

# The 1-Hr Bible

From Genesis to Revelation in 60 minutes

# introduction

- ◆ Purpose of the Bible: To recount **salvation history** - God's dealings with Israel & the early Church
- ◆ Writers of the Bible: kings, prophets, peasants, fishermen, tax men, poets, etc etc... ie, all walks of life
- ◆ The problem: many writings written over ~1200 years (~1100 B.C.-100 A.D.) & not in chronological order
- ◆ The solution: untangle, re-order, de-duplicate & defragment the story

# The whole story in 12 periods

1. BC: The Beginnings
2. 1850 BC: The Patriarchs
3. 1250 BC: The Exodus
4. 1200 BC: Desert Journey
5. 1100 BC: The Judge Cycle
6. 1030 BC: Kings & Prophets
7. 1000 BC: Kingdom Divided
8. 721/587 BC: The Exiles
9. 538 BC: The Restoration
10. 163 BC: The Repurification
11. AD: Jesus
12. 33 / 70 AD: Early Church

BC

# 1. In the Beginnings...

- ◆ orderly creation (& it was good)
- ◆ Adam & Eve (& it was very good)
- ◆ original sin (& was it good?)
- ◆ proto-evangelium
- ◆ Cain & Abel - the 2nd sin & free will
- ◆ the Flood - Noah's Arc & the new world order
- ◆ the Tower of Babel

~1850 BC

## 2. The Patriarchs

- ◆ Abraham & Sarah
- ◆ The Promised Land
- ◆ Isaac & Rebekah
- ◆ the sacrifice & obedience of faith
- ◆ Jacob & Esau ; Jacob == "Israel"
- ◆ 12 sons of Israel: Joseph - dream interpreter; Pharoah's right hand
- ◆ Forgiveness & Providence

~1250 BC

# 3. Exodus from Egypt

- ◆ A later Pharaoh
- ◆ slavery in Egypt - cry out
- ◆ Moses
- ◆ The Burning Bush & the name of God: YHWH
- ◆ The plagues & the Passover
- ◆ the Exodus

~1200 BC

# 4. Desert Journey

- ◆ 10 commandments
- ◆ covenant "You are my people & I am your God"
- ◆ Mosaic Law (circumcision; Sabbath)
- ◆ ark of the covenant
- ◆ Levites
- ◆ 40 years from Egypt to the Jordan
- ◆ warning! Do Not Intermarry! (Canaanite gods)

~1100 BC

# 5. The Judge cycle

- ◆ Joshua's 3 sweep conquest
- ◆ intermarry / inter worship => lose battle => cry out => God raises a Judge = win battle => intermarry / inter worship => lost battle => cry out = God raises another Judge... etc etc
- ◆ Gideon - wins outnumbered; refuses to be a king
- ◆ Deborah
- ◆ Samson
- ◆ Samuel - last judge => Prophet

~1030 BC

# 6. Kings & Prophets

- ◆ Saul & Samuel
- ◆ David - shepherd boy, musician, great warrior!
- ◆ Philistines - Goliath
- ◆ thousands v. tens of thousands
- ◆ repentance and dynasty - Davidic covenant; no comparison
- ◆ honor and exile
- ◆ Solomon & the Temple

~1000 BC

# 7. The Kingdom Divided

- ◆ Solomon's wisdom => 700 wives => not so wise!
- ◆ Temple taxes; son Rehoboam
- ◆ 10 tribes to the north (Israel) based in Samaria
- ◆ 2 tribes to the south (Judah) based in Jerusalem
- ◆ good & bad kings (none as good as David)
- ◆ Elijah, Elisha, and Isaiah
- ◆ messages of impending doom & future deliverance
- ◆ Assyrian Empire - cry out to...?

~721/587 BC

# 8. Ending in Exile

- ◆ Babylonian Empire
- ◆ Jeremiah - same two messages to Judah; get personal; new David
- ◆ exploiting the poor; worshipping other gods
- ◆ Ezekiel to fellow exiles: Son of Man; apocalyptic visions; new Jerusalem
- ◆ not for the people but for the glory of God's holy name

~538 BC

# 9. The Restoration

- ◆ 2nd Isaiah among the exiles: now doom for Babylon => Persian Empire!
- ◆ "voice crying in the wilderness", imminent "Day of the Lord"
- ◆ Song of the (suffering) Servant (Israel / a Son of Man)
- ◆ decree of Cyrus => Lamentations => minor prophets rebuild
- ◆ Levite scribe Ezra finds lost Law => Deuteronomic reform
- ◆ tensions between returning Jews and Samaritans
- ◆ apocalyptic Daniel & visions with 4 empires
- ◆ Wisdom writings - Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs

~163 BC

# 10. The Repurification

- ◆ Prophetic silence
- ◆ Greek Empire! Alexander; cultural conquest - remnant Jews sandwiched between Ptolemies in Egypt & Seleucids in Palestine
- ◆ Antiochus IV Hellenistic drive to wipe out Yawhism => Maccabean revolt
- ◆ Hasmonean Dynasty (political); religious factions: Pharisees (scribes), Saducees (priests), Essenes (separatists)
- ◆ Roman Empire! Antipater family - Pompey, Julius Caesar, Cassius, Mark Antony, Octavian (Augustus) => Antipater's son Herod (puppet king)
- ◆ Procurators => 4th faction of Jews - Zealots (militias)
- ◆ "Fullness of Time"

AD

# 11. Jesus

- ◆ The Annunciation & the cousin: Repent!
- ◆ reversing human judgments & fulfillment of the Law
- ◆ 700  $\Rightarrow$  2
- ◆ miraculous (blasphemous?) emphasis
- ◆ who do you say? 1/12
- ◆ the cup & the united will - Abba; Thanks in advance
- ◆ the Passion & the Promise

~33/70 AD

# 12. Early Apostolic Church

- ◆ Pentecost - more miracles, baptisms
- ◆ Roman - & Jewish - persecution - Stephen
- ◆ Roman Jew - Saul => Paul - 3 journeys & letters
- ◆ animal sacrifices => ultimate Sacrifice; We are One Body
- ◆ Judaizing question in Council of Jerusalem to unity against anti-christianity with 2 criteria: Son of God in the flesh & love of neighbor
- ◆ Revelation - apocalyptic descriptions of Roman Empire - eschatological showdown between heavenly & beastly forces
- ◆ Heavenly nuptial - New Jerusalem... soon

# Question & Answer

- ◆ Why do some Bibles have 66 books & others have 73?
- ◆ Which Bible is the best Bible?
- ◆ What parts are real and what parts are not?
- ◆ What is the Biblical bottom line?

# Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

And when I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

And I will not forget, your love for me, and yet,  
My heart is forever wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side,  
and I will hold you till the end