

TWELVE-WEEK BIBLE SURVEY
& DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome! This book will give you an overview of the entire Bible, the Old and New Testaments. It is designed to provide a general understanding of how the books of the Bible fit together as a whole. To better understand the Bible, the books have been grouped into small sections according to content and time period. We will not only learn the names and divisions of the books in the Bible but also how they relate historically and chronologically. The twelve-week course focuses on one topic each week.

All of us enjoy stories, and we learn life lessons from the lives of other people. The Bible is full of stories of men and women chosen and used by God. God uses these lives to teach us about Himself and how to live our lives. Each week throughout this study, we will study one of these people. We will read their stories, see their historical place, study the major events of their lives, learn about their relationships to God and others, and gain insights from the practice of their faith in word and action. Then we will be able to reflect on what we have learned and seek practical lessons for our own daily lives.

The objectives of this study are to:

1. Learn and find the books of the Bible;
2. Learn the sections into which the books of the Bible are divided;
3. Understand how the books of the Bible fit chronologically;
4. Have an overall historical understanding of the Bible;
5. Understand where important biblical events and major characters are found in the Bible and how they relate chronologically;
6. Learn the stories of a select group of Bible figures;
7. Gain personal life application from the stories of these figures;
8. Memorize selected verses from each section;
9. Learn to teach these lessons to others.

NOTE

This material can be used in various learning situations. It can be used by a teacher and student, an individual student on his/her own, two students, or perhaps the best option of all, a small group which allows an opportunity for students to share what they are learning and hold each other accountable as they study.

As we journey through the wonderful Word of God, we will be

overwhelmed by the vast history, people, and events which occurred in the Bible. But do not be over-whelmed! Learning about God and His Word is a lifelong journey. This study is only the beginning, the foundation for much further study. It is not just facts and infor-mation which fill the pages of Scripture—the Word of God is a living Word that in-dwells every believer and convicts his soul.

“For the Word of God is quick and power-ful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb 4:12)

BASIC COURSE GUIDELINES

Each week's lesson is divided into five parts, which should be taken in order. No matter what your learning situation is, these easy-to-follow sections will help you get the most out of the study.



PART ONE: REVIEW

After the first week, every week will have a section that reviews the last week's lesson. This is a good time to see how much you have learned.



PART TWO: LEARN

Learn the details of the books of the Bible. Learn the names of books, the sections the Bible has been divided into the order of events in each division of the Bible, and basic geography.



PART THREE: READ

Read the verses pertaining to the week's lesson. Study the selected character of the Bible. Read the small introduction on each individual, the important events that happened in their lives, and study and discuss their lives as they demonstrated faith and, at times, failure.



PART FOUR: DISCUSS













Discuss how the lives of these Bible characters can apply to you and your situation.



PART FIVE: MEMORIZE

Memorize one key verse each week and be ready to review each verse the following week.

OVERVIEW OF EACH WEEK'S TOPIC & CHARACTER

	Creation	Adam
	Patriarchs	Abraham
	Exodus	Moses
	Conquest	Joshua
	Judges	Gideon
	Kingdom	David
	Exile	Daniel
	Return	Nehemiah
	Silence	(Review)
	Gospel	Jesus
	Church	Peter
	Missions	Paul

WEEK ONE: CREATION



REVIEW

Since this is the first week of our twelve-week study, we will not have any material to review; however, let us read, discuss, and memorize the twelve headings for each week.

	Creation	Adam
	Patriarchs	Abraham
	Exodus	Moses
	Conquest	Joshua
	Judges	Gideon
	Kingdom	David
	Exile	Daniel
	Return	Nehemiah
	Silence	(Review)
	Gospel	Jesus
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LEARN

In this section, we will be studying the number and divisions of the books found in the Bible. The first division is between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Numbers of Books in the Old and New Testament

- Old Testament 39
- New Testament 27
- Total Number of Books 66

The Old Testament is the largest section of the Bible. The Old Testament can be divided into three parts: history, poetry, and prophecy. Under each heading there may be further divisions. Each division contains the names of the books of the Old Testament. Study and memorize the following chart.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

History (17 Books)	Poetry (5 Books)	Prophecy (17 Boooks)
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CREATION



Date: Approximately 4,000 to 2100 years before Christ.

Important Events: Adam was the first human.

Story: God created Adam and Eve in His own image. The Fall came from Adam and Eve's disobedience. This brought a curse, which included death, and separation between man and God.

Short Outline:

1. God created man.
2. Through man sin came into the earth.
3. The world was flooded and Noah and family were saved.
4. Tower of Babel, God divided mankind by creating different languages.



READ

The first character we will learn about is Adam. Adam is the first person created by God, but what important details can we learn about God from the creation of Adam as well as events that took place in his life? First, read the following verses in Gene-sis about Adam.

READ GENESIS, CHAPTERS 1-3.

ADAM ("MAN")

1. Background (Gen 1:26-31, Gen 2:7)

God created the first man, Adam, in his own image, meaning that man was created in the natural and moral likeness of God. Man was created to rule over creation and to fellowship with God. Adam was without sin at first but later became sinful.

2. Important Events

- Adam is created by God, Gen 2:7
- Adam is given the job of ruling over and caring for creation, Gen 2:15-20
- Eve is created for Adam, Gen 2:21-23
- Adam and Eve sin and are removed from the garden, Gen 3:24

3. Where Adam Demonstrated Faith

- Adam remained faithful to God in the work he did, Gen 2:15-20

4. Failure/Weakness

- Adam disobeyed God, Gen 3:6-7

5. Examples To Follow

- The consequence of disobeying God is separation between God and humankind.
- Adam showed repentance and trusted God to forgive him.
- Adam lived faithfully in the work God gave him.



DISCUSS

1. Adam made a choice that affected us all. How do the choices we make affect ourselves and others?
2. What happens to us if we do not obey God's Word?
3. God spoke to Adam directly. How does God speak to us today?
4. What are things in our lives and in our community that we can do in obedience to God?
5. Did God forgive and bless Adam? How does God forgive us and bless us today?

For next week, read Genesis, Chapters 12 through 25.



MEMORIZE

1. Week One Bible Verse:

“Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ, the other man, will be given new life.”
1 Cor 15:22

WEEK TWO: PATRIARCHS



REVIEW

1. Name the 12 headings for the 12 weeks. Name the Bible character associated with each week.

		Abraham
		Moses
		Joshua
		Gideon
		David
		Daniel
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. How many books are in the Bible? How many in the Old Testament and in the New Testament?
3. Name the three divisions of the Old Testament.
4. Discuss Adam's life.



LEARN

Last week you learned how the Old Testament is divided. Review those divisions.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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PATRIARCHS



Date: Approximately 2,000 to 1,800 years before Christ.

Important Events: The book of Genesis covers the lives of many of the great patriarchs, such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his sons. We learn about their faith and trust in the One God, their failures, and God's promises and great faithfulness to them.

Short Outline:

1. Abraham, the father of the Hebrews and of all who believe.
2. Isaac, the father of two sons.
3. Jacob, the father of Israel.
4. Joseph, a leader in Egypt.



READ

The second character we will study is Abraham. Abraham is known as the father of faith, for he believed in God and His promises. Abraham was made righteous through his faith, and when his faith was tested, he trusted God and obeyed Him.

READ GENESIS, CHAPTERS 12; 21-22.

ABRAHAM

1. Background

Abram/Abraham lived in Ur and later in Haran. The people of this area were pagans who worshiped a moon god. God called Abraham to leave and go to the land of Ca-naan. He, his wife Sarai, cousin Lot, and their household left what was familiar and traveled to Canaan.

2. God's Covenant to Abraham

- The promise of the land, Gen 12:7
- The promise of a people or nation (and through this nation, all the peoples of the world would be blessed), Gen 15:1-12

3. Important Events

- God's call of Abram, Gen 12:1-20
- God's covenant with Abram, Gen 12:7
- Abram's work to deliver Lot, Gen 14:1-24
- God's second covenant with Abram, Gen 15:1-12
- The birth of Ishmael, Gen 16:1-16
- The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen 18:1-19, 38

- The birth of Isaac, Gen 21:1-34
- The offering of Isaac, Gen 22:1-24
- The death of Abraham, Gen 25:1-11

4. **Where Abraham Demonstrated Faith**

- He responded to the call of God to leave Haran, Gen 12:1
- He believed God's promises for a son, a land, and a nation, Gen 15:4-8
- He obeyed God in sacrificing Isaac, Gen 22:1-14
- He arranged the marriage of his son, Isaac, Gen 24:7

5. **Failure/Weaknesses**

- He went to Egypt and did not trust God to care for him, Gen 12:10
- He deceived the king of Egypt and Abimelech with his wife Sarah, Gen 12, 20
- He fathered Ishmael, Gen 16

6. **Examples To Follow**

- Patience.
- Belief in God's promises.
- Obedience.
- Willingness to leave one's own home and follow God's call wherever He leads.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Abraham.
2. Why was Abraham made righteous?
3. Abraham was told to leave his home and family and follow God. Why would this be a hard thing to do?
4. Would you leave everything if God asked you to?
5. What is faith? Can you give one example how you have used faith?
6. God blessed Abraham; how can God bless you?

For next week, read Exodus, chapters 1 through 20.



MEMORIZE

1. Say Week One's Bible verse, 1 Cor 15:22
2. Week Two Bible Verse:
 "And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord declared him righteous because of his faith." Gen 15:6

WEEK THREE: EXODUS



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		Moses
		Joshua
		Gideon
		David
		Daniel
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name the three divisions in the Old Testament.
3. Name the five books found in the Pentateuch.
4. Discuss Abraham's life.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

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EXODUS



Date: Approximately 1,500 years before Christ.

Important Events: Moses delivers Israel from slavery in Egypt.

God gives the nation of Israel His law through Moses. God punishes the people for disobedience. God gives instructions for building the tabernacle as a place for Israel to worship him.

Short Outline:

1. Moses' early life and call.
2. Israel is led out of captivity in Egypt through many miracles.
3. Israel is given the law of God.
4. The tabernacle is built.



READ

The third character we will study is Moses. As we will see, Moses was a very important prophet, not only because of the great works and signs he did, or that through him God gave the world His law, but because Moses was a humble servant to his people and to God.

READ EXODUS, CHAPTERS 1-4, 14, AND 20.

MOSES (“DRAWN OUT” OR “SON OF WATER”)

1. Background

Moses was born in Egypt to Hebrew parents during the time when the people of Israel were the slaves of an Egyptian king. At the time of Moses’ birth, an edict had been made that all Hebrew boys would be put to death at the time of their birth. Moses was spared by his parents who cared for him for three months, but then they could hide him no more. They put him in a basket and released him in the river. He was found by an Egyptian princess who cared for him. Moses grew up as an Egyptian prince, but he never forgot that he was a Hebrew. Moses was a prince, shepherd, prophet, and the leader of Israel.

2. Important Events

- Moses escapes from Egypt soon after killing an Egyptian guard, Exod 2:11-15
- God calls Moses to free Israel, Exod 3:1-4:31
- Moses returns to Egypt and brings ten mighty plagues on Egypt, Exod 7:14-12:36
- Moses leads the people out of Egypt and crosses the Red Sea, Exod 12-14
- God gives Moses the Ten Commandments, the instructions for building the tabernacle, and the guidelines for sacrifices and religious observances, Exod 20-31
- Israel wanders in the desert because of their disbelief, Num-Deut
- Moses sees the Promised Land, and then he is taken away by God, Deut 34

3. Where Moses Demonstrated Faith

- He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, Heb 11:24
- He left Egypt, “seeing the unseen,” Heb 11:27
- He believed in God, even when he was faced with impossible odds.
- He led a reluctant Israel through the Red Sea, Heb 11: 29

4. Failures/Weaknesses

- He murdered an Egyptian and did not follow God's plan, Exod 2:12
- He refused to speak, Exod 4:10-17
- He disobeyed God when he struck the rock, Num 20:8-13

5. Examples To Follow

- Moses felt compassion for Israel, Exod 32:7-14
- He was a man of prayer and demonstrated perseverance and humility.
- He believed and obeyed God in spite of great opposition from both Pharaoh and Israel.
- Moses was a wise and caring shepherd to the people of Israel, Exod 32



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Moses.
2. Was Moses' deliverance from the river and childhood in Pharaoh's palace an accident or the plan of God?
3. For what reason has God delivered you from sin and adopted you as his son or daughter?
4. Moses took control of a bad situation and made it worse by killing the Egyptian. Do you ever take matters into your control? What has happened when you have done this?
5. Is humility a weakness or a strength?

For next week, read the book of Joshua.



MEMORIZE













1. Say the verses from Week One and Week Two, 1 Cor 15:22 and Gen 15:6
2. Week Three Bible Verse:
"It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be treated as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin."
Heb 11:24-25

WEEK FOUR: CONQUEST



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		
		
		
		Joshua
		Gideon
		David
		Daniel
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name the two divisions found under the historical books in the Old Testament.
3. Name the five books found in the Pentateuch
4. Discuss some things about Moses' life.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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CONQUEST



Date: Approximately 1,450 years before Christ.

Important Events: After the death of Moses, Joshua becomes the leader. By the direction of God, he begins the conquest of Canaan, the land God promised to give Abraham and his descendents.

Short Outline:

1. God's promise to Joshua.
2. The miracle of separating and crossing the Jordan River into Canaan.
3. The campaign to take the land of Canaan.
4. The division of the land among the tribes of Israel.
5. Joshua's final words to the nation of Israel and his death.



READ

The fourth character we will study is Joshua. Joshua was a great man of faith. He was chosen by God for his leadership abilities and servant spirit.

READ JOSHUA, CHAPTERS 1 AND 24.

JOSHUA (“JEHOVAH IS SALVATION”)

1. Background

Moses had been taken away by God, and Joshua was given the responsibility of leading the nation of Israel into the Promised Land. They were faced with kings and armies that were more powerful and greater in number than the nation of Israel.

2. Important Events

- Joshua organizes an army and leads Israel into battle, Exod 17
- He spies out the land for Moses, Num 13-14
- He is appointed to succeed Moses, Num 27
- He leads Israel across the Jordan, Josh 4
- He attacks and takes the city of Jericho, Josh 6
- He charges Israel to follow God, Josh 23-24

3. Where Joshua Demonstrated Faith

- He believed that God would give them the land. Num 13-14, Josh 1
- He attacked the fortress of Jericho, Josh 6

4. Failures/Weakness

- He failed to ask counsel from the Lord regarding the Gibeonites, Josh 9:14

5. Examples from His Life

- Joshua was a follower under the authority of Moses. Through faith and obedience, he became a leader. Joshua demonstrates to us:
 - Humility;
 - Godly leadership;
 - Patience;
 - Faith in the impossible;
 - Obedience to God, even in the impossibility.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Joshua.
2. Joshua faced great armies and powerful kings, yet he still trusted in God. What are you facing in your life that requires your trust in God?
3. What happened when some of the people of Israel did not obey God? Why is it important to obey everything God tells us?
4. What are some of the promises God gave Joshua in chapter one and how can they apply to you?

For next week, read the book of Judges.



MEMORIZE

1. Say the Bible verses from Week Two and Week Three, Gen 15:6 and Heb 11:24-25
2. Week Four Bible Verse:
“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Josh 1:9

WEEK FIVE: JUDGES



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		Gideon
		David
		Daniel
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name the two divisions found under the historical books in the Old Testament.
3. Name the five books found in the Pentateuch.
4. Discuss Joshua's life.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

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JUDGES



Date: 1,400 to 1,000 years before Christ.

Important Events: After the death of Joshua, the nation of Israel in Canaan is led by a number of judges. Israel falls into sin and is invaded by kings of pagan neighboring countries. God sends the judges to rescue Israel from sin and their oppressors. Twelve different judges rule during this period; the most famous of these was Samson.

Short Outline:

1. After Joshua's death, Israel falls into sin.
2. Foreign nations invade Israel, and the judges save the people.
3. Samson becomes a judge, yet he is a failure.
4. The people of Israel fall back into disobedience; "the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes."



READ

The fifth character we will study is Gideon. He was chosen by God to lead the nation out of idolatry and the oppression of a foreign, pagan king.

READ JUDGES, CHAPTERS 6-9.

GIDEON ("WARRIOR")

1. Background

Gideon was from the tribe of Manasseh. He was a farmer and not from an important family. Gideon was truly a humble man. He was chosen by God to free the people of Israel from the Midianites. He became a great military leader and defeated the Midianites, Judges, chapters 6-8

2. Important Events

- An angel of the Lord speaks to Gideon and tells him to lead the people against the Midianites, Judg 6:14
- Gideon leads three hundred men to defeat the Midianites, Judg 7
- Gideon refuses to be made king, Judg 8

3. Where Gideon Demonstrated Faith

- He obeyed God and destroyed the pagan idols in his village, Judg 6:25-32
- He led an army of three hundred against the overwhelming numbers of the enemy army, Judg 7
- He refused to be made king, knowing that only God is King, Judg 8

4. Failures/Weakness

- He repeatedly tested God and looked for signs, Judg 6:17
- He took the spoils of war and made a gold object that became a center of worship, Judg 8:24-27

5. Examples to Follow

- God chose a humble and poor man to lead his army.
- He believed in God while facing overwhelming odds.
- Gideon was humble and overcame the temptation of power.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Gideon.
2. Gideon was the only one in his community to listen to God and destroy the idols. Do you think it was hard for him to do this? Would it be hard for you to obey God when everyone in your community disagreed with you?
3. Why did God lead Gideon with a small number of soldiers to defeat his enemies? Have there been times when God has asked you to do something even though you didn't have the power or resources to accomplish what He asked?
4. Can you be a leader and still be humble?

For next week, read the books of 1 and 2 Samuel.



MEMORIZE

1. Say the verses from Week Three and Week Four, Heb 11:24-25 and Josh 1:9
2. Week Five Bible Verse:
"I will not rule over you, nor will my son. The Lord will rule over you."
Judg 8:23

WEEK SIX: KINGDOM



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		David
		Daniel
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name the two divisions found under the historical books in the Old Testament.
3. Name all seventeen of the historical books.
4. Discuss Gideon's life.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

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KINGDOM



Date: 1,050 to 600 years before Christ.

Important Events: Saul becomes the first king of Israel. After Saul's failure to obey God, God chooses David as king. David's son Solomon is the next king, but after Solomon's death, the kingdom is divided into Judah and Israel. Both are led by good and bad kings.

Short Outline:

1. Israel is led by a king.
2. David finally establishes a kingdom which brings peace.
3. Solomon builds the temple for God.
4. The kingdom is divided and war breaks out.
5. Both nations fall because of disobedience.



READ

The sixth character we will study is David. He was chosen by God to be the King of Israel and a great prophet. He defeated all of Israel's enemies and brought peace to the land.

DAVID ("BELOVED" OR "CHIEFTAIN")

1. Background

David was from the tribe of Judah. His father was Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz. David was a musician, poet, shepherd, soldier, and a king. He lived during the reign of the first king of Israel, King Saul. David lived from 1,030-960 BC.

2. Important Events

- David is chosen and anointed by God, 1 Sam 16:1-3
- David defeats Goliath, 1 Sam 17:1-58
- David is rejected by King Saul, 1 Sam 19:1-26:25
- David becomes king of Israel, 2 Sam 1:1-27
- David commits adultery and murder, 2 Sam 11-13
- David is overthrown by his son Absalom, 2 Sam 14:1-18:33

3. Where David Demonstrated Faith

- He defeated Goliath, 1 Sam 17
- David didn't kill Saul when he had the opportunity, 1 Sam 24, 26
- David repented when he sinned, 2 Sam 12:13, Ps 51

4. Failures/Weakness

- He had many wives and concubines.

- He committed adultery and murder, 2 Sam 11
- He was a poor leader within his family, 2 Sam 13-14
- He directly disobeyed God in taking a census of the people, 2 Sam 24

5. Examples to Follow

- David was a man after God's heart.
- He had faith to overcome great odds.
- He was a great leader and united God's people into a powerful nation.
- Although David was a great man and had great faith in God, he was still a man with many faults. His greatness lay in his attitude toward God: when he had victory, he gave the glory to God, and when he failed, he repented and asked God for forgiveness.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of David.
2. Why did God choose David, the youngest and smallest among his brothers?
3. David defeated a giant who was an enemy of God and His people. We often have giants in our lives as well. What are the giants in your life that God can help you defeat?
4. We saw that David was not perfect, yet God still used him. Why?
5. What are the characteristics of a good leader?

For next week, read the book of Daniel.



MEMORIZE

1. Say the verses from Week Four and Week Five, Josh 1:9 and Judg 8:23
2. Week Six Bible Verse:
 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."
 Ps 19:14

WEEK SEVEN: EXILE



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		Daniel
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name two out of the three major divisions found in the Old Testament.
3. Name all seventeen of the historical books and the five poetic books.
4. Discuss David's life and what can be learned from his example.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

History (17 Books)	Poetry (5 Books)	Prophecy (17 Books)
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Ester		Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

EXILE



Date: 600 to 500 years before Christ.

Important Events: Israel, the Northern Kingdom, falls to Assyria and its people are taken away. One hundred years later, the king of Babylon conquers Jerusalem and takes the first exiles (Daniel, other leading young men, and Judean leaders) to Babylon. Jerusalem rebels again and is destroyed. A final group of exiles is taken.

Short Outline:

1. Daniel and his friends submit to the laws of God and not those of the king of Babylon.
2. Daniel interprets the king's dream.
3. Daniel's friends are thrown into the fire and are saved by an angel of God.
4. Daniel is thrown into a lions' den and saved by God's angel.
5. Daniel prophesies.



READ

The seventh character we will study is Daniel. Though he lived his life away from God's land, he was a mighty prophet and used by God in the great courts of the King of Babylon.

DANIEL

1. Background

Daniel and his friends were taken captive in Judah and into exile in Babylon around 535 BC. Even though they were captives, they received an excellent education and rose to high positions in the Babylonian and Persian governments. Daniel, with the other Jews, had to live in a land of great idolatry.

2. Important Events

- Daniel is taken to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar, Dan 1:1-7
- Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Dan 2:1-49
- Daniel's friends are put into the fire, Dan 3:1-30
- Daniel interprets the writing on the wall, Dan 5:1-31
- Daniel is thrown into the lions' den, Dan 6:1-28
- Daniel prophesies, Dan 8:1-27

3. Where Daniel Demonstrated Faith

- Daniel and his friends did not compromise in their obedience to God's commands, Dan 1:8-6

- Daniel refused to obey laws contrary to God's law, Dan 6:1-28

4. Examples To Follow

- Daniel's life is an example of faithfulness in a land that does not know God.
- Daniel's life shows that one can live and work in a godless society with a godless government, yet remain faithful to God and his commandments.
- Daniel is an example of a life of faith and prayer.
- Daniel was blessed by God because of his faithfulness.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Daniel.
2. Daniel was ripped away from his family, home, and country and taken into a different country with a different culture and religion. How do you think Daniel felt?
3. Even though Daniel was put into a different and difficult place, he still obeyed God. Are you—or have you ever been—put into a circumstance in which everything is contrary to what you know is right and you have had to decide what to do? Explain.
4. Daniel obeyed God even though it could have resulted in his death. Would you do that?
5. Why do you think God used Daniel?

For next week, read the book of Nehemiah.



MEMORIZE













1. Say the verses from Week Five and Week Six, Judg 8:23 and Ps 19:14
2. Week Seven Bible Verse:
“Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.”
Dan 6:16b

WEEK EIGHT: RETURN



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		Nehemiah
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name all three major divisions found in the Old Testament.
3. Name all seventeen books found under the historical books and the five found in the poetry books.
4. Discuss Daniel's life and what can be learned by his example.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

The last division of the Old Testament is prophecy. The books of prophecy are divided into two sections: major prophets and minor prophets. Study the names of the books under these headings.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

History (17 Books)		Poetry (5 Books)	Prophecy (17 Books)	
Genesis	} Pentateuch	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah	} Major Prophets
Exodus			Jeremiah	
Leviticus			Lamentations	
Numbers			Ezekiel	
Deuteronomy			Daniel	
Joshua	} History Books		Hosea	} Minor Prophets
Judges			Joel	
Ruth			Amos	
1 Samuel			Obadiah	
2 Samuel			Jonah	
1 Kings			Micah	
2 Kings			Nahum	
1 Chronicles			Habakkuk	
2 Chronicles			Zephaniah	
Ezra			Haggai	
Nehemiah			Zechariah	
Ester			Malachi	

This is the chronology of the historical books. Studying this chart will help you understand how each book relates to the others according to when they were written.

Lev.		Deut.		Ruth		1 Chron.		2 Chron.		Esther	
Ge.	Ex.	Nu.	Josh	Judges	1 Sam.	2 Sam.	1 Kings	2 Kings	Ezra	Neh.	
2400 – 2000		1500		1400 – 1000		1050–950		930–600		475–450 B.C.	

RETURN



Date: Approximately 500 years before Christ.

Important Events: After the Jews were in exile for over 140 years, they were allowed to return to their homeland. Ezra is allowed to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. Nehemiah is allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls around the city.

Short Outline:

1. Ezra returns to Jerusalem to help in the construction of the Temple.
2. Esther becomes Queen of Persia and saves the Jews.
3. Nehemiah goes to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls.
4. The temple and walls are completed.



READ

The eighth character we will study is Nehemiah. Nehemiah was used by God to bring leadership and courage to his people during a very difficult time.

NEHEMIAH

1. Background

The events of the book of Nehemiah took place around 430 B.C. during the time of the Persian Empire when the Jews were still returning to the land of Judah from exile. Jerusalem was in ruins after having been destroyed in 536 BC. While Nehemiah was in the service of the Persian King Artaxerxes I as a cupbearer, he heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins. He asked the king for permission to go and help rebuild the walls.

2. Important Events

- Rebuilding: Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem and begins the work, Neh 3:1-7:73
- Renewal: The reading of the law and national repentance, Neh 8:1-10:39
- Reforming: Dedication of the walls and re-inhabiting the city, Neh 11:1-13:31

3. Where Nehemiah Demonstrated Faith

- He believed God's promise of the land and the return God's people to the Promised Land.
- He had faith and perseverance to rebuild of the walls against great opposition.
- He led the people to repentance and renewal in their relationship with

God.

4. Examples To Follow

- Nehemiah sought God's guidance through prayer. We are not alone in the task that God has asked us to do, and we should always seek God and His word for guidance.
- He showed great persistence as he worked under great opposition. Not all God's work is easy. Like Nehemiah, at times we will find opposition from others and Satan when we are doing God's work. It is through faith and work that the task can be completed.
- He showed leadership in organizing people for a task and in helping the people return to God. A godly leader is a person who can both organize people to a specific task as well as guide them in spiritual truth.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Nehemiah.
2. Nehemiah left a good job and probably a comfortable life to go and do a dangerous job. Why did he do it, and was it hard for him to go?
3. When we obey God and do His will, are things going to be easy? Was it easy for Nehemiah?
4. Why was Nehemiah a good leader? Can you be a leader for God?
5. What can we learn about working together to accomplish God's purposes?
6. Look at Nehemiah 4:9. What does this teach us about prayer?

This week, go back and review all the lessons we have studied so far.



MEMORIZE













1. Say the verses from Week Six and Week Seven, Ps 19:14 and Dan 6:16b
2. Week Eight Bible Verse:
"Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh 8:10

WEEK NINE: SILENCE



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		(Review)
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. Name the specific books found under each of the eight headings.
3. Name all thirty-nine books found in the Old Testament.



LEARN

Continue to study the names and divisions of the books in the Old Testament.

The last division of the Old Testament is prophecy. The books of prophecy are divided into two sections: major prophets and minor prophets. Study the names of the books under these headings.

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SILENCE



Date: Approximately 400 years before Christ.

Important Events: After the return of the Jews from exile, they live in the land God promised them. After the temple is built, the Jews return to the sacrificial system and religious practices God gave in the Law. Twice, Israel again falls under the control of powerful foreign empires.

Short Outline:

1. The Jews return from exile to the land.
2. They return to their religious practices and festivals.
3. The Greek Empire conquers Israel, defiles the temple, and war breaks out.
4. The Roman Empire conquers and rules over Israel.



READ

The books of the prophets are numerous. Some of them are long, and even though they are mostly written to the Jewish people, they have much to offer us today. These books are filled with wonderful promises of blessings and protection, as well as warnings for those who place their trust outside of God and His faithfulness.

The following is a list of the prophets in the order in which they were written. You do not need to read them in this order; this is only to help you understand how they fit together historically.

Beginning of the exile of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, 800-700 BC

Joel	840-830 BC
Jonah	790-770 BC
Amos	780-740 BC
Hosea	760-720 BC
Isaiah	745-695 BC
Micah	740-700 BC

Israel's captivity and the beginning of the exile of Judah, the Southern Kingdom, 734-580 BC

Zephaniah	639-608 BC
Nahum	630-610 BC
Jeremiah	626-586 BC
Habakkuk	606-586 BC
Obadiah	586 BC

Judah's captivity, 606–536 BC

Daniel	606–534 BC
Ezekiel	592–570 BC

Judah's return from captivity, 536–400 BC

Haggai	520–516 BC
Zechariah	520–516 BC
Malachi	450–400 BC



DISCUSS

1. Can you name each of the Bible characters you have studied so far?
2. Can you name the book where each character is found?
3. Can you give a brief description of their lives?
4. Name one area in which each of these characters failed God.
5. Name one area in which each of them showed faith and trust.
6. Choose two characters and explain how God helped them.
7. Who was your favorite person that we have studied? Why?
8. What have you been able to apply to your life from what you have learned from these individuals?
9. What single lesson from these individuals stands out in your life the most?

For next week, read the Gospel of Matthew.



MEMORIZE

Listed below are the eight Bible verses that you have memorized so far. Review these verses and make sure you know them by heart.

I Corinthians 15:22
Genesis 15:6
Hebrews 11:24–25
Joshua 1:9













Judges 8:23
Psalm 19:14
Daniel 13:16
Nehemiah 8:10

WEEK TEN: THE GOSPELS



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with each week.

		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		Jesus
		Peter
		Paul

2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. Can you name the first four books (known as the gospels) in the New Testament?



LEARN

We are now in the second major part of the Bible. This second “half” of the Bible is called the New Testament. The New Testament can be divided into four divisions: the gospels (accounts of what Jesus said and did while here on earth), history (an account of the beginning of the church and the works of the apostles), the epistles (letters to the churches), and prophecy (the account of the end times). Study and memorize the divisions and names of the books of the New Testament.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

FOUR DIVISIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT			
Gospel	Acts	Epistles	Revelations
Matthew Mark Luke John		Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude	

THE GOSPELS



Date: Approximately 3 to 30 years after the birth of Christ.
Important Events: Each gospel begins at a different point in Jesus’ life. Matthew and Luke tell of the birth of Christ while Mark and John begin their account later in Jesus’ ministry. However, they all share important events and teachings of Jesus, and all of the gospels tell of the death of Christ on the cross and of His resurrection.

Short Outline:

1. Jesus’ birth and early years.
2. The beginning of Jesus’ ministry.
3. Jesus’ life, teaching, and miracles.
4. End of His ministry on earth, death and resurrection.



READ

We are now in the New Testament and will be studying some of the lives of the characters recorded in its books. The greatest person in the gospels and in the whole New Testament is Jesus Christ. Though he was also foretold in the Old Testament—and He existed before creation and throughout all time and history—it is in the New Testament that we truly learn of Him.

JESUS CHRIST

1. Background

Jesus' coming was foretold throughout the Old Testament. Like the first man Adam, Jesus' coming to earth was a miracle. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary, who was a virgin. We know very little of Jesus' years as a child, but after being baptized by John the Baptist, He began His public ministry. He demonstrated great power through His miracles and teaching and especially by training His disciples whom He chose to carry on His ministry after He was gone. Jesus' final work on earth was on the cross where He became the sacrifice for the sins of the world. After three days, He rose from the grave, defeating death, sin, and the works of the devil.

2. Important Events

- Announcement of His birth, Luke 1:26-56
- His birth, Luke 2:1-20
- His baptism, Luke 3:1-22
- Temptation, Luke 4:1-13
- Ministry and life.
- His arrest, Luke 22:47-53
- Trial, Luke 22:54-23:55
- Crucifixion, Luke 23:26-49
- Burial, Luke 23:50-55
- Resurrection, Luke 24:1-12
- Ascension to heaven, Luke 24:50-53

3. Prophecy Of His Coming

- Birth, Isa 7:14
- Place of His birth, Mic 5:2
- Reason for His coming, Isa 42:6
- His death, Isa 53:1-9, Ps 22:7-18

4. Character Of Christ

- He was absolutely holy, Luke 1:35
- He had genuine love, Eph 3:19

- He was truly humble, Phil 2:5-8
- He was gentle, Matt 11:29
- He lived a life of prayer, Matt 14:23
- He worked hard for God, John 5:17

5. Lessons From The Life Of Christ

- Though Christ was divine, he was also human, and he set an example for all who believe in Him, Phil 2:1-5
- We are to strive to become more like Him in action until the day we see Him and become like Him, 1 John 3:2
- Jesus depended on the power of the Spirit of God, the same Spirit He gives to us, to do the work and will of the Father, John 16:7-15, Eph 1:13
- He was obedient in all things, even death, and was an example for us to learn from and follow, Phil 2:8



DISCUSS

1. What was Jesus' attitude toward sinners? What should be our attitude and relationship with sinners we know?
2. How did Jesus treat women and children? Should we also treat them the same? Explain.
3. What was Jesus' relationship with His father, God? What should ours be to God?
4. How did Jesus deal with the devil and demons? How can we apply this to our lives in the time we live?
5. Jesus taught us many things. What is one thing he taught that you need to apply to your life?

For next week, read Acts, chapters 1-12.



MEMORIZE

1. Week Ten Bible Verse:
 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.” John 15:4

WEEK ELEVEN: THE CHURCH



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with those weeks.

		Peter
		Paul

2. Can you name the four divisions found in the New Testament?
3. Can you name the first four books in the New Testament, known as the gospels?



LEARN

Continue to study the divisions and names of the books in the New Testament.

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

FOUR DIVISIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT			
Gospel	Acts	Epistles	Revelations
Matthew Mark Luke John		Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude	

THE CHURCH



Date: Approximately 30 to 50 years after the birth of Christ.

Important Events: After the ascension of Christ to heaven and the coming of the Holy Spirit to every believer came the birth of the church. The book of Acts records the history of the beginning of the church and the works or “acts” of the apostles of Christ and the church’s early believers.

Short Outline:

1. The birth of the church through the Holy Spirit.
2. The growth of the church in Jerusalem.
3. The persecution and suffering of the church.
4. The spread of believers and the message of Christ in Samaria and further into the world.



READ

In Week Ten we studied the most important character in the whole Bible—Jesus. This week we will be studying the life of Peter, one of Jesus’ disciples. He was used by God in the beginning of the church and later became one of its most important leaders.

PETER (“ROCK”)

1. Background

Peter was not a highly educated person; he was just a simple fisherman in the Sea of Galilee (Matt 4:18). Andrew, Peter’s brother, was a disciple of John the Baptist and one of the first disciples of Jesus (John 1:35–40). When Andrew first met Jesus, he ran to tell his brother about Him. When Jesus saw Peter, whose name was Simon, Jesus changed his name to Cephas, meaning Peter or rock (John 1:41–42). From that time, it seems that Peter and his brother left their profession of fishing to become followers of Christ. Peter became a leader in the Church and also wrote two epistles, 1 Peter and 2 Peter. It is believed that Peter was crucified, killed for his faith.

2. Important Events

- Jesus calls Peter to follow Him, Matt 4:18ff, John 1:42
- Peter recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, Matt 16:13ff
- Peter at the transfiguration, Matt 17:1, 2
- Peter at Jesus’ trial, Matt 26:69ff
- Jesus’ charge to him, John 21:15–19
- Peter’s sermon at Pentecost, Acts 2
- Peter heals a crippled man at the temple, Acts 3:1–10
- Peter preaches to the Gentiles, Acts 4:10

3. Where Peter Demonstrated Faith

- Peter walked on water, Matt 14:29
- Peter recognized Jesus as the Messiah, Matt 16:13ff
- Peter preached at Pentecost, Acts 2
- Peter healed a man, Acts 3:1–10
- Peter preached the gospel under great opposition by the religious and government authorities, Acts 4:1–22

4. Peter’s Failures And Weaknesses

- Peter sank into the sea, Matt 14:30
- Peter misunderstood Jesus’ purpose on earth, Matt 16:21–23
- Peter denied Christ, Matt 26:69ff
- Peter failed to support the gentile community, Gal 2:11–14

5. Examples to Follow

- Peter was a disciple of action, but his intentions or actions were often wrong.
- Peter's strength came when he kept his eyes on the Lord; his failure came when he took his eyes off Him.
- When Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, he became a very powerful leader in the Church.
- Even though Peter had many failures, he always came back and was restored by God's grace.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Peter.
2. Peter was probably the boldest of all the disciples. Is that good or bad? Should you be bold about your faith?
3. Peter had many failures, yet he never quit. Have you failed in any way as a Christian? Like Peter, we all have failed in one way or another. What should we do about it?
4. Why did God continue to use Peter after he denied Him three times?
5. How can God use you in His church?



MEMORIZE













1. Say the verse from Week Ten, John 15:4
2. Week Eleven Bible Verse:
“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.” 1 Pet 5:6-7

WEEK TWELVE: MISSIONS



REVIEW

1. Name the twelve headings for the twelve weeks and the Bible characters associated with those weeks.

		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		Paul

2. Can you name the four divisions found in the New Testament?
3. Can you name all the books in the New Testament?



LEARN

This is the last week of our study. By now you should know all the divisions of the Old and New Testament as well as the names of all the books in the Bible.


DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

History (17 Books)	Poetry (5 Books)	Prophecy (17 Books)
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy <div> <div></div> <div>Pentateuch</div> </div>	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel <div> <div></div> <div>Major Prophets</div> </div>
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Ester <div> <div></div> <div>History Books</div> </div>		Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi <div> <div></div> <div>Minor Prophets</div> </div>

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

FOUR DIVISIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT			
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MISSIONS



Date: Approximately 45 to 65 years after the birth of Christ.

Important Events: During the persecution of the church in Jerusalem, Christians moved out to cities in the surrounding area. It was the church of Antioch that sent out the great missionary Paul. Paul and many of his companions traveled throughout Asia Minor and parts of Europe preaching, teaching, and starting churches.

Short Outline:

1. Paul's conversion to Christ.
2. Paul and Barnabas are sent out by the church.
3. Paul makes three journeys within the lifetime of his ministry, preaching and starting churches.
4. Paul is put into prison.



READ

In Week Ten we studied the most important character in the whole Bible—Jesus. This week we will be studying the life of Paul, one of Jesus’ disciples. He was used by God in the beginning of the church and later became one of its most important leaders.

PAUL (“LITTLE ONE”)

1. Background

Paul, first called Saul, was born in Tarsus. He was a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin and a Pharisee, or lawyer, of Jewish law. He was also very zealous for his religion. He was greatly troubled and persecuted the early Christian church (Phil 3:5, 6). Paul had a great encounter with Christ. His name was changed to Paul—meaning “little one”—and he became a believer. Paul then traveled extensively, preaching the gospel, starting groups of believers, teaching, and writing letters to the churches. It is believed that Paul was executed in Rome.

2. Important Events

- Saul persecutes the church and takes part in the stoning of Stephen, Acts 7:54–8:3
- The conversion of Paul, Acts 9:1–19
- Training of Paul in Arabia, Gal 1:17
- Paul and Barnabas are chosen to preach the gospel to the world, Acts 13:1–3
- Paul’s First Missionary Journey, Acts 13:1–14:28
- Paul’s Second Missionary Journey, Acts 15:36–18:22
- Paul’s Third Missionary Journey, Acts 18:23–21:26
- Paul is arrested in Jerusalem, Acts 21:27–22:29
- Paul is taken to Rome for his trial, Acts 21:27–28:31

3. Where Paul Demonstrated Faith

- Paul obeyed God’s call to travel and preach, Acts 13:1–33
- Paul preached under great opposition, persecution, and suffering, 2 Cor 11:16–33
- Paul worked faithfully for the church, Acts 20: 20–38
- Paul was faithful until the end, 2 Tim 4:7

4. Paul’s Failures And Weaknesses

- An unknown situation in his life made him weak, 2 Cor 12: 7–10
- He was impatient with others, Acts 15:37–40

5. Examples To Follow

- God can save and forgive anyone, even a man who sought to kill Christians.
- Not only did Paul preach grace, but he depended on it for his life, and he showed it to others.
- Paul was a man filled with the Spirit of God, Acts 9:17
- Paul saw himself as insufficient for the task God had given him, but he accomplished it through Christ’s strength.
- Paul was faithful to God’s calling until the end.
- Nothing was impossible for Paul through Christ’s strength, Phil 4:13

- God was always faithful to Paul.



DISCUSS

1. Discuss the life of Paul.
2. Paul persecuted the church and harmed Christians, yet God forgave him and used him. Is there something you have done for which God needs to forgive you?
3. Paul gave his life to the church and worked very hard for it. How can you follow Paul's example today?
4. Paul suffered greatly for Christ. Have you had to suffer for Christ? How?
5. What did Paul think about suffering?



MEMORIZE

1. Say the verse from Week Ten and Week Eleven, John 15:4 and 1 Pet 5:6-7
2. Week Twelve Bible Verse:
“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Rom 12:1-2

APPENDICES

APPENDIX: 1

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

History (17 Books)		Poetry (5 Books)	Prophecy (17 Books)	
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	} Pentateuch	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	} Major Prophets
Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Ester			Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	
	} History Books			} Minor Prophets

DIVISIONS AND NAMES OF BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

FOUR DIVISIONS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT			
Gospel	Acts	Epistles	Revelations
Matthew Mark Luke John		Romans 1 & 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude	

APPENDIX: 2

ABBREVIATIONS OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

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Genesis.....	Gen
Exodus.....	Exod
Leviticus.....	Lev
Numbers.....	Num
Deuteronomy.....	Deut
Joshua.....	Josh
Judges.....	Judg
Ruth.....	Ruth
1 Samuel.....	1 Sam
2 Samuel.....	2 Sam
1 Kings.....	1 Kings
2 Kings.....	2 Kings
1 Chronicles.....	1 Chron
2 Chronicles.....	2 Chron
Ezra.....	Ezra
Nehemiah.....	Neh
Esther.....	Est
Job.....	Job
Psalms.....	Pss
Proverbs.....	Prov
Ecclesiastes.....	Eccles
Song Of Solomon.....	Song of Sol
Isaiah.....	Isa
Jeremiah.....	Jer
Lamentations.....	Lam
Ezekiel.....	Ezek
Daniel.....	Dan
Hosea.....	Hos
Joel.....	Joel
Amos.....	Amos
Obadiah.....	Obad
Jonah.....	Jon
Micah.....	Mic
Nahum.....	Nah
Habakkuk.....	Hab
Zephaniah.....	Zeph
Haggai.....	Hag
Zechariah.....	Zech
Malachi.....	Mal

ABBREVIATIONS OF THE BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew.....	Matt
Mark.....	Mark
Luke.....	Luke
John.....	John
Acts.....	Acts
Romans.....	Rom
1 Corinthians.....	1 Cor
2 Corinthians.....	2 Cor
Galatians.....	Gal
Ephesians.....	Eph
Philippians.....	Phil
Colossians.....	Col
1 Thessalonians.....	1 Thes
2 Thessalonians.....	2 Thes
1 Timothy.....	1 Tim
2 Timothy.....	2 Tim
Titus.....	Titus
Philemon.....	Phil
Hebrews.....	Heb
James.....	James
1 Peter.....	1 Pet
2 Peter.....	2 Pet
1 John.....	1 John
2 John.....	2 John
3 John.....	3 John
Jude.....	Jude
Revelations.....	Rev

APPENDIX: 3

OVERVIEW OF EACH WEEK'S TOPIC AND CHARACTER

	Creation	Adam
	Patriarchs	Abraham
	Exodus	Moses
	Conquest	Joshua
	Judges	Gideon
	Kingdom	David
	Exile	Daniel
	Return	Nehemiah
	Silence	(Review)
	Gospel	Jesus
	Church	Peter
	Missions	Paul

APPENDIX: 4

BIBLE VERSES TO LEARN

Week One

“Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man. But all who are related to Christ, the other man, will be given new life.”
1 Cor 15:22

Week Two

“And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord declared him righteous because of his faith.” Gen 15:6

Week Three

“It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be treated as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.”
Heb 11:24-25

Week Four

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Josh 1:9

Week Five

“I will not rule over you, nor will my son. The Lord will rule over you.”
Judg 8: 23

Week Six

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” Ps 19:14

Week Seven

“Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.” Dan 6:16b

Week Eight

“Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Neh 8:10

Week Nine

Review

Week Ten

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”
John 15:4

Week Eleven

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.” 1 Pet 5:6-7

Week Twelve

“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect”
Rom 12:1-2

