



Bible History

Introduction and Overview

I. THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

A. Understanding (Acts 8:30)

1. On which day of the creation week was water created?
2. How long did Adam and Eve live in the garden?
3. Where did Cain get his wife?
4. Has man always prayed?
5. Why did God destroy the earth with a flood?
6. Did Lamech (Noah's father) die in the flood?
7. How do each of the major races proceed from Noah?
8. What does it mean that the divided in the days of Peleg?
9. What was Abraham's background before he was called by God?
10. What was the gospel message preached to Abraham?
11. When and why did circumcision get introduced?
12. Why was Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed?
13. What is the lineage of Abraham through which the promise was passed?
14. Who are the twelve sons of Jacob?
15. Who are the Edomites?
16. How long were the Israelites in Egypt?
17. How old was Moses when God put it in his heart to lead Israel out of Egypt?
18. Where did Israel cross the Red Sea to get out of Egypt?
19. How was Israel's calendar changed with their departure from Egypt?
20. What are the feasts of the Lord for the nation of Israel?
21. What was the general layout of the tabernacle?
22. How did the nation of Israel camp round about the tabernacle in the wilderness?
23. Why did the nation of Israel wander forty years in the wilderness?
24. What are the major offerings described in the Old Testament?
25. Who buried Moses and why is his burial place significant?
26. Who was Moses' successor and the one that led Israel into the land of promise?
27. Which tribes determined to take land on the east side of the Jordan River and why did they do so?
28. Who was Israel's first judge in the book of Judges?
29. How many judges did the nation of Israel have in total and what were their purposes?
30. What cycle is repeated numerous times in the book of Judges?
31. What was Ruth's relation to David?
32. Who was Israel's first king and why did they choose a king?
33. Why did David get five stones in order to fight against Goliath?



34. What were the psalms and by whom were they written?
35. Which books of the Bible did Solomon write?
36. When did the nation of Israel split and why?
37. Who were the kings in each portion of Israel?
38. What became the name of the northern kingdom?
39. What became the name of the southern kingdom?
40. To whom did the northern kingdom go into captivity and for how long?
41. To whom did the southern kingdom go into captivity and for how long?
42. What prophets warned each kingdom of the coming captivity?
43. What prophets prophesied during the captivities?
44. Which of the prophets prophesied during a return from captivity?
45. How many returns from captivity did the southern kingdom have before their return was complete?
46. What was the focus of each return for the southern kingdom?
47. Who led the returns for the southern kingdom?
48. Which prophets were co-labourers with other prophets?
49. Why have some prophets been identified as major prophets and others as minor prophets?
50. What is the timeframe between the testaments called and why?
51. Why are there four gospels?
52. What was unique about the birth of Jesus and why did it have to be that way?
53. Where was Jesus born and why was this important?
54. What is the significance of the name *Jesus*?
55. Who was John the Baptist and what was his purpose?
56. How old was Jesus when He began His earthly ministry?
57. What was the main message preached by both John the Baptist and Jesus?
58. Who were the Lord's chosen disciples?
59. What was John the Baptist's chief concern when he was imprisoned?
60. What was the emphasis of the Sermon on the Mount?
61. What is the fulfillment of the Olivet Discourse?
62. When did the disciples understand the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ?
63. What were the signs of an apostle and what were their purpose?
64. When did the church begin?
65. When was Jesus crucified?
66. How long did Jesus' ministry last?
67. What happened between Jesus' crucifixion and His resurrection?
68. On what feast day did God send His promised Spirit?
69. Which James wrote the epistle of James?
70. To what audience did James write his epistle?
71. What was the significance of Stephen's message?
72. Who gave the approval for Stephen's death?
73. When did Saul get saved?
74. What was to be Saul's threefold audience?
75. Who was the first apostle to take the gospel to Gentiles?



76. How many missionary journeys did Paul take?
77. What epistles did Paul write during his missionary journeys?
78. Where did Paul end up in prison at the end of the book of Acts?
79. What epistles did Paul write during his first imprisonment?
80. When did the sign gifts cease?
81. What epistles did Paul write to churches?
82. What epistles did Paul write to individuals?
83. What epistles did Paul write to pastors?
84. What was Paul's last epistle written?
85. What did Paul do between imprisonments?
86. To which churches did John write in the book of Revelation?
87. Where were these churches located?
88. What are the indications of the church's last days?
89. What is the last prophetic event for the New Testament church?
90. When and where will the Judgment Seat of Christ take place?
91. What event prophesied in the book of Daniel will occur after the church is removed from the earth?
92. To what people group will God turn His attention after the Church Age is complete?
93. What will happen at the beginning of this period prophesied in the Old Testament?
94. What will happen in the middle of this prophesied period of time?
95. How long will this prophesied time last?
96. What will be the event officially ending this period?
97. What is the Day of the Lord?
98. What is the purpose of the Judgment of the Nations?
99. What is the nature of the promised earthly kingdom?
100. What will happen at the end of the Kingdom Age?
101. What is the nature and purpose of the Great White Throne Judgment?

B. Contemplation of the Scripture from Two Overlapping Views

1. Considering the textual view
 - a. From Genesis to Revelation
 - b. Why are the Bible books placed where they are? For example:
 - (1) Why are the prophets in the order in which they appear?
 - (2) Why are the gospels in the order in which they appear?
 - (3) Why are the epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude put together after Paul's epistles?
2. Considering the chronological view
 - a. General outline of Bible events
 - (1) From creation
 - (2) To the new heaven and new earth
 - b. General dating of Bible events
 - (1) From creation
 - (2) From the life of Christ



II. AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

A. The Early World

1. The creation (Genesis 1:1; Genesis 2:1)
2. The fall (Genesis 3:17-24)
3. The flood (Genesis 7:17-24)
4. The tower of Babel (Genesis 11:4-9)

B. The Nation of Israel

1. The patriarchs (Acts 7:8)
 - a. Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)
 - b. Isaac (Genesis 21:1-5)
 - c. Jacob (Genesis 26:24-26; Genesis 32:28)
 - d. Sons of Jacob (1 Chronicles 2:1-2)
2. The Egyptian bondage
 - a. Joseph (Exodus 1:1-6)
 - b. Burdens (Exodus 1:7-11)
 - c. Exodus (Exodus 12:37-42)
 - d. Wanderings (Numbers 14:33-34)
3. The time of the Judges
 - a. Conquest (Joshua 1:1-5)
 - b. Oppression and deliverance (Judges 2:8-19)
 - c. Samuel (1 Samuel 3:19-21)
4. The united kingdom (1 Samuel 8:19-22)
 - a. Saul (1 Samuel 9:27; 1 Samuel 10:1)
 - b. David (1 Samuel 16:11-13)
 - c. Solomon (1 Kings 1:32-35)
5. The divided kingdom (1 Kings 12:16-20)
6. Captivities
 - a. Assyrian captivity of Israel (2 Kings 17:22-23)
 - b. Babylonian captivity of Judah (2 Kings 25:1-3; see Ezekiel 23)
7. Return from captivity (Ezra 1:1-3)
 - a. Zerubbabel (Ezra 2:1-2)
 - b. Ezra (Ezra 7:6-9)
 - c. Nehemiah (Nehemiah 2:5-6)

C. The New Testament

1. The life of Christ
 - a. The preparation for Christ (Mark 1:1-4)
 - b. The early life of Christ (Luke 2:51-52)
 - c. The ministry of Christ (Luke 3:21-23)
 - d. The passion of Christ (Acts 1:1-3)
2. The apostolic age
 - a. The church at Jerusalem (Acts 1-7; Acts 5:28)
 - b. Early missions (Acts 8-12; Acts 8:1; Acts 11:19-21)
 - c. Paul's journeys (Acts 13-28; Acts 13:1-4; Acts 14:26-28; Acts 15:40-41)