

18-19 Bible Study #2

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Introduction to 2018 – 2019 Bible Study (Cont)

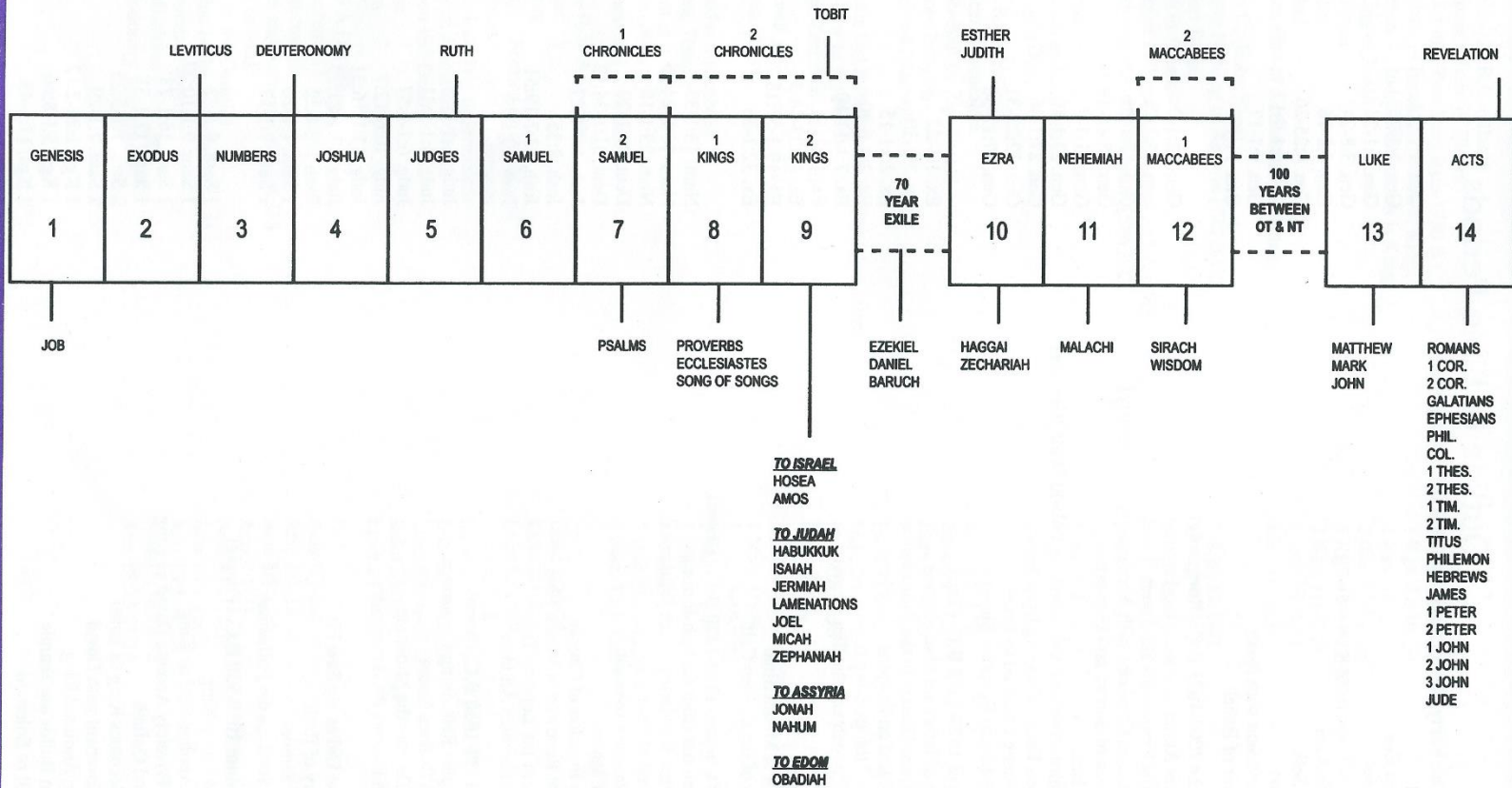
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The Great Adventure Bible Study

12 Periods of Bible History (Time Line)

- Early World (Pre-history)
- Patriarchs
- Egypt & Exodus
- Desert
- Conquest & Judges
- Royal Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom
- Exile
- Return
- Maccabean Revolt
- Messianic Fulfilment
- The Church

14 Chronological Books of Bible History



The 14 Historical Books of the Bible

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Numbers
- Joshua
- Judges
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1st Kings
- 2nd Kings
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- 1 Maccabees
- Luke
- Acts

Overview of the 14 Historical Books

- **Genesis**

- Prehistory

- Creation
- Adam & Eve and the fall
- Flood
- Tower of Babel

- Patriarchs

- Abraham

- Covenant
- 3 Promises
- Descendants -12 sons of Jacob (Israel)
- Move to Egypt

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **Exodus**

- Moses vs. Pharaoh
- Passover
- The Law on Mt Sinai
- The golden calf incident
- Wandering in the desert

- *Leviticus*

- *Rules governing worship*

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **Numbers**

- 40 years in the desert

- *Deuteronomy*

- *Moses' final discourse prior to entry into the Promised Land*

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **Joshua**
 - Entry and occupation of Promised land
- **Judges**
 - 12 Judges of Israel
- *Ruth*

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **1st Samuel**

- The people requested Samuel to ask God for a king
- First Kings of Israel
 - Saul
 - David

- **2nd Samuel**

- Jerusalem becomes city of David and capital
- Rebellions of David's son Absalom

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **1st Kings**

- Death of David
- Solomon
- Beginning of the Civil war
 - Israel – 10 tribes in North
 - Judah (Benjamin) 2 tribes in South

- **2nd Kings**

- Final destruction of Israel by Assyria
- Fall of Judah and the 70 years in the Babylonian captivity

- *1st and 2nd Chronicles*

- *Similar to 1st and 2nd Samuel and 1st and 2nd Kings*

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **Ezra**

- Return from the Exile

- **Nehemiah**

- Rebuilding Jerusalem and the Temple

Overview of the 14 Historical Books (Cont)

- **1st Maccabees**
 - Response to Greek occupation
- **Luke**
 - Gospel to the Gentiles
- **Acts**
 - History of the Early Church and introduction to the Letters of Paul

Themes

- A golden thread runs throughout the entire Old Testament by means of the **blessings** vs. the **curses** (kings and priests)
- Names of key individuals were changed upon receipt of a new mission:
 - *Abram to Abraham*
 - *Sarai to Sarah*
 - *Jacob to Israel*
 - *Simon to Peter*

Themes (Cont)

- The curse and blessing of barren wives include:
 - *Sarah – Isaac*
 - *Rebecca – Esau and Jacob*
 - *Rachael – Joseph and Benjamin*
 - *Hannah – Samuel*
 - *Elizabeth – John the Baptist*
- Remember this story was given as a catechesis to the Hebrew people who were about to enter the Promised Land that was full of pagan *Canaanites*

Review of Genesis 1-36

14 Weeks 2 13 18 – 5 29 18

What we must ask about every passage

- Who was the author?
- Who was his intended audience?
- What was the purpose of his writing this passage?

The answers for the Book of Genesis

The author of the Pentateuch was **Moses**

His audience was the **Hebrew people at the foot of Mt Sinai** at the beginning of the Exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land

His purpose in delivering this message was to provide these (mostly pagan) people who, with their ancestors had lived for over 430 years in pagan Egypt, with a **catechesis** to help them discover their heritage as the people of the God of Abraham

Introduction

- The first five books of the Bible, given to Moses by God on Mt Sinai, are known as - the **Law, Pentateuch, Torah**
- **Genesis 1-11** can be understood as an explanation of events that occurred before the formal covenant between God and Abraham
- **Genesis 12f** is a historical account of the people of God from the covenant with God with Abraham until their entry into the Promised Land
- We cannot fully understand Genesis until we understand Exodus

Pre-Historical Period Review

Genesis 1-11

- **The Monotheist God of the Hebrews:**
 - Created the Heavens and the Earth from nothing in 6 days
 - Rested on the 7th day, establishing the Sabbath
 - Created Adam and Eve in His image and likeness to live in and govern the garden forever
 - Allowed Adam and Eve to enjoy all the fruits in the garden except the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge
 - Witnessed the fall of Adam and Eve to the temptations of the serpent (the devil), causing them to break their harmony with God

Day 1: Light/Darkness, Day/Night	Day 4: Sun, Moon, and Stars
Day 2: Sky Above and Waters Below	Day 5: Birds and Animals of the Sea
Day 3: Land and Plants	Day 6: Land Animals and Man
Day 7: Sabbath Rest	

Pre-Historical Period Review (Cont) Genesis 1-11

- **Cursed:**
 - Eve by causing her pain in childbirth and she will be ruled by her husband
 - Adam by causing hardship in tending the garden and he shall return to dust
 - The snake causing him to crawl on his belly and eat dirt
- Announced the “**proto-Evangelium**” (Good News) by promising that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent (**Gn 3:15**)
- Provided clothing for Adam and Eve from animal skins
- Forced their departure from the Garden to ensure they would not eat from the Tree of Life and thus remain in a state of perpetual damnation (for their protection)
- Secured the garden with a Seraphim wielding a flaming sword