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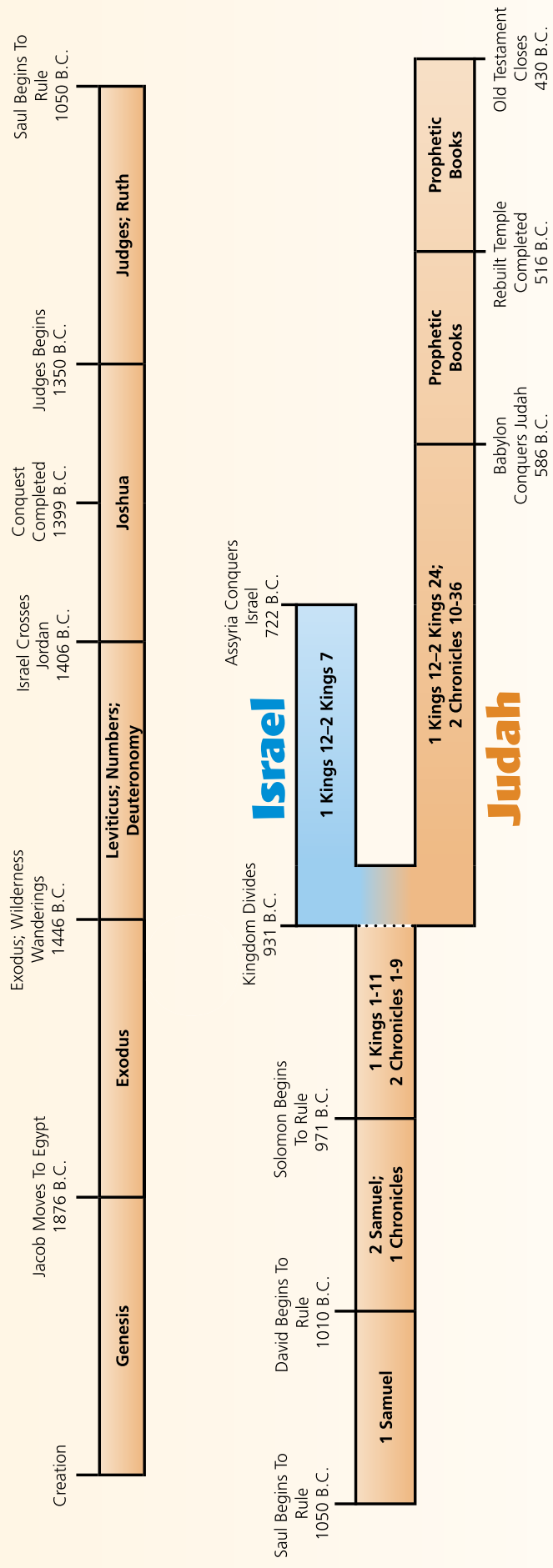
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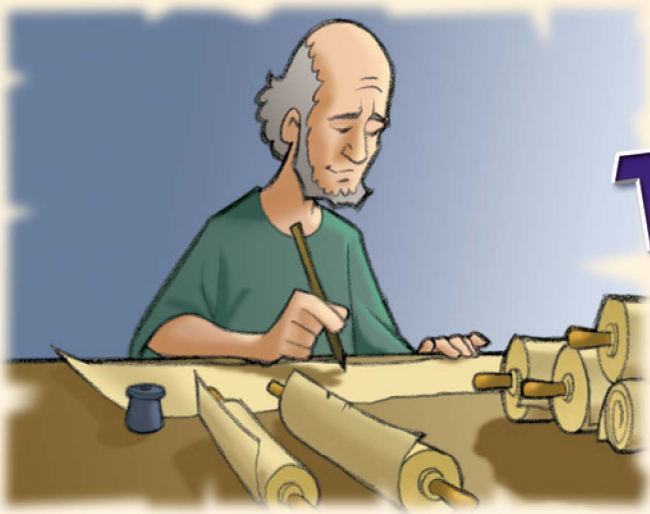


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Old Testament Time Line





LESSON 1

The Greatest Book Ever Written

VOCABULARY

Doctrine: the principles or teachings of a belief or religion

Rebuke or reprove: to criticize or find fault

Seldom does any book have the name of more than one or two authors. But the Bible was written by dozens of authors over a period of 1,600 years. The authors were poets, educators, singers, princes, kings, fishermen, and statesmen. Some were great scholars, while others were unlearned and ignorant men.



Each author wrote material that perfectly fits into one book—one story. Why is this true according to 2 Peter 1:21? **Men spoke from God and wrote as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

This means that God planned how to make the Bible fit together to tell the big story that He wanted to tell, even though the human authors may have only seen small pieces of that story.

How long will the Bible last?



Isaiah 40:8 **The Word of our God stands forever.**



Matthew 24:35 **Heaven and earth will pass away, but God's Word will never pass away.**



1 Peter 1:23 **The Word of God is living and enduring.**

Life Principle: The Bible, penned by many authors over a period of many centuries, is a miracle book because it was truly written by God Himself.

It is more important than any book you will ever own because after all other books have been destroyed, the Word of God will continue to exist. Never take your Bible for granted because it is God's Word to man in written form. Your Bible is truly the Word of God!

Who Teaches Our Hearts?

Since the Bible is God's Word, it needs to be in the center of our lives. Its teachings are more important than anything else we will ever learn.



As we read and study the Bible, who is it that teaches our hearts the truths of the Bible? See John 14:26. **The Holy Spirit who lives in us teaches us all things.**



Read 1 Corinthians 2:10–13 to learn more about the Holy Spirit. Find the answers to the following questions:



How do we learn the things of God? **The Holy Spirit teaches us.**



Where does the Holy Spirit live? **He lives within believers.**



Can any man know or understand the things of God without the Holy Spirit? **no**



How do we receive the Holy Spirit? See Romans 8:9 and 1 Corinthians 3:16. **When we trust Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us.**

The Purposes Of God's Word



The Bible contains precisely the things God wants us to know in exactly the words He wanted to say. What was God's primary purpose in giving us the Bible? See John 20:30–31. **so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name**



Read 2 Timothy 3:15–17. List below some of God's purposes for His Word in your own life.

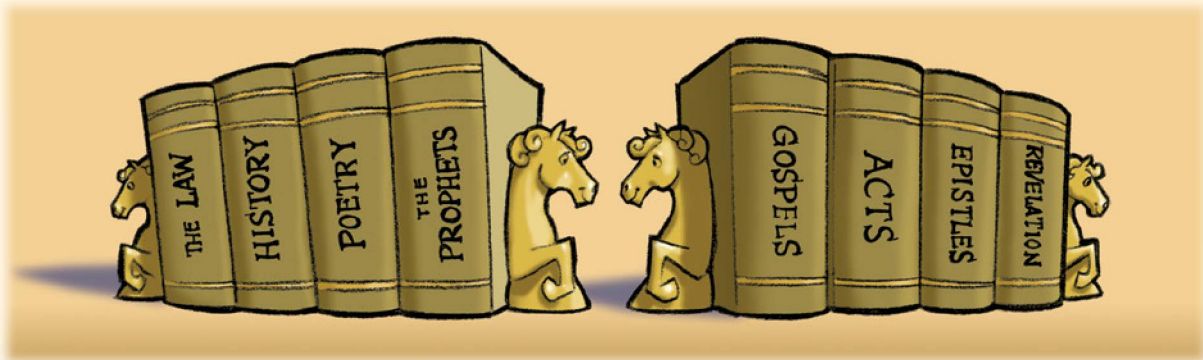
to make me wise for salvation
to teach me (doctrine)
to rebuke me
to correct me
to train me in righteousness
that I might be completely equipped for every good work



Look at the words “doctrine” and “rebuke” in the vocabulary list and write their meanings below. Always be sure you understand what God is saying.

- Doctrine: the principles or teachings of a belief or religion
- Rebuke: to criticize or find fault

The Beginning And The End



We have learned that the Bible is all one story. The last book of the Bible, which is named Revelation, is like the close of the story that was begun in the first book of the Bible, which is named Genesis.

Revelation tells the final story of some of the same things that were first told about in Genesis. Find the final story in the following examples:



Genesis 1:1 says that God created the heavens and the earth in the beginning. Revelation 21:1 says there will be a new heaven and a new earth.



Genesis 1:5 says that God called the darkness “night.” Revelation 21:25 says that there will be no night there.



Genesis 1:16 says that God made two great lights (the sun and the moon). Revelation 21:23 says that there will be no need for the sun or the moon because the Lamb will be our light.



Genesis 2:17 says that if Adam ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, he would surely die. Revelation 21:4 says that there will be no more death.



Genesis 3:16 says that He would greatly increase the woman’s pains. Revelation 21:4 says that there will be no more mourning or crying or pain.



Genesis 3:1–5 says that Satan appears as a deceiver of mankind. Revelation 20:10 describes Satan as the devil who deceived them and says that he will be thrown into the lake of fire.



Genesis 3:24 tells us that Adam and Eve were driven from God's presence because of their sin. Revelation 22:4 says that we shall see His face.

Genesis can be seen, then, as the book of beginnings because it describes the earth God created and man's life on earth as the result of sin. In the verses you read, Revelation is describing what it will be like in heaven one day. Therefore, from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is one continuous story. This year, we will be studying the Old Testament to see how God's story unfolds before the birth of Christ. You will learn many important truths for your life as you study.



LESSON 2

Josiah—The King With Character

VOCABULARY

Sin: the willful breaking of a religious or moral law

Redeem: to buy back or recover

Civilization: a group of people who have reached a high level of social and cultural development; people who have refined manners

Creation: what has been brought into being or made out of nothing

The Bible, God's written Word, is really the story of Himself, most specifically in the person of Jesus Christ. Everything we study in the Bible is there to point us toward Jesus and to teach us more about Him so that we might obey Him and become more like Him. We are now beginning our journey through the Old Testament, and there will be many adventures along the way. Throughout our journey we will learn many great lessons about God and His plan for our lives.



The book of Genesis presents Jesus as our Creator God. Look up the word "creation" and write its meaning here: what has been brought into being or made out of nothing

The word "creation" is speaking about beginnings, isn't it? And the book of Genesis is just that—a book of beginnings. Starting with Genesis 1:1, which says "In the beginning...", Genesis tells the beginning of everything but God!



Why doesn't the Bible tell about the beginning of God? God had no beginning. He has always existed.

The Fall Of Man

The first sin was committed because Adam and Eve didn't really believe God. Find out what happened to Adam and Eve because they didn't believe what God said was true.



What did God tell Adam would happen if he ate of the fruit? Read Genesis 2:17. When you eat of it, you will surely die.

Notice the word “surely.” God means what He said. He knows what is best for us, and He tells us what will result if we disobey. But it is still up to us to do the right thing.



When Eve was talking to the serpent (Satan), how did she explain what God had said? Read Genesis 3:3. She said that God had commanded them not to eat of the tree or touch it.



Satan loves to lie to us. Satan knew God meant what He said, but he still lied to Eve. What did Satan tell Eve in Genesis 3:4? She would not surely die.



So, Adam and Eve ate of the fruit and sinned. They had to make a choice. Whose voice did they listen to and believe? Satan's What choice did they make? to believe Satan



The Results Of Sin

Boys and girls, sin always brings bad results. There were results of sin for Adam and Eve.

Life Principle: God had warned Adam and Eve of the results of sin, but they chose not to obey. Because of their sin, there have been consequences for all of us.



In the following verses from Genesis 3 and 4, you will see many results of sin that are still part of our lives today:

- Read Genesis 3:6–7. The first thing that Adam and Eve felt was guilt. Adam and Eve had never felt this before because they had never sinned before. Guilt is a feeling that comes when we have disobeyed God in some way. Our conscience and the Holy Spirit convict us of sin. When God called out to Adam and Eve, they knew they had sinned, so they felt guilty. They did not have the same relationship with God that they had enjoyed before, and they knew the difference was very great.
- Read Genesis 3:8–10. Adam and Eve’s eyes were opened. They realized they were naked, so they tried to hide themselves from God. When God called out to Adam, he said he hid because he was afraid.
- Next God asked Adam why he had eaten the fruit. What was Adam’s response? He blamed Eve for everything.

- Next God asked Eve why she had eaten the fruit. What was her response?
She said the serpent had deceived her.
- Think through Adam and Eve's responses and explain what a third result of sin is.
blaming others rather than accepting responsibility for our own actions

So far we have seen three natural results of sin that appeared in the Garden of Eden when the first sin occurred. These are...

1. Guilt
2. Fear
3. Blaming others

These same three results are evident in our own lives when we sin. Remember to watch for them.



Read Genesis 3:16–24. List other results of the original sin that are still part of our lives today. **pain in childbirth; thorns and thistles (weeds) making it difficult to till the ground; having to work hard; having to return to the dust of the earth at death; being driven from the Garden of Eden**



Another result of sin is seen in the lives of Adam and Eve's children. Read Genesis 4:1–8 and explain what further sins occurred in their family. **Their sons, Cain and Abel, brought offerings to the Lord. When Abel's offering was accepted and Cain's was not, Cain became angry and killed his brother.**



Do you think Adam and Eve had seen someone die before? **no**



God told Adam and Eve that they would surely die. By this He meant physical and spiritual death. Can you explain each of these types of death?

- Physical death: **A person's body dies and is buried.**
- Spiritual death: **A person's soul is eternally separated from God in the lake of fire.**



Pictures Of Redemption



The Bible teaches that man's greatest problem is sin, and the root of sin is always lack of faith in God's Word. What does Romans 14:23 say about this truth? **Everything that does not come from faith is sin.**

The rest of the Bible shows God's answer to this problem of sin. The answer to the problem is redemption through Jesus Christ. The pages of the Old Testament are filled with pictures of Christ or pictures of God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. Immediately after the original sin, God promised redemption to Adam and Eve. He did this in two ways.



The first promise was in Genesis 3:15. Read this verse and explain the promise.

that the woman's offspring would produce the Messiah, who would crush Satan's head



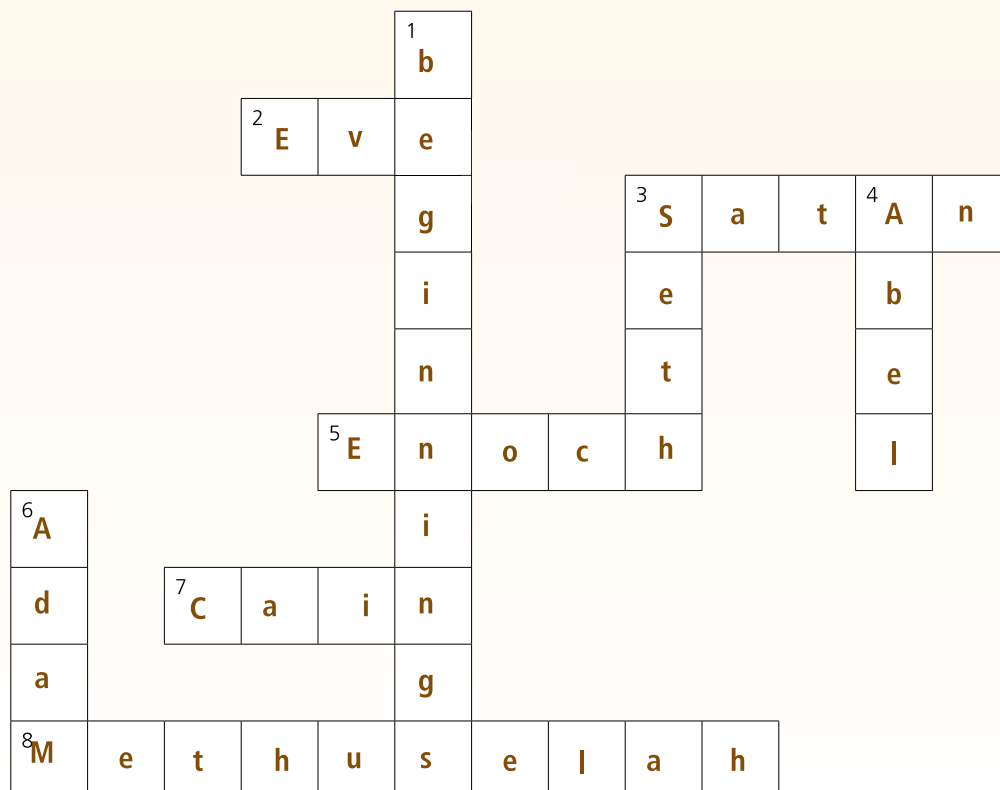
The second promise was given through something God did in Genesis 3:21. Explain what God did and what this meant.

God clothed Adam and Eve with garments of skin, signifying that a blood sacrifice was needed to cover sin and, therefore, pointing to Christ.

Names From Genesis 1-5



Use the following clues to complete the puzzle:



Across	Down
2. Satan deceived her.	1. Genesis: The book of _____
3. The great deceiver	3. The son of Adam who continued a spiritual lineage (4:25)
5. He did not die because God took him away (5:24).	4. He was killed by his brother.
7. God was not pleased with his offering of things grown with his own hands.	6. He blamed his wife for his sin.
8. The oldest man who ever lived (5:27)	

Three Men To Remember



A son of Adam who fathered a spiritual lineage was Seth (Gen. 5:3).



One of Seth's descendants included a man who did not die. Who was he and what happened to him (Gen. 5:18, 24)? Enoch did not die because God took him away.



The son of Enoch who is known as the man who lived longest on the earth was Methuselah (Gen. 5:21, 27).

Conquering The Enemy



There were three natural results of sin in the Garden of Eden. Give an example of each of these from your own life.

- Guilt: Answers will vary.
- Fear: _____
- Blaming others: _____



LESSON 3

God Speaks

VOCABULARY

Covenant: a binding agreement; a promise



Another word for “testament” is “covenant.” The Old Testament is the covenant God made with man before Jesus Christ came to earth. The word “covenant” means

a binding agreement or promise



What was the covenant God made with man through Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:15)?

that the woman's offspring would produce the Messiah who would crush Satan's head

God soon established a nation of people that He would use to bring Jesus Christ into the world. This nation was the Hebrew nation; it was also called the Jewish nation. Jesus Christ was born of the Jews. God chose a leader for this nation. His name was Abraham. The study of the life of Abraham is very important because Abraham was chosen by God to become the father of a new spiritual nation.

The Life Of Abraham

Read Genesis 12:1–3, and you will see that God called Abraham for a special task. At the same time, He made a special covenant with Abraham and all those who would become his descendants.



List the five promises of God in this important covenant.

1. I will make you into a great nation.
2. I will bless you and make your name great.
3. I will bless those who bless you.
4. I will curse those who curse you.
5. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

This covenant was not only to Abraham but to the descendants of Abraham as well. This was an important promise, because God intended to bring His Son into the world through the descendants of Abraham.

Life Principle: God always keeps His promises to those who obey His Word.

The life of Abraham was based on obedience to the commands of God and great blessings from God. There were several times when Abraham sinned. Once he lied and said his wife, Sarah, was his sister. Another time, he tried to fulfill God's promise of a son by having a child with his wife's servant. In both these instances, Abraham had severe problems because of his disobedience. But overall, Abraham's life was greatly blessed by God because he trusted God.

Look up the following verses in the book of Genesis and complete the chart by filling in the following information: (1) the name of the place, (2) the event that occurred there, and (3) which character traits were seen in Abraham's life. To help you with the last column, choose from the following list: courage, unselfishness, obedience, reverence, and faith.

Verses	Place	Event	Character Trait
11:31	from Ur to Haran	Abraham's father and family moved from their homeland.	none
12:1–5	left Haran for Canaan	The Lord told Abram to go to a new land.	obedience
12:8	Bethel	Abram built an altar to the Lord and prayed.	reverence
13:8–9	Bethel	Abram gave Lot the first choice of land.	unselfishness
14:1–2, 12–16	Hobah	Abram delivered Lot from warring kings.	courage
17:15–16; 20:1; 21:1–3	Gerar	As God had promised, a son was born to Abraham and Sarah.	none
22:1–14	Mt. Moriah	Abraham showed his willingness to sacrifice Isaac.	obedience; faith

Abraham's Journeys

Locate and label the following:

Nile River	Dead Sea	Tigris River	Euphrates River
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The following important places in the life of Abraham are labeled on the map by a black dot.
Locate each of the following and write the name beside the correct star:

Ur	Haran	Bethel	Gerar	Mt. Moriah (area later known as Jerusalem)
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Isaac And Rebekah

As you read Genesis 24, use the following names to fill in the story of how Abraham used his servant to find a bride for his son:

Abraham	Rebekah	Isaac	servant
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Abraham wanted his son, Isaac, to have a wife from his own people. So he sent his trusted servant to find a wife for Isaac. In Aram Naharaim the servant saw Rebekah for the first time at a spring where she came to fill her water jar. Rebekah was kind and gave water to the servant and to his camels. The servant asked to stay at her father's house. Then Rebekah went home and told her father what had happened. Rebekah's brother, Laban, invited the servant to stay in his home. The servant then explained that Abraham had sent him to find a bride for Isaac. Rebekah was immediately willing to return with him. The next day, the servant took Rebekah and went home. When the camels neared home, Isaac was in the field. He saw Rebekah and brought her to his mother's tent, and she became his wife.

Scrambled Words

Unscramble the following words, names, and places all taken from this lesson:

VNCOANET	covenant	BLEHET	Bethel
MHAARAB	Abraham	HREBAKE	Rebekah
SCIAA	Isaac	ARSAH	Sarah
DLBSESE	blessed	RU	Ur
NHRAA	Haran	ORIHAM	Moriah
SRCEDU	cursed		

Conquering The Enemy

When God promised an heir to Abraham and Sarah, it was to be twenty years before the promise was fulfilled. Instead of waiting and trusting God, they planned a way for Abraham to become a father to Sarah's maid's child. Ishmael was born of Sarah's handmaid, Hagar. But God still kept His promise, and Isaac was finally born. Later, God tested Abraham's faith by asking him to sacrifice this son. Abraham did not understand God's reasoning at first, but he did not trust his own understanding. He obeyed God because he trusted God.



God will test your faith many times also. Do you trust God enough to obey Him in all things? Think of some ways in which it is difficult for you to obey, but you can see that they might be ways in which God is testing your faith.

Answers will vary.



God wants you to learn a lesson from Isaac as well. Isaac was obedient to his father even if it would have meant death. God wants us to love, respect, and obey our parents in all things even if we do not understand. If we are obedient to our parents, then God will bless our lives. Read Genesis 26:12–14 and tell how God blessed this obedient and loving son.

Isaac received one hundred times as much as he sowed on his land. He became rich and had many servants.



