

Bible Overview

12 Major Time Periods of the Bible

- 1 The Beginning**
- 2 The Fall of Adam**
- 3 The Flood & the New Covenant**
- 4 The Patriarch's (Israel's Beginnings)**
- 5 The Israel's Captivity in Egypt**
- 6 The Exodus & Wilderness Journey**
- 7 Israel's New Home (Promise Land)**
- 8 Judges Lead Israel**
- 9 Kings and Prophets**
- 10 Israel's 70 Year Captivity & Return Home**
- 11 Jesus Manifested in the Flesh**
- 12 The Apostles & the New Church**

- The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

Whatever things were written in former days were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4

1 God created the heaven and the earth. The man is formed from the dust of the ground and made a living soul. He is placed in the garden of Eden and given commandments to keep & obey, his disobedience will result in death.

3 As man lived in the earth the imaginations of their heart became very wicked. Because of this God said He will flood the earth. He raises up Noah, to save the righteous from the flood, and preserve the seed of God, while destroying the wicked.

5 When a famine hits the land, Jacob moves his family to Egypt where his son Joseph is in living and in charge of the food. But after Jacob & Joseph die, a new Pharaoh rises and forces Jacob's sons into bondage as slaves for 400 yrs.

7 To possess the land that God promised them, they had to take the land from their enemies. Now led by Joshua they conquered their enemies and took the land. Once they possessed it they divided the land among all the 12 tribes of Israel.

9 Israel's mistrust in God caused them to desire a King to reign in Israel. After many years of wicked and evil kings leading the people to do evil, God began sending many prophets to warn Israel of their great wickedness. Israel would not hear.

11 Jesus is born, fulfilling the prophecies that a savior would come and save the people from their sins. Jesus, who is without sin, sacrifices Himself in death that He may give eternal life to all who believe. His disciples continued His work.

Old Testament Begins

2 God puts the man (*Adam*) in a deep sleep and gives him a wife. In the sleep Adam disobeys God's commandment and enters into sin & death. Because of his knowledge of sin, God sends him out of the garden of God to live in the earth.

4 The time of the Patriarchs is when God begins to establish His covenant with man. His covenant begins with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who through them the seed of God is manifested, and the nation of Israel begins with Jacob's 12 sons.

6 God raises up Moses and delivers Israel from the captivity of Egypt and leads them through the wilderness to bring them to a new home. In the wilderness God intends to meet them and teach them to trust in Him as their one true God.

8 Now in Canaan, Israel is commanded to serve God and be a blessed people. But because of Israel's desire to rebel against God, they fall into a cycle of continual rebellion. Many judges, or deliverers, are raised up by God to guide Israel.

10 Because Israel would not turn to the Lord, they are turned over to their enemies. Their cities are destroyed, their people are scattered and taken captive. After 70 years of captivity God releases Israel. They return home to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple of God and He prepares them for the coming Messiah.

12 The Apostles of Christ are sent into all the world to preach the gospel to all who would believe. The signs of the works of God followed them as they preached the kingdom of God with power and demonstration, revealing Jesus Christ.

New Testament Begins