

Lesson 1: Bible Overview - Table 1

GENESIS:

- Creation
- Noah
 - Abraham & Sarah
 - Isaac & Rebekah
 - Jacob & Esau
 - Jacob (now called Israel), Leah & Rachel, 2 concubines and their 12 sons
 - Joseph in Egypt
 - The whole family in Egypt

400 years Later – The Israelites have become slaves in Egypt.

EXODUS, LEVITICUS, NUMBERS, DEUTORONOMY, JOSHUA

- Enter Moses and Aaron executing miraculous plagues with God's strength b4 Pharaoh
- Israelites escape through the Red Sea
 - Moses receives the 10 commandments
 - Israel disobeys God and spends 40 years in desert
 - Moses dies
 - Joshua leads the grown children of Israel into Canaan

A period of **JUDGES** ruling and rescuing Israel as they repeatedly rebel against God, are invaded by neighbouring countries, repent and then repeat the cycle.

.... Israel then demands to have a King to be like their neighbouring countries – an affront to God – yet he grants them their request. The story of **RUTH** is within this period.

1&2 SAMUEL, 1&2 KINGS, 1&2 CHRONICLES

- Period of **KINGS** ruling Israel
1. Saul
 2. David
 3. Solomon
 - Country divides into 2 kingdoms – Israel (capital Samaria) and Judah (the royal tribe through which Jesus descended – it's capital Jerusalem).
 - Many kings follow of both kingdoms – predominantly evil.

ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, HOSEA, JOEL, AMOS

A period of years passes where Israel's and Judah's kings are warned by many prophets that their evil behaviours – predominantly their worship of gods other than the one true God, will lead them into exile out of Israel.

DANIEL, ESTHER, LAMENTATIONS

Exile finally happens – 722 BC Assyria firstly claims Israel and then in 586 BC Babylon claims Judah.

EZRA, NEHEMIAH

70 years pass and then in 516 BC some are allowed to return to Israel to rebuild the temple and the walls of Jerusalem.

OT ends.

400 yrs pass...

Lesson 1: Table 2 – Bible Overview

Old Testament: Code: Red = Pre-Exile Blue = Post-Exile

Genesis	Pentateuch – Written by Moses Details of Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the flood, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, the brothers Jacob and Esau – Jacob and his 2 wives, the sisters Leah and Rachel, and the 12 sons they had between them, the betrayal of Jacob’s second youngest son Joseph by his 10 older brothers – who sold him as a slave to Egypt, Joseph’s rise to power in Egypt, Joseph’s forgiveness towards his brothers and his family’s eventual move to join him there. The family’s multiplication in Egypt over a period of 400 years and their eventual enslavement, the birth and deliverance of the Israelites by God through Moses through the Red Sea, the Ten Commandments, the failure to enter Canaan.	
Exodus		
Leviticus		
Numbers		
Deuteronomy		
Joshua	Entry into Canaan led by Joshua.	
Judges	Period of Judges who would rescue Israelites as they sinned against God.	
Ruth	Personal story of Ruth	
1 Samuel	Birth of the prophet Samuel who anoints the first King of Israel – Saul, and then David.	
2 Samuel	Samuel and Saul die – David becomes King.	
1 Kings	Solomon becomes King and then dies.	
2 Kings	The Kingdom divides.	
1 Chronicles	Following is a period where details of the Kings of each kingdom are listed and described. Chronicles gives extra details of what is detailed in 1 st and 2 nd Kings.	
2 Chronicles		
Ezra	Led a group of exiles back to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild the temple.	
Nehemiah	Led a group of exiles back to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild the city walls.	
Esther	A personal story of Esther who saved the Jews while they were living in exile.	
Job	A personal story of Job set probably back around the time of Abraham.	
Psalms	A book of sacred poems, songs, many written by King David.	
Proverbs	A book of wise sayings, most of which were attributed to King Solomon.	
Ecclesiastes	A book on the meaning of life written by King Solomon	
Song of Solomon	A book on love written by King Solomon.	
Isaiah	A major prophet used by God to warn the Israelites, particularly Judah, of their upcoming exile (pre –Israel’s exile).	
Jeremiah	A major prophet used by God to warn Judah of their upcoming exile (pre-Israel’s exile).	
Lamentations	Documents sadness over the exile.	
Ezekiel	A major prophet warning Judah of their upcoming exile (post Israel’s exile).	
Daniel	The personal story of a captive who honoured God.	
Hosea	Minor prophets who amongst them warned either, or both, Israel and Judah of their upcoming exiles if they didn’t repent, apart from Jonah, who spoke specifically to Nineveh in Assyria, Obadiah who warned Edom of their punishment for their gloating over Israel’s exile, Nahum who predicted the destruction of Assyria, and Haggai, who together with Ezra, confirmed that it was time for the exiles to rebuild God’s temple.	
Joel		
Amos		
Obadiah		
Jonah		
Micah		
Nahum		
Habakkuk		
Zephaniah		
Haggai		
Zechariah		
Malachi		A discourse on not robbing God, on faithful worship and on moral responsibility.