

# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

## Introduction

1. Genesis- Beginning- Failure of man met by the salvation of God
2. Exodus- Redemption- Deliverance by blood
3. Leviticus- Atonement- Access to God through blood  
Holiness- Separation to God by obedience
4. Numbers- Service- Redeemed are saved to serve
5. Deuteronomy- Obedience- The word of God magnified
6. Joshua- Possess- Rewards of obedience
7. Judges- Self-Righteous- Spiritual declension owing to disobedience
8. Ruth Restoration (Redemption)- Rest through redemption and union
9. I Samuel- Prayed- The place and power of prayer
10. II Samuel-Before the Lord- Sin will find you out
11. I Kings- As David his Father- Jehovah rules Israel
12. II Kings- Corruption- Man rules Israel
13. I Chronicles- Thou Reignest- Jehovah rules Judah
14. II Chronicles- Captivity- Gentiles enslave the chosen people
15. Ezra- Return- Restoration to the land
16. Nehemiah- Rebuild- Restoration of the nation
17. Esther- For such a time- The hand of the unseen God
18. Job Trial- Suffering
19. Psalms- Worship- Praise is comely
20. Proverbs- Wisdom- Light to our path
21. Ecclesiastes- Vanity- Life without God under the sun
22. Song of Solomon- Love- The desire of the heart
23. Isaiah- Salvation- Saviour of the nation and the individual
24. Jeremiah- Stony Ground- Faithful Word, Unfaithful hearers
25. Lamentations- Weeping- Result of rejecting God
26. Ezekiel- Glory of the Lord- Goodness and Severity of God
27. Daniel- Dominion- Jehovah rules the nations
28. Hosea- Return- Restoring Backsliders
29. Joel- Day of the Lord- Darkness not Light

30. Amos- Punishment- National Sins reckoned with
31. Obadiah- Retribution- Peril of Anti-Semitism
32. Jonah- Prepared- Gentiles Saved
33. Micah- Incomparable God- Heart, not ritual, required
34. Nahum- Doom- End of the Apostate
35. Habakkuk- Why? Making sense of life's troubles
36. Zephaniah- Jealousy- Only one God
37. Haggai- Word of the Lord- Serve him first
38. Zechariah- That Day- Coming of the Messiah
39. Malachi- Ye say- God's controversy with rebels

The books of the Bible are in seven groups:

Old Testament

17 Historical

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy  
Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
I and II Samuel  
I and II Kings  
I and II Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

5 Poetical

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

17 Prophetical

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

New Testament

4 Gospels

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke Galatians John Ephesians

Acts

21 Epistles

Romans  
I and II Corinthians  
Philippians  
Colossians

Revelation

I and II Thessalonians  
I and II Timothy

Titus  
Philemon  
Hebrews  
James  
I and II Peter I and  
II and III John Jude

Twelve logical and historical divisions in the Bible (The first three stages are found in the Pentateuch)

#### Creation stage

1. Creation
2. The Fall
3. Flood
4. Tower of Babel

#### Patriarchal stage

1. Lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Job

#### Exodus stage

1. Deliverance from Israel
2. Giving of the Law
3. Building of the Tabernacle
4. Failure at Kadesh

#### Conquest Stage

1. Invasion of the land
2. Subjection of the land
3. Division of the land

#### Judges stage

1. Ministry of 12 Judges
2. Marriage of Ruth
3. Call and ministry of Samuel

#### United Kingdom stage

1. Reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon
2. Recovery of the ark
3. Construction of the first Temple

#### Divided Kingdom stage

1. Civil war
2. Capture of ten tribes by Assyria
3. Capture of two tribes by Babylon

## Captivity stage

1. Ministry of Daniel and Ezekiel
2. Fall of Babylon
3. Rise of Persia

## Return Stage

1. Decree of Cyrus
2. Construction of second Temple
3. Deliverance of Jews in Persia

## The New Testament

Gospel stage Early

Church stage

Epistle stage

The Pentateuch (the Law)

## I. Creation Stage Genesis 1-11

### Genesis

-The book of beginnings

-It has 50 chapters, 1,533 verses; 38,267 words; and 1,156 of the verses begin with and -  
Was probably written somewhere between 1700-1500 B.C.

-It covers the first 2,000+ years of human history from the creation of man to the settlement of God's chosen people in Egypt

-It tells the story of the fall of man and the sad consequences that follow, beginning in a garden eastward in Eden (2:8) and ending in a coffin in Egypt (50:26)

-Genesis is quoted or referenced over 60 times in the N.T.- 43 of its 50 chapters are quoted  
Only Philemon, II John and III. John have no references to Genesis

-The authorship of Genesis (and the entire Pentateuch) is ascribed to Moses by Jesus and the apostles- Mt. 19:4-6; Mark 12:26; Luke 2:22; John 7:23; Acts 13:39: 15:5; 28:23; I Cor. and Hebrews 10:28

-The two books of the Bible most argues against and hated by the devil and his followers is Genesis and Revelation

Genesis has been attacked by science, falsely so called, yet without a single error in its text ever having been established.

-Genesis is vital because essential truths have their beginning in this book

The following beginnings found in Genesis

1. The heavens and the earth 1 :1-25
2. The human race 1 :26-2
3. Human Sin 3:1-7
4. Revelation of Redemption 3:8-24
5. Family life 4:1-15

6. Godless civilization 4:16-9:29

7. Nations of the world ch.10

8. Confusion of language ch. 11

9. The Hebrew race

-We see in Genesis, through the fall of man, the flood, the tower of Babel, Noah though Joseph, that where sin abounded, grace did much more abound!

Creation stage

#### A. Main Characters

1. Adam

2. Abel

3. Enoch

4. Noah

#### B. Creation 1-2 Genesis 1:1

1. Genesis 1:1- This single verse rules out all that is false in the thoughts and teachings of men about God, creation and the universe

2. This verse denies at least 6 false doctrines

-Atheism- Says there is no God- There IS a God

-Polytheism- Says there are many gods- There is ONE true God

-Pantheism- Says God and nature are one- God created the heavens and earth

-Agnosticism- Says can't know if there's a God- This creation must have a Designer and Creator!

-Fatalism- things happen by fate and chance- God created!

-Materialism(eternity of matter)- Deny the existence of spiritual substances(the soul is matter)- God created man- spirit, soul and body

3. Six days of creation

a. The days in Genesis are 24 hour periods

b. Evening and the morning 1:5,8,13,19,23,31

c. God made plant life on day 3, the lights(sun) on day 4, Plant life can't survive without sun light

d. Moses believed it Ex. 20:11

4. God rested the seventh day

5. God creates man out of the dust of the ground

6. God creates woman to be a help meet for man

7. God institutes marriage- a man and a woman

8. The generations of Adam 5:1-6:8

a. Adam live 930 years

b. His sons were Cain, Abel and Seth

c. Abel brought a blood sacrifice as God required

d. Cain would not shed blood for his sacrifice, but he would shed his brother's blood in defiance of God

9. The generations of Noah 6:9-9:28

a. Noah obeyed God and built the ark

b. He went in the ark with 7 pairs of all clean animals and one pair of all unclean animals

C. Corruption (Sin) Genesis 3-5

1. Subtlety of Satan
2. Sin of Adam
3. Redemption of God
4. Able martyred
5. Judgment on Cain
6. Ministry of Enoch

D. Condemnation Genesis 6-9

1. Condemnation follows Corruption
2. Conditions before the flood
  - a. Consumed with physical appetites Lk. 17:27
  - b. Sexual immorality Gen. 4:19; 6:1
  - c. Materialism
  - d. No concern or thought of God Gen. 6:5
  - e. Consumed with pleasure and comfort
  - f. Widespread violence Gen. 6:11
  - g. Corruption through society Gen. 6:12
3. Salvation through the flood
  - a. Only one way- the ark
  - b. Only one door into the ark
  - c. A world wide flood Gen. 7:19-23
4. The tragedy after the flood Gen. 9:21-25
5. The generations of the sons of Noah Gen. 10:1-11:9
  - a. The descendants of Japheth went northward to the Urals to occupy Europe
  - b. The descendants of Ham went southward to occupy Africa and the islands -Egypt is called 'the land of Ham' ps. 105:23.27: 106:22
  - c. The descendants of Shem went eastward and occupied most of Asia

E. Confusion Genesis 10-11

1. The arrogance of man
  - a. Building the tower of Babel
  - b. Wanted a name for themselves
2. The Judgment of God
  - a. Confounded their language
3. The origin of nations
  - a. Shem
  - b. Ham
  - c. Japheth

## II. Patriarchal Stage Genesis 12-50

### A. Main Characters

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Joseph

### B. Generations

1. The generations of Shem 11 :10-26
2. The generations of Terah- Abraham 11:27-25:11
3. The generations of Ishmael 25:12-18
4. The generations of Isaac 25:19-35:29
  - a. Jacob and Esau
  - b. The generations of Esau 36:1-43
5. The generations of Jacob 37:2-50:26
  - a. Twelve sons and Dinah his daughter

### C. Abraham Genesis 12-24; Hebrews 11:8-10

1. Beginning of the Hebrew nation
2. His calling and conversion at Ur Gen. 11 :31; 12:1-4
3. At Haran
  - a. Partial Obedience (disobedience)
  - b. Took his father and settles in Haran
4. Arrival in Canaan Gen. 12:4-9
5. Trip to Egypt Gen. 12:10-20
  - a. He goes to the land of the Philistines in Gen. 20
6. Meets Melchizedek
  - a. First mention of Priest
  - b. First mention of tithing
  - c. First mention of bread and wine (communion)
7. His Covenant Gen. 15:1-21
  - b. First mentioned in Gen. 12:1-4
  - c. Confirmed in Gen. 13:14-17; and again in Gen. 15:1-18
  - d. Sevenfold promise
    - I will make of thee a great nation
    - I will bless thee
    - I will make thy name great
    - Thou shalt be a blessing
    - I will bless them that bless thee
    - I will curse them that curse thee
    - In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed
8. Has a son through Hagar Gen. 16

- a. Ishmael
- b. Hagar is an Egyptian
- 9. Abraham at 99 Gen. 17
  - a. Name changed to Abraham
  - b. Sarah's name changed
  - c. Circumcision becomes the sign of God's covenant
- 10. Abraham intercedes for Lot Gen. 18-19
  - a. Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed
- 11. Isaac is born Gen. 21
- 12. Abraham is tested Gen. 22
  - a. Type of Calvary
    - sacrifice his only son
    - Substitute for Isaac
- 13. Death of Sarah Gen. 23
- 14. Abraham sends his servant to find a bride for Isaac Gen.
  - a. Abraham a type of God the Father 24
  - b. Isaac a type of the Son
  - c. The servant a type of the Holy Spirit
  - d. Rebekah a type of the Church
- 15. Abraham's death Gen. 25:7-10

#### D. Isaac Genesis 24-27

- 1. The submissive son Gen. 22:1-4
- 2. Isaac marries Gen. 24:62-67
- 3. Isaac prays for children Gen. 25
- 4. Isaac goes down to the Philistines Gen. 26
- 5. Isaac is deceived by Jacob Gen. 27

#### E. Jacob Genesis 4-36

- 1. Devises to steal the birthright from Esau Gen. 25
- 2. Deceives his Father Gen. 27
- 3. Dreams a dream Gen. 28
- 4. Serves for Rachel, but gets Leah first Gen. 29-30
  - a. Serves 14 years for his wives
- 5. Works for Laban Gen. 30-31
- 6. Departs for Canaan Gen. 32-37
  - a. Wrestles with the Angel of God Gen. 32
  - b. Meets Esau Gen. 33
  - c. His daughter is defiled by Shechem Gen. 34
  - d. God tells Jacob to get back to Bethel Gen. 35
- 7. The sorrow of Jacob Gen. 35-37
  - a. Rachel dies Gen. 35



- b. His father, Isaac dies Gen. 35
- c. Joseph is lost Gen. 37

#### F. Joseph Genesis 37-50

1. Loved by his Father
2. Hated by his brethren
3. Given dreams by God
4. Sold by his brothers
5. Faithful as a steward
6. Faithful as a prisoner
7. Elevated to second in command
8. Forgives his brethren
9. Blessed by his Father
10. The greatest type of Jesus Christ in the Bible

- beloved by their fathers
- hated by their brethren without a cause
- sent by their fathers to their brethren
- were shepherds
- Plotted against by their brethren
- severely tempted
- taken to Egypt
- Stripped of their robes
- sold for a price
- bound
- remained silent and offered no defense
- falsely accused
- experienced God's presence through everything
- respected by their jailers
- placed with two prisoners, one of which was saved and the other lost
- both around thirty at the beginning of their ministry
- both highly exalted after their sufferings
- both took non-Jewish brides
- both lost to their brethren for a while
- both forgave and restored their repentant brethren
- both visited and honored by earthly nations

#### G. Jews move into Egypt a, Begins their 430 years in Egypt Ex. 12:30

*Genesis - Begins with God creating Everything (man)  
Ends with a coffin in Egypt  
Why? - Sin*