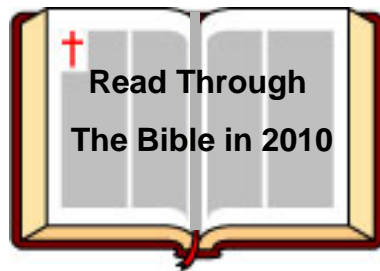




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Reading Plan

If you don't have a Daily Bible:

Jan 1-3 Gen. 1 - 9
Jan 4-10 Gen. 10 - 24
Jan 11-17 Gen. 25 - 38
Jan 18 - 24 Gen. 39 - Ex. 11

Remember Outlook devotional

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Objective

1. Read through the Bible in 2006 "All 66 in 2006"
2. Understand the broad concepts and events
3. Dig deeper for spiritual application
4. Have fun

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Guidelines

1. Pray of understanding
2. Read the Bible like you'd read a novel.
3. Underline and make notes like crazy. You may want to keep a notebook handy. Also, keep your Bible and copy of the Outlook in a convenient place where you can be uninterrupted.
4. Find the best time for you and make it a priority. Readings should take 15-20 minutes a day.
5. If you get behind, get caught up with an extended reading session.
6. Don't get bogged down in the tough stuff. Remember we are trying to get a "big picture" that reveals God's revelation to man from creation to the second coming of Christ.

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The blessing isn't going to come from anything I say necessarily. The blessing comes when the Holy Spirit reveals to you personal, spiritual insights as you read God's word.



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- Use of handouts. How am I going to use what I learned this week?

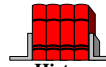
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Old Testament 39 Books



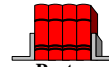
Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy



History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1&2 Samuel
1&2 Kings
1&2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther



Poetry

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon



Prophecy

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi



Looking Back

- The Bible is the **Word** of **God**
- Its main theme is **Jesus**. Its purpose is to reveal the **Plan of Salvation**
- The Bible is a library of **66** books written by **40** different authors over a period of **1500** years. It is divided into the Old and New Testament. The OT contains **39** books and the NT contains **27** books.
- It has **transforming** power.

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Introduction to the Bible

It transforms people:

C. S. Lewis
Terry Anderson
Lee Strobel
Chuck Colson
Sir William Ramsey



Executive Summary of Old Testament

In the 39 books of the Old Testament we see how God interacted with man to create a nation of people. Halley's summarizes this process as follows: "God created man, and placed him in the Garden of Eden, in southwest Asia. . . Man sinned, and fell from what God designed him to be. Then God inaugurated a plan for man's ultimate redemption and re-creation, by calling Abraham to found a nation through whom this would be accomplished. God led Abraham out of Babylonia into the land of Canaan. Abraham's descendants migrated to Egypt, and there grew to be a nation. After 400 years, they were led out of Egypt, under the direction of Moses, back into the Promised Land of Canaan. And there, in the course of some four or five hundred years, under the reigns of David and Solomon, the nation became a great and mighty kingdom. Then, at the close of Solomon's reign, the Kingdom divided. The North part, ten tribes, called "Israel," lasted about 200 years, and was taken captive by Assyria, 721 B.C. The South part, called "Judah," lasted a little over 100 years longer, and about 600 B.C., was carried away captive by Babylon. A Remnant of the captive nation, returned to their own land in 536 B.C., and reestablished their national life." 400 years later Christ was born.

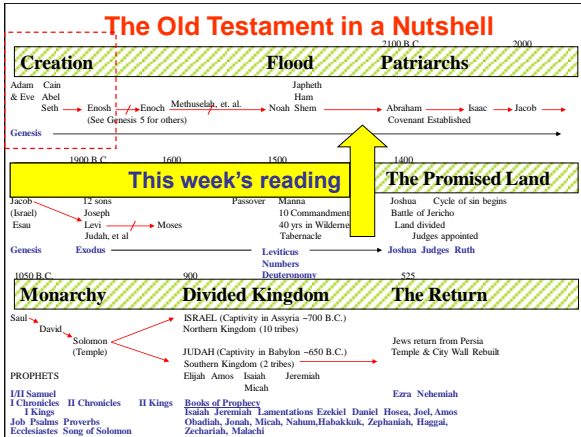
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About the book, Genesis

- Authorship **Moses**
- Date: Genesis was probably written during the wilderness wanderings. This would be between 1446 and 1406 B.C.
- Genesis is a book of **beginnings**

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The Old Testament in a Nutshell

Creation (4000-2000 B.C.): Adam, Cain, Abel, Seth, Enosh, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Japheth, Ham. Covenant Established.

Forming:

1. Light & Dark v 3-5
2. Sea & Sky v 6-8
3. Fertile earth v 9-13
4. Sun, moon, stars v 14-19
5. Creatures of water & air v 20-23
6. Land animals & man v 23-2:1
7. God rested v. 2:2-4

Filling:

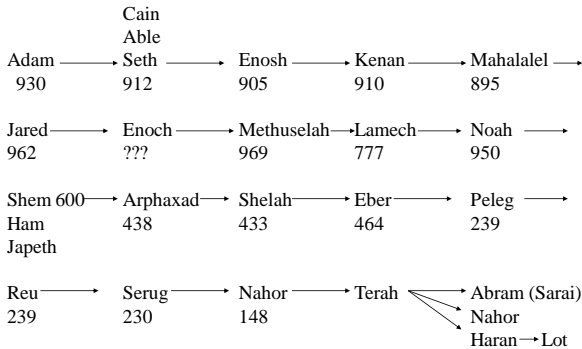
1. and creatures that move v 14-19
2. irds of the air--for I am v 14-19
3. LORD. 4. But Noah found v 14-19
5. LORD. 6. 2 unclean v 14-19
7. it v 14-19
8. altar v 14-19

Other Key Events: Tower of Babel (p. 17), Flood, Patriarchs, The Promised Land, Cycle of sin begins, Battle of Jericho, Land divided, Judges appointed, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

Why do they live so long? P. 8

Bizarre story – Noah gets drunk, Ham see him naked and descendants are cursed. Gen. 9:20 (p. 16)

Lineage from Adam and Abram



4. What does it mean?

a. Genesis is a book of beginnings. Name some things that had their beginning in Genesis.

1. Everything
2. Marriage/Family
3. Sin
4. Rules and Regulations
5. Plan of salvation
6. Worship
7. Answers
8. Geneologies

Evolutionism and Creationism Compared

Topic	God's word	Man's opinion
Order of appearance	Earth before sun, Fruit trees before fish	Sun before earth; Fish before trees
First Man	Formed directly from the elements (dust)	Descended from Preexistent animals
First Woman	From man's body	Descended from preexistent women
Time taken for creation	All things created in six days	Vast ages
Flood judgment for sin	Globe-covering	No global flood
Death, violence, and bloodshed	Only after Adam - the results of rebellion	Eons before Adam

Darwinism Evolution

Life began by accident. Over billions of years of genetic mutation and natural selection life evolved from non-life to single celled organisms to man

Drawbacks

1. Problems with old earth*
2. Gaps/missing links
3. Benevolent mutations??
4. Something from nothing
5. Renders life meaningless**

- * 1. Galaxies wind themselves up too fast
- 2. Comets disintegrate too quickly
- 3. Not enough mud on ocean floor
- 4. Not enough sodium in the sea
- 5. Earth's magnetic field decaying too fast
- 6. Not enough Stone Age skeletons 300 billion missing

** "No life after death; no ultimate foundation for ethics; no ultimate meaning for life; no free will." Cornell Biologist William Provine

Theistic Evolution

God used the evolutionary process to create life and mankind

Drawbacks

1. Contradicts the Biblical record in Genesis and elsewhere***
2. Inconsistent with God's methods Evolution produces innumerable 'misfits' and extinctions
3. Darwinism basis for anti-Christian worldview
4. Contradicts basic laws of science
 - a. Energy Conservation
 - b. 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

***"God created" six times in Genesis 1
 1 Timothy 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
 1 Corinthians 15:45. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.
 Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.
 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.
 Acts 17:26 From one man he made every nation of men.



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- b. Sin enters the world

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What is sin?

Actions by which humans rebel against God, miss His purpose for their life, and surrender to the power of evil rather than to God.

Or doing what you want to do when you should do what God wants you to do or someone else needs for you to do for them

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Sin is. . .

- 1) Missing the mark
- 2) Lawlessness
- 3) It is "unrighteousness"
- 4) Failure to do good
- 5) Everything not of faith is sin

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The Consequences of Sin

- 1) Separation from God
- 2) Shame and fear
- 3) Suffering, toil and woe
- 4) A seared conscience
- 5) Death – Spiritual and physical

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The Cure for Sin

- Old Testament
 - a. Transgression of the Law
 - b. Atoned for by regular sacrifices
- New Testament
 - a. A condition of the heart
 - b. Atoned for by Christ's death and sacrifice once and for all

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Summary

5. What does this mean to the Christian?
 - Sin is rebellion against God and leads to separation
 - Sacrifice needed to atone for sin
 - Being a Christian is not about doing good and avoiding sin. Being a Christian is about a relationship, "walking with God."
 - Flood demonstrates God's hatred of sin and His Grace toward Noah (mankind)

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- b. Sin enters the world
- c. God initiates a plan to restore the relationship between Him and man.

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Going Deeper

- a. Who made God?
- b. Evolution vs. creationism (Intelligent Design)
- c. Sin/separation and a plan to restore the relationship between God and mankind
- d. The importance of covenants

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