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GENESIS

THEME: BEGINNINGS

Outline: Primeval History Four Events (1 - 11)

- I. Creation Genesis 1-2
- II. Fall Genesis 3-5
- III. Flood Genesis 6-9
- IV. Nations Genesis 10-11

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1 Creation (broad perspective)
- 2 Creation (focus on man; Adamic covenant)
- 3 Temptation; fall; curses
- 4 Cain and Abel; Cain's line -- civilization
- 6-8 Flood: deliverance in the ark
- 9 Everlasting covenant; curse of Canaan
- 11 Babel: dispersion of nations

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:31 Creation is declared "very good"
- 3:15 The promised seed

KEY PEOPLE:

- Adam and Eve The first humans
- Cain Adam's first son; the murderer of his brother Abel; a wanderer
- Abel Murdered second son of Adam
- Enoch Father of Methuselah; walked w/God; never died but was taken
- Noah Walked w/God; built ark; father of Shem, Ham and Japheth; cursed Canaan
- Abraham Father of the nation of Israel

Outline: Patriarchal History Four People (12 - 50)

- I. Abraham Genesis 12-24
- II. Isaac Genesis 25-26
- III. Jacob Genesis 27-36
- IV. Joseph Genesis 37-50

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 18-19 Sodom and Gomorrah
- 37 Joseph is sold by his brothers

KEY PASSAGES:

- 12:1-3 Abrahamic covenant
- 35:9-12 Jacob becomes "Israel"
- 50:20 "God meant it for good"

KEY PEOPLE:

- Lot Abram's nephew; dweller in Sodom
- Sarah Abraham's wife; Isaac's mother
- Melchizedek Priest; king of Salem
- Isaac Son of Abraham and Sarah; father of Jacob
- Esau Isaac's first-born; sold birthright
- Rebekah Isaac's wife; favored Jacob
- Jacob (Israel) Father of 12 tribes
- Leah Jacob's less-loved first wife
- Rachel Jacob's beloved wife; mother of Joseph; dies bearing Benjamin
- Joseph Son of Jacob; sold as slave; exalted in Egypt

KEY DATES:

- Written By Moses in the years following the Exodus in 1445 BC
- Abraham 2166 BC - 1992 BC
- Joseph 1915 BC - 1805 BC

EXODUS

THEME: REDEMPTION

Outline: Geographic

- I. Israel in Egypt (1 - 13)
- II. Israel in the Wilderness (14 - 18)
- III. Israel at Sinai (19 - 40)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 3-4 Call of Moses
- 7-11 Ten plagues
- 12 Passover
- 32 Golden calf

KEY PASSAGES:

- 3:13-15 "I AM WHO I AM"
- 4:11 "Who has made man's mouth . . . or dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I the LORD?"
- 20:1-17 The ten commandments
- 21:22-24 Life in the womb; "eye for an eye"
- the Lex Taliones

KEY PEOPLE:

- Aaron Moses' brother and spokesman; consecrated first high priest
- Miriam Moses' sister; a prophetess; led women in worship
- Moses Prophet of the highest order; lawgiver; deliverer of Israel; author of the Pentateuch; prominent from Exodus through Deuteronomy
- Zipporah Moses' wife

KEY DATE:

The Exodus occurred ca. 1446-1445 BC

LEVITICUS

THEME: HOLINESS

Outline:

- I. The Way to God - Sacrifice (1 - 17)
- II. The Walk with God - Sanctification (18 - 27)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 10 Nadab and Abihu
- 16 Day of atonement

KEY PASSAGES:

- 17:11 "It is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement"
- 19:2 "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy"

KEY PEOPLE:

- Nadab & Abihu Two eldest sons of Aaron; consecrated as priests; slain by YHWH for offering "strange fire"

NUMBERS

THEME: WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

Outline:

- I. Sinai (1 - 10)
- II. Wilderness (11 - 25)
- III. Plains of Moab (26 - 36)

KEY CHAPTERS:

13 The journey and return of the 12 spies into Canaan

22-24 Balaam, Balak, and the talking donkey

KEY PASSAGES:

21:4-9 God's judgment through deadly fiery serpents; Moses sets up the bronze serpent as God's means for healing (a foreshadowing of Christ on the cross; cf. John 3:14, 15)

23:19-20 God's faithfulness; God does not lie

KEY PEOPLE:

Balaam Heathen prophet who when consulted by Balak, king of Moab, became conceited and greedy; was halted in his tracks by an angel and commanded to speak only on behalf of God

Joshua Moses' servant and successor; great military leader who led the people into the promised land

DEUTERONOMY

THEME: SECOND LAW/RENEWED COVENANT

Outline:

- I. Looking Back (1 - 11)
- II. Looking Ahead (12 - 32)
- III. Looking Up (33 - 34)

KEY CHAPTERS:

5 Decalogue reiterated

28 Blessings and curses

32 Song of Moses

34 Death of Moses

KEY PASSAGES:

4:2 Don't add or subtract from the word

6:4-9 The shema: Jesus' great commandment

24:1-4 Regulation of divorce/remarriage issue

32:39 God governs life and death; sovereignty; "I kill/make alive; wound/heal"

JOSHUA

THEME: CONQUER AND DIVIDE

Outline:

- I. Conquering the Land (Seizing) (1 - 12)
- II. Dividing the Land (Settling) (13 - 24)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 2 Rahab and the spies
- 6 Fall of Jericho
- 7 The sin of Achan

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:7-9 "Be strong and courageous"; know and keep the law
- 24:14-15 "Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve... As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

KEY PEOPLE:

- Rahab Ex-harlot in Jericho
- Achan Cause of defeat at Ai; took spoil that was under the ban; when confronted with his sin, he confessed, yet he and his family were stoned and burned

JUDGES

THEME: DISOBEDIENCE AND DEFEAT

Outline:

- I. Disobedience in Judges (1 - 2)
- II. History of the Judges (3 - 16)
- III. Apostasy in Judges (17 - 21)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 6-8 Gideon's judgeship
- 13-16 Samson's judgeship

KEY PASSAGE:

- 17:6; 21:25 "In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes"

KEY PEOPLE:

- Gideon Unique victor over Midianites
- Samson Twelfth judge of Israel; fought the Philistines; very strong, with strong weaknesses

RUTH

THEME: KINSMAN REDEEMER

Outline:

- I. Return of Ruth (1)
- II. Reaping of Ruth (2)
- III. Request of Ruth (3)
- IV. Redemption of Ruth (4)

KEY CHAPTER:

- 4 Boaz redeems Ruth and marries her

KEY PASSAGE:

- 4:18-22 The genealogy from Perez to David

KEY PEOPLE:

- Boaz Grandson of Rahab; married Ruth
- Ruth Moabitess who married into the Messianic line; an important representative of Gentile inclusion
- Naomi Elimelech's wife; Ruth's mother-in-law

1 SAMUEL

THEME: TRANSITION FROM THE JUDGES TO THE MONARCHY

Outline:

- I. Preparation for the Monarch/Samuel (1 - 9)
- II. Period of the Monarch/Saul (10 - 31)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 8-10 Israel chooses a king
- 16 David anointed
- 17 David and Goliath

KEY PASSAGES:

- 15:20-23 "To obey is better than sacrifice"
- 16:7 God looks on the heart

KEY PEOPLE:

- Samuel Son of Elkanah and Hannah; a Nazirite; a priest; a judge; a king MAKER
- Saul First king of Israel; son of Kish; a Benjamite; first of many bad kings Israel would suffer through
- Eli High priest and judge of Israel; wicked sons - Hophni and Phinehas
- Jonathan Eldest son of Saul and close friend of David; father of Mephibosheth
- David Son of Jesse; anointed by Samuel as king of Israel; first of few good kings; man after God's own heart
- Samuel Son of Elkanah and Hannah; a Nazirite; a priest; a judge; a king MAKER
- Saul First king of Israel; son of Kish; a Benjamite; first of many bad kings Israel would suffer through

2 SAMUEL

(Parallels 1 Chronicles)

THEME: DAVID'S REIGN AS KING

Outline:

- I. The Triumphs of David (1 - 10)
- II. The Transgressions of David (11 - 12)
- III. The Troubles of David (13 - 24)

KEY CHAPTERS:

5 David as king over all Israel

11 Bathsheba

KEY PASSAGES:

7:8-16 Davidic covenant

KEY PEOPLE:

Absalom Third son of David, who revolted; avenged his sister Tamar by killing his brother Amnon; was killed by Joab

Bathsheba Wife of Uriah; David committed adultery with her; mother of Solomon

1 KINGS

(Parallels 2 Chronicles)

THEME: UNITED AND DIVIDED KINGDOM

Outline:

- I. Kingdom United/Solomon (1 - 11)
- II. Kingdom Divided/Many Kings (12 - 22)

KEY CHAPTERS:

1 Solomon is appointed king

3 Solomon chooses wisdom and judges wisely

8 Solomon's temple dedicated

17 Elijah predicts drought and raises the dead

18 Elijah on Mount Carmel

19 Elijah's flight to Horeb/appointment of Elisha

1 Solomon is appointed king

KEY PEOPLE:

Solomon Son of King David through Bathsheba; vast empire; wisest man who ever lived (next to our Lord); intermarriage led to disobedience and judgment

Jeroboam First king of divided Israel

Rehoboam First king of Judah; son of Solomon

Elijah The prophet of God from Tishbeh; defeated the prophets of Baal on Carmel

Jezebel Evil wife of King Ahab; worshipper of Baal; eventually eaten by dogs as prophesied

KEY DATE:

Kingdom divided 931 BC

2 KINGS

(Parallels 2 Chronicles)

THEME: FALL OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

Outline:

- I. Kingdom Divided/Israel Falls (1 - 17)
- II. Kingdom which Survives/Judah Falls (18 - 25)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 17 Israel's fall/Assyrian captivity
- 24-25 The fall of Judah to Babylon

KEY PEOPLE:

- Elisha Successor to Elijah; miracle worker
- Naaman Captain of enemy army; great warrior; a leper who was healed by bathing in the Jordan River seven times at Elisha's instructions

KEY DATES:

- Assyrian captivity Israel falls - 722 BC
- Babylonian captivity Phase 1 - 605 BC (Daniel)
Phase 2 - 597 BC (Ezekiel)
Phase 3 - 586 BC (Jeremiah / Judah falls)

1 CHRONICLES

(Parallels 2 Samuel)

THEME: GOD'S VIEW OF DAVID

Outline:

- I. Royal Line of David (1 - 9)
- II. Righteous Reign of David (10 - 29)

KEY PASSAGE:

- 17:11-14 Davidic covenant "his throne shall be established forever"

2 CHRONICLES

(Parallels 1 and 2 Kings)

THEME: GOD'S VIEW OF JUDAH'S KINGS

Outline:

- I. Reign of Solomon (1 - 9)
- II. Reigns of Judah's Kings (10 - 36)

EZRA

THEME: REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE AND PEOPLE

Outline:

- I. The Return and Reconstruction (1 - 6)
under Zerubbabel

Between chapters 6 and 7 there is a 57-year gap

- II. The Return and Reform under Ezra II. (7 - 10)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1 Decree of Cyrus allowing the return; many Israelites respond
- 3 Foundation of the temple completed with much ceremony
- 7-9 Return under Ezra, including his prayer (9)

KEY PASSAGE:

7:10 Ezra's approach to ministry

KEY PEOPLE:

- Cyrus Persian king who allowed the Jews to return and rebuild the temple
- Ezra Priest, scribe, great reformer and expert in the law; under his spiritual leadership Israel put away their foreign wives

NEHEMIAH

THEME: REBUILDING OF THE WALLS

Outline:

- I. Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem under Nehemiah (1 - 7)
- II. Revival of the People under Ezra (8 - 10)
- III. Reinforcement of the Work under Nehemiah (11 - 13)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 3-7 Work on and completion of the walls; opposition; census

KEY PASSAGE:

8:4-8 Presentation of the law by Ezra to the people

KEY PEOPLE:

- Artaxerxes Persian king who was the son of Xerxes I and stepson of Esther; allowed the Jews to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem under the leadership of Nehemiah
- Nehemiah Artaxerxes' cupbearer; governor of Judea; supervisor of construction
- Sanballat Influential Samaritan; sought to end construction on the walls; sought to assassinate Nehemiah

ESTHER

THEME: PRESERVATION THROUGH PROVIDENCE

Outline:

- I. The Threat to the Jews (1 - 4)
- II. The Triumph of the Jews (5 - 10)

KEY PASSAGE:

4:14 God has sovereignly placed Esther in her position of influence

KEY PEOPLE:

- Esther Jewish maiden of great beauty who became the queen of Persia; her courage paved the way for the preservation of the Jews within the Persian Empire
- Mordecai Esther's older cousin and palace official; used by God to deliver the Jews
- Haman An Amalekite; captain of the princes; plotted destruction of the Jews

JOB

THEME: SUFFERING AND SOVEREIGNTY

Outline:

- I. The Disasters of Job (1 - 2)
- II. The Dialogues of Job (3 - 37)
- III. The Deliverance of Job (38 - 42)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1-2 Satan's accusation and Job's affliction
- 38-41 God's speech and Job's silence
- 42 Job's repentance and restoration

KEY PASSAGES:

Job 19:25-26 I know that my Redeemer lives

PSALMS

THEME: PATTERN OF PERSONAL WORSHIP

Outline:

BOOK	PSALMS	AUTHORS
1	1-41	David
2	42-72	David and sons of Korah
3	73-89	Mainly Asaph
4	90-106	Mainly anonymous
5	107-150	David and anonymous

KEY PSALMS:

2	Messiah's reign
19	The works and word of God
22	Messiah's sufferings
23	The Great Shepherd
32	Blessing of forgiveness
51	Confession of sin
73	Apparent prosperity of the wicked
90	Man's transitoriness
119	God's word exalted
139	God's omniscience and omnipresence
2	Messiah's reign

PROVERBS

THEME: WISDOM FOR THE DETAILS OF LIFE

Outline:

I.	Proverbs of Solomon	1-29
II.	Proverbs of Agur	30
III.	Proverbs of Lemuel	31

KEY CHAPTERS:

3	The pursuit and precepts of wisdom
31	The godly woman

KEY PASSAGES:

3:5-6	Trust in the Lord and not in yourself
6:16-19	Seven things the Lord hates
10:18-20	Warnings on speech "lying lips, slander, many words"
16:18-19	Pride before destruction; haughty vs. humble spirit
22:6	Training a child in his "way"
27:17	"Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another"
3:5-6	Trust in the Lord and not in yourself

ECCLESIASTES

THEME: VANITY OF LIFE IN A FALLEN WORLD

Outline:

- I. The Problem that "All is Vanity" (1:1 - 11)
- II. The Proof that "All is Vanity" (1:12 - 6)
- III. The Prescription for Living with Vanity (7 - 12)

KEY PASSAGE:

12:11-14 "The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments..."; the vanities of life can only be comprehended through a proper relationship with God

SONG OF SOLOMON

THEME: THE JOY OF MARRIED LOVE

Outline:

- I. Courtship (1 - 3)
- II. Consummation (4 - 5)
- III. Celebration (5 - 8)

KEY PASSAGE:

8:6-7 On love (1 Cor. 13 of OT)

ISAIAH

THEME: SALVATION

Outline:

- I. Chastening of God (1 - 39)
- II. Comfort of God (40 - 66)

KEY CHAPTERS:

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| 6 | Isaiah's call and commissioning |
| 40-48 | Deliverance promised to Israel |
| 53 | Suffering Servant (Jesus Christ) |
| 66 | Glorious future in Zion; the consummation of history |

KEY PASSAGES:

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| 7:14 | The virgin birth of Immanuel |
| 9:6 | The birth and reign of the Prince of Peace |
| 53:4-6 | "The Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him" - the Vicarious Redeemer |
| 64:6 | Total depravity of man; "righteous deeds are like a filthy garment" |

KEY PEOPLE:

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| Isaiah | Prophet to Judah |
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JEREMIAH

THEME: GOD'S FINAL WARNING

Outline:

- I. Jeremiah's Call (1)
- II. Judah's Prophecies (2 - 45)
- III. Gentiles' Prophecies (46 - 51)
- IV. Jerusalem's Fall (52)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 25 Judah's future judgment through Babylon for 70 years; Babylon judged; all nations
- 31-32 Restoration; new covenant; Jeremiah imprisoned; buys a field; God explains
- 34-44 Fall of Jerusalem
- 52 Destruction of Jerusalem

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:4-10 The foreknowledge of God - "...I knew you" and calling of Jeremiah - "...I have appointed you..."
- 29:10 Promised restoration in 70 years

LAMENTATIONS

THEME: LAMENT OVER JERUSALEM

Outline:

- I. The Ruin of Jerusalem (1)
- II. The Wrath of God (2)
- III. The Request for Mercy (3)
- IV. The Review of the Siege (4)

KEY PASSAGE:

- 3:22-23 God's faithfulness seen in the midst of suffering

EZEKIEL

THEME: CONDEMNATION, CONSOLATION, AND RESTORATION

Outline:

- I. Condemnation (1 - 32)
- II. Consolation and Restoration (33 - 48)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 8-11 God's glory departs
- 36-37 The mountains of Israel to be blessed; renewal of Israel; valley of dry bones; reunion of Israel and Judah; David to be their king
- 38-39 Prophecy against Gog and Magog
- 40-48 The temple; God's glory; worship; land restored

KEY PASSAGE:

- 36:24-27 Renewal of Israel from the inside - "I will cleanse you ... I will give you a new heart ... I will put My Spirit within you"

KEY PEOPLE:

- Ezekiel Son of Buzi; a priest called to be a prophet; ministered during the 70-year Babylonian captivity

DANIEL

THEME: GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER HUMAN HISTORY

Outline:

- I. Personal History of Daniel/The Remnant (1)
- II. Prophetic Plan for the Gentiles/God is in Control (Aramaic) (2 - 7)
- III. Prophetic Plan for Israel (8 - 12)
There is a Future

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 3 Nebuchadnezzar's idolatrous image; the fiery furnace
- 5 Belshazzar and wall writing
- 6 Darius' decree and Daniel in the lion's den
- 7 Daniel's four-beast vision
- 9 Daniel's seventy-week vision

KEY PASSAGES:

- 7:13-14 "Son of Man" given "everlasting dominion" by the "Ancient of Days"
- 9:24-27 Vision of the 69 weeks pinpoints the coming of the Messiah at the triumphal entry
- 12:1-2 OT reference to resurrection, "everyone who is found written in the book will be rescued"

KEY PEOPLE:

- Daniel Deported to Babylon by the age of 16; served in government; the mouthpiece of God to Gentile and Jewish nations
- Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Chosen for special training with Daniel in government; went through the fiery furnace; former names were Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah
- Nebuchadnezzar Son of Nabopolassar; king of Babylon in 605 BC

HOSEA

THEME: GOD'S LOYAL LOVE (CHESED)

Outline:

- I. Adulterous Wife and Faithful Husband (1 - 3)
- II. Adulterous Israel and Faithful Lord (4 - 14)

KEY PASSAGE:

11:1 Out of Egypt God called His Son whom He loved

KEY PEOPLE:

Gomer Wife; the spiritual adultery of Israel

JOEL

THEME: THE DAY OF THE LORD

Outline:

- I. Day of the Lord in Retrospect (1:1 - 2:17)
- II. Day of the Lord in Prospect 2:18 - 3:21)

KEY PASSAGE:

2:28-32 Promise of His Spirit and Day of the Lord

AMOS

THEME: SOCIAL INJUSTICE IN ISRAEL

Outline:

- I. The 8 Prophecies of Judgment (1 - 2)
- II. The 3 Sermons on Israel's Sin (3 - 6)
- III. The 5 Visions of Punishment (7 - 9:10)
- IV. The 5 Promises on Restoration of Israel (9:11-15)

KEY PASSAGE:

9:13-15 Future hope for the restoration of Israel

OBADIAH

THEME: EDMON'S JUDGMENT

Outline:

- I. Judgment of Edom (1:1-18)
- II. Restoration of Israel (1:19-21)

JONAH

THEME: GOD'S MERCY ON REPENTANT GENTILES

Outline:

- I. God's Mercy upon Jonah (1 - 2)
- II. God's Mercy upon Nineveh (3 - 4)

KEY PASSAGE:

2:8-9 Salvation is from the Lord

MICAH

THEME: THE JUSTICE OF GOD VS. THE SOCIAL INJUSTICE OF JUDAH

Outline:

- I. Prediction of Retribution (1 - 3)
- II. Prediction of Restoration (4 - 5)
- III. Plea for Repentance (6 - 7)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 5:2 From Bethlehem the "One" will come, "Ruler" from long ago
- 6:8 What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God?

NAHUM

THEME: NINEVEH'S DESTRUCTION

Outline:

- I. God's Majestic Holiness (1)
- II. Nineveh's Judgment (2 - 3)

HABAKKUK

THEME: FAITH AND DOUBT IN THE FACE OF JUDAH'S EXILE

Outline:

- I. Habakkuk's Perplexities (1-2)
- II. Habakkuk's Prayer/Praise (3)

KEY PASSAGE:

2:4 "The righteous shall live by faith"

ZEPHANIAH

THEME: FUTURE GLOBAL JUDGMENT

Outline:

- I. Prophecies of Judgment (On Judah and the Surrounding Nations) (1-2)
- II. Prophecies of Future Blessing (On Israel) (3)

KEY PASSAGE:

1:14-18 The Day of the Lord is near

HAGGAI

THEME: CALL TO RESTART THE
REBUILDING OF THE TEMPLE

Outline:

- I. Rebuke for Disobedience (1:1-11)
- II. Rebuilding the Temple (1:12-15)
- III. Return of God's Glory (2:1-9)
- IV. Religious Questions (2:10-19)
- V. Reign of God (2:20-23)

KEY PASSAGE:

2:20-23 Messiah's future reign prefigured; millennium prophesied

MALACHI

(Between Neh. 12 and 13)
THEME: CALL FOR REPENTANCE; WAITING
FOR THE MESSIAH

Outline:

- I. God's Pronouncements against Israel (1 - 3:15)
- II. God's Promise to Israel (3:16 - 4:6)

KEY PASSAGES:

2:15-16 "I hate divorce"
3:8-10 Will a man rob God?

ZECHARIAH

THEME: ISRAEL'S COMFORT AND GLORY
(PREPARATION FOR THE MESSIAH)

Outline:

- I. The Call to Repentance
- II. The 8 Visions of Zechariah
- III. The 4 Messages of Zechariah (7 - 8)
- IV. The 2 Burdens of Zechariah (9 - 14)

KEY PASSAGES:

12:10 Israel's mourning over the pierced Messiah
14:9-11 The reign of Christ

MATTHEW

THEME: JESUS AS KING

Outline:

- I. The Presentation of the King (1 - 10)
- II. The Rejection of the King (11 - 28)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 4 The temptation and introduction to Jesus' ministry; call of Peter, Andrew, James, and John
- 5-7 Sermon on the Mount
- 10 The twelve sent out to preach
- 13 Kingdom parables: sower, wheat and tares, mustard seed, leaven and meal, etc.
- 18 Woes to stumbling blocks; church discipline; unforgiving slave
- 23 7 woes to the "Scribes and Pharisees"
- 24-25 Olivet discourse

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:1-17 Abrahamitic and Davidic genealogies showing Jesus Christ's right to the throne of David, King of Israel
- 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child . . . Immanuel . . ." - prophecy of virgin birth of Jesus fulfilled
- 2:15 "Out of Egypt did I call My Son" - Jesus' flight to Egypt from Herod prophesied in Hosea 11:1
- 5:1-11 Beatitudes - qualities of the true kingdom citizen and their resulting blessing from God
- 5:17-20 "I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill" - Christ's confirmation of the law by His (perfect) life; His teaching (real meaning of law); righteousness surpassing Pharisees' is evidence of salvation, not merit
- 5:31-32, 19:4-9 Why unrighteous divorce and remarriage is wrong, not conditions for it (writ of divorce); God hates divorce, period (Mal 2:16); allowable only in the case of adultery
- 7:21-23 "Lord, Lord, did we not . . . ?" - false standard of Christianity in miraculism; issue is knowing Christ and practicing righteousness vs. lawlessness
- 16:18 The rock is Peter's confession "You are the Christ"; though he would be given special authority in the kingdom as an apostle and spokesman, but not as the first pope
- 18:3-5 "Unless you are converted and become like children . . ." sons of the kingdom are to be as humble as children; "and whoever receives one such child receives Me" welcoming any who belong to Christ, no matter how insignificant, welcomes Christ; no distinction between Christ and those He considers His own
- 28:18-20 Great Commission

MATTHEW

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KEY PEOPLE:

Andrew	Brother of Simon Peter and one of Jesus' first disciples; was a follower of John the Baptist; when JTB identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, Peter and Andrew followed Jesus
Annas	High priest at Jerusalem, along with Caiaphas, when JTB began his ministry
Caiaphas	Sadducee who was high priest with Annas during JTB's ministry
John the Baptist	forerunner of Jesus; a moral reformer and preacher of messianic hope; cousin of Jesus
Herod	The name of several Roman rulers in Israel during Jesus' earthly ministry and the periods shortly before His birth and after His resurrection
Pilate	The fifth Roman procurator of Judea (ruled 26-36 AD); issued the official order sentencing Jesus to death by crucifixion
Simon of Cyrene	The man who was forced to carry Jesus' cross

KEY DATES:

4-6 BC	Birth of Christ
30 AD	Death of Christ

MARK

THEME: JESUS AS SERVANT

Outline:

- I. Sent to Serve (1 - 10)
- II. Sent to Save (11 - 16)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 8:34-35 Self-denial and cross-bearing
- 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

LUKE

THEME: JESUS AS THE "SON OF MAN"

Outline:

- I. The Birth of the Son of Man (1 - 3)
- II. The Ministry of the Son of Man (4 - 19)
- III. The Crucifixion and Resurrection of the Son of Man (20 - 24)

KEY CHAPTER:

- 2 Birth of Christ

KEY PEOPLE:

- Zacharias Priest; husband of Elizabeth and father of John the Baptist; couldn't speak but later prophesied of his son's ministry
- Elizabeth Wife of Zacharias; barren; later mother of John the Baptist; relative of Mary
- Mary Mother of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit as a virgin; husband was Joseph
- Gabriel Angel who announced the miraculous births of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ to Elizabeth and Mary
- Martha and Mary Sisters of Lazarus; one too busy and one who worshipped Jesus
- Zaccheus Repentant tree-climbing tax gatherer

JOHN

THEME: JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD

Outline:

- I. The Public Ministry of Jesus (1 - 12)
- II. The Private Ministry of Jesus - Upper Room (13 - 17)
- III. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus (18 - 21)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 2 Wedding in Cana (first sign); cleansing of temple
- 3 Nicodemus; John the Baptist's testimony
- 4 Samaritan woman
- 10 Good Shepherd; debate on His deity
- 13 Last supper/footwashing; Judas' betrayal; Peter's denial predicted
- 14 Q and A: He's "the way" (14:6); "in the Father" (14:9ff); sending the Holy Spirit (14:26ff)
- 15 Relationships: God - vine/branches; believers - "love one another"; world - "hates you"
- 16 Revelation of what is to come: rejection; Holy Spirit; resurrection; Father
- 17 High Priestly prayer

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word . . ." - eternal pre-existence and equality of the Word with God
- 3:5 "Born of water and the Spirit" - the purifying cleansing of Ezekiel 36, and the transformation of the Holy Spirit necessary for entering the kingdom
- 3:16 God's love sent Christ to the cross
- 10:30 "I and the Father are one" - deity of Christ; neuter pronoun asserts unity of nature or essence; Jews knew, wanting to stone Him for blasphemy
- 20:31 Written so that you may believe

KEY PEOPLE:

- Mary Magdalene One of Jesus' most prominent Galilean female disciples; not the woman of bad character and loose morals from Luke 7
- Nathanael Native of Cana in Galilee who became a disciple of Jesus; introduced to Jesus by his friend Philip
- Nicodemus A Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin who probably became a disciple of Jesus; Jesus told him he must be born again

ACTS

BIRTH AND GROWTH OF THE CHURCH

Outline: Geographic

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| I. Jerusalem | (1 - 7) | ca. 3 yrs |
| II. Judea and Samaria | (8 - 12) | ca. 11 yrs |
| III. The Ends of the Earth | (13 - 28) | ca. 18 yrs |

Outline: Apostles

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| I. Peter | (1-12) |
| II. Paul | (13-28) |

KEY CHAPTERS:

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| 1 | 40 days post-resurrection; choosing of Matthias |
| 2 | Pentecost; coming of Holy Spirit |
| 5 | Ananias and Sapphira; persecution |
| 6 | First deacons |
| 7 | Stephen's sermon and martyrdom |
| 9 | Saul's conversion - Paul |
| 13-14 | First missionary journey |
| 15 | Jerusalem council |
| 27-28 | Paul's passage to Rome |

KEY PASSAGES:

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| 1:8 | You shall be my witnesses |
| 2:38 | Repent and be baptized |
| 4:12 | ...No other name under heaven... |
| 5:29 | We must obey God rather than man |
| 8:14-17 | |
| 10:44-46 | Gentiles receive the Spirit |
| 16:31 | ...Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved... |
| 19:1-7 | Disciples of John the Baptist receive the Spirit |

KEY DATES:

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| 50 AD | Jerusalem Council |
| 47-49 AD | Paul's First Missionary Journey |
| 50-52 AD | Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Including 18 months in Corinth) |
| 52-56 AD | Paul's Third Missionary Journey (Including over 2 years in Ephesus) |
| 70 AD | Destruction of temple |

ACTS

(Continued)

KEY PEOPLE:

Agrippa	Roman ruler of Galilee and eventual ruler of the territory governed by his grandfather, Herod the Great; Paul appeared before the other Agrippa (II)
Ananias	A Christian who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold land and withheld money he pledged to the church; was killed by God
Apollos	Learned and eloquent Jew from Alexandria in Egypt; influential leader in the early church; was a disciple of JTB, and only knew some of Jesus' teaching; Aquilla and Priscilla clued him in
Aquila	Jewish Christian living in Corinth with his wife Priscilla when Paul arrived there; he and Priscilla traveled with Paul from Corinth
Barnabas	Name means "son of encouragement"; an apostle in the early church; Paul's companion on his first missionary journey
Matthias	The disciple chosen to succeed Judas Iscariot as an apostle
Cornelius	Roman soldier stationed in Caesarea; first recorded Gentile convert to Christianity
Eutychus	Young man of Troas who fell asleep while listening to a sermon by the apostle Paul and "fell down from the third story"; Paul raised him from the dead
Felix	Roman procurator, or governor, of Judea before whom the apostle Paul appeared
Festus	Successor of Felix as Roman procurator of Judea
Gamaliel	Famous member of the Jewish Sanhedrin and a teacher of the law; taught Paul; advised the Sanhedrin to treat the apostles of the young Christian church with moderation
Paul	Prominent leader of the first-century church; apostle to the Gentiles; author of 13 New Testament Epistles
Peter	One of Jesus' 12 disciples; rose to preeminence both among the disciples during Jesus' ministry and among the apostles afterwards
Philip	An evangelist; witnessed to the Ethiopian Eunuch from Isaiah 53
Priscilla	Wife of Aquila; left Corinth to travel with Paul
Rhoda	Servant girl in the home of Mary, mother of John Mark; answered Peter's knock after God miraculously released him from prison
Sapphira	Wife of Ananias; killed by God for holding back proceeds from field and lying to God
Silas	Accompanied Paul to Antioch of Syria to report the decision of the Jerusalem Council to accept Gentile Christians into the church; went on 2nd missionary journey with Paul
Simon Magus	Sorcerer who tried to buy spiritual powers from the apostle Peter
Stephen	One of the first seven deacons of the early church; the first Christian martyr

ROMANS

THEME: THE GOSPEL OF GOD

Outline:

- I. Revelation of God's Righteousness (1 - 8)
- II. Vindication of God's Righteousness (9 - 11)
- III. Application of God's Righteousness (12 - 16)

KEY CHAPTERS:

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| 3-5 | Justification |
| 6-8 | Sanctification |
| 9-11 | Israel – past election, present rejection, future restoration |
| 12-13 | Responsibilities toward God, government and society |
| 14-15 | Christian liberty – principles and practices |
| 16 | Conclusion - praise and greeting |

KEY PASSAGES:

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| 1:18-32 | God's wrath against man's sin - guilt of the Gentiles |
| 7:1-14 | Paul's struggle with coveting before Christ |
| 7:15-25 | Legalism - false sanctification |
| 8:28 | God causes all things to work together for good for those who love God |
| 10:9-13 | The gospel |

1 CORINTHIANS

THEME: CORRECTION AND CONDEMNATION

Outline:

- I. Divisions in the Church (1 - 4)
- II. Disobedience in the Church (5 - 6)
- III. Difficulties in the Church (7 - 16)

KEY CHAPTERS:

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| 3 | Immaturity; foundation; fleshliness; rewards |
| 5 | Incest/attitude toward a sinning brother |
| 6 | Lawsuits/suing; immorality/liberty |
| 7 | Guidelines for marriage and singleness |
| 8-10 | Christian liberty |
| 11 | Order! women/communion |
| 12 | Basic principles of spiritual gifts |
| 13 | The priority of love over spiritual gifts |
| 14 | Procedure and order in spiritual gifts (tongues) |
| 15 | Resurrection |

KEY PASSAGES:

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| 2:1-3 | Paul came not with superiority of speech, but with a simple message: Christ and Him crucified |
| 2:12-16 | A natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit |
| 6:9-11 | The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God |

2 CORINTHIANS

THEME: DEFENSE OF APOSTLESHIP

Outline:

- I. Character: Paul's Explanation of His Ministry (1 - 7)
- II. Collection: Paul's Collection for the Saints (8 - 9)
- III. Credentials: Paul's Defense of His Apostleship (10 - 13)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 3 Validation of apostolic ministry through changed lives; fading glory of Moses versus transforming glory of sanctification
- 5 Ministry motivations
- 8-9 Giving

KEY PASSAGES:

- 5:17 New creation
5:21 Justification through Christ

GALATIANS

THEME: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE

Outline:

- I. Justification by Faith Defended (1 - 2)
- II. Justification by Faith Explained (3 - 4)
- III. Justification by Faith Applied (5 - 6)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 2 Paul dealing with other apostles, rebukes Peter
- 5 Christian liberty; free to serve; walk by the Spirit

KEY PASSAGE:

- 2:19-21 Christ lives in me

EPHESIANS

THEME: THE ETERNAL PLAN OF GOD

Outline:

- I. Christian Position (1 - 3)
- II. Christian Practice (4 - 6)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1 Chosen and sealed
- 2 Saved by grace, united in one body
- 3 The mystery of the church
- 4 Unity in the body; spiritual gifts; the former life
- 5 Walking in the Spirit; home responsibilities
- 6 Slaves and masters; believer's armor

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:3-14 Father, Son and Holy Spirit in salvation; election
- 4:11-16 The gift of leaders to the body
- 5:22-25 Biblical role for husbands and wives

PHILIPPIANS

THEME: BASIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

Outline:

- I. Partakers with Christ (1)
- II. People of Christ (2)
- III. Pursuit of Christ (3)
- IV. Power of Christ

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 2 Unity of the body; the kenosis; work out your salvation; Timothy and Epaphroditus
- 3 Warnings against Judaizers; justification

KEY PASSAGE:

- 4:12-13 Christ's strength
- 4:19 God supplies all of our needs

COLOSSIANS

THEME: ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST

Outline:

- I. Sufficiency of Christ (1 - 2)
- II. Submission to Christ (3 - 4)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1 Paul's prayer; the exalted Christ
- 3 Position and practice of the believer

KEY PASSAGE:

- 1:15 Christ the image of God - the firstborn over all creation
- 2:16-17 Error of legalism

1 THESSALONIANS

THEME: GROWTH OF A NEW CHURCH; THE MODEL CHURCH

Outline:

- I. Personal Experience (1 - 3)
- II. Practical Exhortation (4 - 5)

KEY CHAPTER:

- 4 Purity; disciplined living; the rapture

KEY PASSAGE:

- 5:1-3 "The Day of the Lord" will come as a surprise to the world with destruction after the believers in 4:13-18 have been taken from the earth

2 THESSALONIANS

THEME: COMFORT AND CORRECTION

Outline:

- I. Encouragement in Persecution (1)
- II. Explanation of the Day of the Lord (2)
- III. Exhortations to Readiness (3)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 2 Before the Day of the Lord - apostasy and antichrist (man of lawlessness) will come and delude the world
- 3 Exhortations to diligence in light of the coming Day of the Lord

1 TIMOTHY

THEME: A MANUAL FOR CHURCH LIFE

Outline:

- I. For Timothy (1-3)
- II. For Timothy to the Church (4-6)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 2 Duty of men to pray in public worship; role of women in public worship
- 3 Qualifications of elders; qualifications of deacons; purpose of the letter
- 5 Duties toward the young, widows, and elders

KEY PEOPLE:

Alexander and Hymanaeus False teachers in Ephesus, where Timothy served as pastor

2 TIMOTHY

THEME: MINISTRY AS SPIRITUAL COMBAT

Outline:

- I. Instructions for Spiritual Combat (1 - 3)
- II. Commission to Spiritual Combat (4)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 3 The peril of and protection from apostasy

KEY PASSAGE:

3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God

KEY PEOPLE:

Eunice Timothy's mother
Lois Timothy's grandmother

TITUS

THEME: ADORNING THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

Outline:

- I. As Leaders (1)
- II. In the Church (2)
- III. In the World (3)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:5-9 Elder qualifications
- 2:3-5 "Older women likewise are to be reverent ...train younger women"
- 2:11-13 "...To live sensibly, righteously..."
- 3:5 Salvation apart from works; regeneration and the Holy Spirit

PHILEMON

THEME: MANUAL ON FORGIVENESS

Outline:

- I. Prayer (1 - 7)
- II. Petition (8 - 16)
- III. Promise (17 - 25)

KEY PEOPLE:

- Philemon Christian slave owner
- Onesimus Slave who receives Christ under Paul's ministry and must now return to his master Philemon

HEBREWS

THEME: SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

Outline:

- I. Superiority of Christ's Person (1 - 7)
- II. Superiority of Christ's Work (8—10:18)
- III. Response of Faith is Perseverance and Obedience (10:19 - 13)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1 Christ the Son is God's full revelation; exalted above angels, enthroned as God, awaiting the subjection of the world
- 3 Christ is greater than Moses; beware of an unbelieving heart
- 5 Christ, a sympathetic High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek
- 6 Warning of apostasy; God's oath to Abraham; our sure hope through Christ
- 7 Melchizedek priesthood superior to inadequate Aaronic priesthood; Christ's priesthood is eternal
- 10 Animal sacrifices are not efficacious; Christ's sacrifice of lasting value; access to God guaranteed in Christ, but willful sinners are doomed; readers need perseverance
- 11 Faith: defined and illustrated
- 12 The fatherly discipline of God; need of sanctification; Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion contrasted
- 13 Christian living: love, hospitality, marriage, doctrine, obey leaders; benediction

KEY PASSAGES:

- 4:12 The word of God is living and active
- 4:15 Christ tempted as we are
- 9:11-15 Superiority of Christ's sacrifice

JAMES

THEME: THE EFFECTS OF TRUE SAVING FAITH

Outline:

- I. Trials and Temptations (1)
- II. Favoritism and Faith (2)
- III. Tongue and Truth (3)
- IV. Conflict and Confidence (4)
- V. Riches and Righteousness (5)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:2 Joy in trials
2:14-26 Faith and works

1 PETER

THEME: STANDING FIRM THROUGH SUFFERING

Outline:

- I. Salvation of the Believer (1:1 - 2:12)
- II. Submission of the Believer (2:13 - 3:12)
- III. Suffering of the Believer (3:13 - 5:14)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:23 Born again through the living and abiding word of God ...
2:2 Long for the pure milk of the Word
2:18-25 Example of Christ's submission in death
3:7-9 Husbands, be understanding to your wives ... let all be harmonious
5:1-3 A shepherd's heart: voluntary, eager, an example
5:7 Cast all your anxiety on Him...

2 PETER

THEME: GENUINE AND FALSE CHRISTIANITY

Outline:

- I. Holiness (1)
- II. Heresy (2)
- III. Hope (3)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:3-4 He has given us everything for life and godliness
1:20-21 Inspiration of Scripture; the Spirit of God "moved" the writers

1 JOHN

THEME: TESTS OF ETERNAL LIFE

Outline:

- I. Salvation; Word of Life (1)
- II. Sin; Love of the World (2)
- III. Sanctification; Pursuit of Truth (3)
- IV. Spirit; Submission to Spirit (4)
- V. Certainty; Assurance of Salvation (5)

KEY PASSAGES:

- 1:5-10 The basis for true fellowship with God
2:15-17 Do not love the world
5:16-17 Sin leading to death

2 JOHN

THEME: CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY AND FALSE TEACHERS

Outline:

- I. Abide in God's Commandments (1 - 6)
- II. Abide Not with False Teachers (7 - 13)

3 JOHN

THEME: CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY AND FAITHFUL MINISTERS

Outline:

- I. Servanthood - Gaius (1 - 8)
- II. Selfishness - Diotrephes (9 - 14)

KEY PEOPLE:

Diotrephes Loved the preeminence

JUDE

THEME: BEWARE OF THE PRETENDERS

Outline:

- I. Purpose of Epistle (1 - 3)
- II. Path of Apostates (4 - 16)
- III. Practice of Believers (17 - 25)

REVELATION

THEME: REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

This book reveals Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel, the Lord of the Church, and Judge of the world. It is the culmination of the purposes of God in history.

Outline:

- I. The Glory of Christ (1)
- II. The Church of Christ (2 - 3)
- III. The Future Plans of Christ (4 - 22)

KEY CHAPTERS:

- 1 The glory of Christ
- 2-3 Messages to 7 churches
- 4-5 God's throne
- 6 Seals
- 8-9, 11 Trumpets
- 12 Description of last 3 1/2 years of tribulation; persecution of Jews
- 16 Bowls
- 17-18 Babylon
- 19 Return of Christ and Armageddon
- 20 Millennium and Great White Throne
- 21-22 Eternal state

KEY PASSAGES:

- 2:4 Left first love
- 3:10 A promise that believers will be delivered from the great tribulation that will come upon the entire earth
- 12:1-4 "A woman" - representative of Israel
- 20:4 The martyrs of the tribulation who will share the joys of the millennial kingdom

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