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Old Testament Survey

Suggested Texts:

He Loves Forever by Thomas H. Olbricht College Press

How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth by Gordon & Fee

How to Read the Bible Book by Book by Gordon & Fee

A Quick Overview of the Bible by Douglas Jacoby Harvest House

From Shadow to Reality by John Oakes IPI Books

Israel's Gospel (A study in OT theology) by John Goldingay

Aim of the Old Testament Survey

- I. Understand OT as a Christian
- II. Deepen knowledge of OT
- III. Equip for further study

Theme of the Bible: God wants a relationship with us.

Theme of the Old Testament: God is sending the Messiah and bringing salvation

Jewish Outline of the Old Testament: *Tanakh* (Luke 24:44)

I. Torah = "The Law" - Genesis-Deuteronomy

II. Neviim = "The Prophets" - Joshua....2 Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah... "The Twelve,"

III. Ketuvim = "The Writings" - Psalms, Proverbs, Job,.. Ruth,..

Lamentations,...Daniel, Ezra,... II Chronicles

Themes of the Old Testament:

I. The Messiah is coming.

II. God chooses a person and a people through whom to send the Messiah.

III God wants to bless his people (physically).

-The grace of God.

-Some people say OT an angry and vengeful God - NT a loving, patient and gracious God. This is so far from the truth!

IV. The call to repentance.

V. God's amazing patience with his people

VI. Judgment for those who will not repent.

-This is a major and unmistakable theme!

VII. Salvation and forgiveness

VIII. God works through history

Key Figures on the Old Testament:

Adam Giving in to temptation

Noah Faithful preacher

Abraham Man of faith

Joseph Man of perseverance

Moses Humble Leadership

Joshua Courageous Leadership

Samuel Wisdom

David Heart for God

Elijah Courageous Prophet

All are prefigures of the Messiah

Covenants:

- I. Noah - Genesis 9:1f - Never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.
- II. Abraham - Genesis 17:9ff – God choosing a people of redemption
- III. Moses - Exodus 24 – God establishing a nation of redemption
- V. David - 2 Samuel 7 – An eternal covenant with the family of David
- V. Prophetised New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31

Historical Outline:

- I. Prehistoric Period
- II. Patriarchal Period
- III. Slavery in Egypt
- IV. Exodus and Wandering in the Wilderness
- V. Conquest of Canaan and Judges
- VI. Kings
 - a. United Kingdom
 - b. Divided Kingdom.
- VII. Captivity and Return From Exile
- VII. Inter-Testamental Period

Major Historical Events:

- Creation
- The Fall
- The Flood Judgment
- The choice of Abraham Salvation
- Escape from Egypt Salvation
- Kingship of David Salvation
- Destruction of the Northern Kingdom Judgment
- Destruction of the Southern Kingdom Judgment
- Restorations under Zerubbabel and Ezra Salvation

Old Testament Key Dates:

Old Testament Event	Date	OT Book
Creation	?	Genesis
The Flood	?	Genesis
Abraham	1950 BC	Genesis, Job?
Isaac	1850 BC	Genesis
Jacob	1800 BC	Genesis
Israel in Egypt	1800-1450 BC	None
Moses in Egypt, Exodus and Wandering	1450-1400 BC	Exodus-Deuteronomy
Israel enters and conquers Promised Land	1400 BC	Joshua
Period of the Judges	1400-1050 BC	Judges, Ruth
David, king of Israel	1050-1000 BC	I,II Samuel, I Kings, I

		Chron.
Solomon, King	1000-950 BC	I Kings, 2 Chronicles
Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Divided Kingdom	950-722 BC	I,II Kings, 2 Chronicles
Northern Kingdom (Samaria) destroyed	722 BC	Isaiah, I Kings, II Chron
Jerusalem defeated by Nebuchadnezzar	605 BC	Jeremiah, II Kings, II Chron
Jerusalem, temple Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar	586 BC	Jeremiah, II Kings, II Chron
Babylonian captivity	605-586 BC	Ezekiel, Daniel
Restoration under Cyrus, Persia	536 BC	Ezra, Daniel
Restoration under Darius and Temple rebuilt	520 BC, 516 BC	Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah
Jerusalem rebuilt. Artaxerxes and Nehemiah	458-440 BC	Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi
Greek Period	330-164 BC	Daniel, I Maccabees
Maccabean and Roman period	164, 63 BC	I Maccabees

Other Key Dates:

330 BC Alexander “the Great” conquers Palestine

167 BC Antiochus Epiphanes desecrates the Temple

164 BC Successful revolt of the Maccabees. Brief Jewish independence begins.

63 BC Pompey conquers Jerusalem for Rome.

37-4 BC Herod “the Great” rules in Judea.

6, 5 BC Jesus Christ born.

Language and Author(s):

Hebrew and Aramaic (Ezra 4:8–6:18, 7:12–26, Daniel 2:4-7:28)

Many authors - Heb 1:1 *In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days....*

God spoke through history, poetry, prophecy, proverb

God spoke through kings (David, Solomon), patriarchs (Moses), poets

(Asaph), scribes (the history books), priests (Ezra), prophets, prophetesses (Deborah), government administrators (Nehemiah)

Homework for Next Class:

a. Read Genesis 1-25

b. Memory verses:

Romans 15:4 and/or 1 Corinthians 10:11

Homework for Midterm:

a. Memorize Key Dates

b. Memorize Key Characters

c. Memorize Key Places