facts of our Faith
- Basic Lesson: We are justified by faith
- Chronology: AD 56
- Key Text: Romans 1:16
- Christ-link: The Redeemer
- Other Key Notes
 - Progression of Sin (Romans 1)
 - All have sinned (Romans 3:23)
 - Model of faith (Romans 4)
 - God’s unspeakable love (Romans 5:8)
 - Immersed into Christ (Romans 6)
 - Wages of sin (Romans 6:23)

I Corinthians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: The Discipline of the Church
- Basic Lesson: We are set apart for the Lord
- Chronology: AD 55
- Key Text: I Corinthians 3:16-17
- Christ-link: The Sanctifier of the Body
- Other Key Notes
 - Unity (I Corinthians 1:10)
 - Preaching Christ (I Corinthians 1:22-24)
 - Unable to enter the Kingdom (I Corinthians 6:9-11)
 - Misuse of Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:26 ff)
 - Love chapter (I Corinthians 13)
 - Resurrection chapter (I Corinthians 15)

II Corinthians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: A Defense of the Apostle Paul
- Basic Lesson: Strength in Christ in times of testing
- Chronology: AD 55
- Key Text: II Corinthians 5:20
- Christ-link: The Comforter
- Other Key Notes
 - Comfort (II Corinthians 1:3-4)
 - Glory to glory (II Corinthians 3:18)
 - Hope of everlasting life (II Corinthians 5:1-4)
 - Absent from the body (II Corinthians 5:6-8)
 - Christian giving (II Corinthians 9:6-7)
 - Caught up to Paradise (II Corinthians 12:2-4)

Galatians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: The Freedom of our faith
- Basic Lesson: We are free from the bondage of sin
- Chronology: AD 56
- Key Text: Galatians 3:11
- Christ-link: The Liberator
- Other Key Notes
 - Curse on perverting Gospel (Galatians 1:8)
 - Sons of Abraham (Galatians 3:6-9)
 - Sons of God through faith (Galatians 3:26-27)
 - The deeds of flesh and spirit (Galatians 5:19-24)
 - Believer's only boast (Galatians 6:14)

Ephesians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Unity in Christ
- Basic Lesson: We are united in one Lord
- Chronology: AD 61-62
- Key Text: Ephesians 1:22-23
- Christ-link: The Head of the Church
- Other Key Notes
 - Subject to Christ (Ephesians 1:19-23)
 - Salvation not of works (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - Platform for unity in the church (Ephesians 4:4-6)
 - Leadership gifts (Ephesians 4:11-13)
 - The whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17)

Philippians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Joy in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Pattern our lives after Christ
- Chronology: AD 61-62
- Key Text: Philippians 4:4
- Christ-link: The Exalted Servant
- Other Key Notes
 - Ready for life or death (Philippians 1:22-24)
 - Example of humility (Philippians 2:1-11)
 - Pressing forward in growth (Philippians 3:13-14)
 - Citizenship in heaven (Philippians 3:20-21)
 - Think on these things (Philippians 4:8)

Colossians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Godhead in Christ
- Basic Lesson: The Godhead was incarnate in Jesus
- Chronology: AD 61-62
- Key Text: Colossians 1:15
- Christ-link: The Incarnate God
- Other Key Notes
 - The kingdom of the Son (Colossians 1:13)
 - False teachers (Colossians 2:8)
 - Deity of Christ (Colossians 2:9-12)
 - Set minds on things above (Colossians 3:1-3)

Lesson 19 – Writings of the Apostle Paul – Part 2

I Thessalonians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: The Revelation of Christ
- Basic Lesson: Jesus, the fulfilment of OT prophecies
- Chronology: AD 50-51
- Key Text: I Thessalonians 1:9-10
- Christ-link: The Returning Son
- Other Key Notes
 - Paul's earliest epistle
 - All five chapters reference the Lord's return
 - A missionary congregation (I Thessalonians 1:8)
 - Meeting Christ in the air (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - Rejoice always (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

II Thessalonians

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: The Ruin of the World
- Basic Lesson: Coming of Christ brings judgment
- Chronology: AD 50-51
- Key Text: II Thessalonians 2:15
- Christ-link: The Glorified Son
- Other Key Notes
 - What happens when Christ returns (II Thessalonians 1:6-10)
 - Man of lawlessness (II Thessalonians 2:1-4)
 - Disfellowship the unruly (II Thessalonians 3:6)

I Timothy

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Faithfulness in Christ
- Basic Lesson: How to behave in the house of God
- Chronology: AD 67
- Key Text: I Timothy 3:14-15
- Christ-link: The Eternal, Immortal, Invisible King
- Other Key Notes
 - The Law is God (I Timothy 1:8-11)
 - Christ died for sinners (I Timothy 1:15)
 - One mediator (I Timothy 2:5-6)
 - Overseers and deacons (I Timothy 3:1-13)
 - Fight the good fight (I Timothy 6:12)

II Timothy

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Soundness in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Endure hardship as a good soldier
- Chronology: AD 68
- Key Text: II Timothy 2:2
- Christ-link: Faithful Friend
- Other Key Notes
 - Jesus abolished death (II Timothy 1:8-11)
 - Advice to a young preacher (II Timothy 2:2-3)
 - Rightly dividing the Word (II Timothy 2:15)
 - All Scripture is inspired (II Timothy 3:16-17)
 - Preach the Word (II Timothy 4:1-3)

Titus

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Steadfastness in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Follow the revealed pattern
- Chronology: AD 67
- Key Text: Titus 1:5
- Christ-link: Defender of true teaching
- Other Key Notes
 - Quotes a heathen poet (Titus 1:12)
 - Pure and impure minds (Titus 1:15-16)
 - Teaching of a godly life (Titus 2:11-14)
 - Washing of regeneration (Titus 3:4-7)

Philemon

- Author: Paul
- Content Summary: Blessing in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Helping new members of the body
- Chronology: AD 61
- Key Text: Philemon 17
- Christ-link: Repository of all that is God
- Other Key Notes
 - Philemon – slave owner
 - Onesimus – runaway slave, now a Christian
 - Love of the brethren (Philemon 4-8)
 - New view of runaway slave (Philemon 15-16)
 - Charge it to my account (Philemon 17-18)

Lesson 20 – General Epistles

Hebrews

- Author: Anonymous
- Content Summary: Superiority of Faith
- Basic Lesson: Must hold on to Jesus
- Chronology: AD 64
- Key Text: Hebrews 2:1
- Christ-link: Perfect Sacrifice and Perfect Priest
- Other Key Notes
 - God speaking in these last days (Hebrews 1:1-2)
 - Power of the Word (Hebrews 4:12-13)
 - Our great high priest (Hebrews 4:14-16)
 - Dangers of falling away (Hebrews 6:4-6)
 - Superiority of blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:11-14)
 - Sinning willfully (Hebrews 10:26-29)
 - Great faith chapter (Hebrews 11)
 - Running the race (Hebrews 12:1-2)
 - Come to Mt. Zion (Hebrews 12:22-24)
 - Purity of marriage (Hebrews 13:4)
 - The unchanging Christ (Hebrews 13:8)

James

- Author: James, half-brother of Jesus
- Content Summary: Demonstrating the faith
- Basic Lesson: We demonstrate faith by good works
- Chronology: AD 48
- Key Text: James 2:26
- Christ-link: The Judge at the door (James 5:9)
- Other Key Notes
 - Most Jewish book of New Testament
 - Four direct quotes from Old Testament
 - At least fifty-three allusions to Old Testament
 - Greek language is very high quality
 - James uses OT characters to illustrate
 - James uses nature to illustrate
 - Upside of trials (James 1:2-4)
 - Divine wisdom (James 1:5-6)
 - Source of temptation (James 1:14-15)
 - Faith of Abraham (James 2:21-24)
 - The tongue (James 3:8-10)
 - Uncertainty of tomorrow (James 4:13-15)

I Peter

- Author: Simon Peter
- Content Summary: Suffering for the faith
- Basic Lesson: Suffer patiently to the glory of God
- Chronology: AD 65
- Key Text: I Peter 4:16
- Christ-link: Living Stone, Shepherd, and Guardian
- Other Key Notes
 - A living hope (I Peter 1:3-5)
 - Precious blood of Jesus (I Peter 1:18-19)
 - The pure milk of the Word (I Peter 2:1-2)
 - Submit to civil (I Peter 2:13-15)
 - Baptism now saves you (I Peter 3:18-22)
 - Suffering as a Christian (I Peter 4:15-16)

II Peter

- Author: Simon Peter
- Content Summary: Growing in the faith
- Basic Lesson: Grow in the grace of God
- Chronology: AD 65
- Key Text: II Peter 1:5
- Christ-link: Beloved Son
- Other Key Notes
 - Growing as Christians (II Peter 1:5-8)
 - Inspiration of Scriptures (II Peter 2:20-21)
 - The necessity of faithfulness (II Peter 2:20-22)
 - Day of the Lord (II Peter 3:10-13)
 - Difficulty of some Scripture (II Peter 3:15-16)

Jude

- Author: brother of James and Jesus
- Content Summary: Battle for the faith
- Basic Lesson: Guard against perversions of the faith
- Chronology: AD 75
- Key Text: Jude 3
- Christ-link: Our only Master
- Other Key Notes
 - Called the “acts of the apostates”
 - Only book devoted to the topic of apostasy
 - Of 25 verses in Jude, 19 are repeated from II Peter
 - Contend for the faith (Jude 3)
 - God is able (Jude 24-25)

Lesson 21 – John’s Epistles and the Book of Prophecy

I John

- Author: John
- Content Summary: Assurance in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Assurance of our standing with God
- Chronology: AD 90
- Key Text: I John 5:13
- Christ-link: Son of God in the flesh
- Other Key Notes
 - Certainty of what we have been taught (I John 1:1-3)
 - How a Christian is cleansed (I John 1:8-10)
 - Jesus is our Advocate (I John 2:1-3)
 - Antichrist (I John 2:18)
 - The amazing love of God (I John 3:1; 4:9-11)

II John

- Author: John
- Content Summary: Abiding in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Do not support false doctrine
- Chronology: AD 90
- Key Text: II John 7
- Christ-link: The Son of the Father (II John 3)
- Other Key Notes
 - Addressed to a lady (II John 1, 5)
 - Unnamed lady – maybe to protect her
 - Others think the lady was a local church: the bride of Christ
 - Walk in the truth (II John 4)
 - Handling deceivers (II John 7-11)

III John

- Author: John
- Content Summary: Alliance in Christ
- Basic Lesson: Hospitality towards laborers for God
- Chronology: AD 90
- Key Text: III John 9
- Christ-link: The Name (III John 6)
- Other Key Notes
 - Shortest book in New Testament
 - Name of Jesus does not appear in the book
 - Addressed to Gaius (III John 1)
 - Preacher's greatest joy (III John 4)
 - Power hungry church leaders (III John 9-10)
 - Imitate what is good (III John 11)

Revelation

- Author: John
- Content Summary: Anticipation of Christ
- Basic Lesson: We will overcome the world
- Chronology: AD 96
- Key Text: Revelation 1:7
- Christ-link: Crowned with many crowns
- Other Key Notes
 - Our Exalted Christ (Revelation 1:1-3)
 - Letters to seven churches (Revelation 2-3)
 - Sealed book (Revelation 5:1-10)
 - Sealing of the saints (Revelation 7:1-4; 14:1-5)
 - Thousand years (Revelation 20:1-10)
 - All things new (Revelation 21:1-8)