

The Story of the Bible

Quarter Review

Adult Bible Class – September 27, 2015

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- Despite its length, the story of the Bible can be briefly summarized from a few key passages
- Man was created to live in perfect unity with God, but he sinned (Genesis 1:1-3:7, 22-24)
 - His relationship with God was changed
 - He was cursed
 - He could no longer live with God
 - He could no longer eat of the tree of life

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- Jesus redeemed man (Galatians 4:4-7)
 - Man was condemned under the law (sin)
 - Man could no longer live forever
 - The redeemed ones are now God's children
- Man can be with God (Revelation 22:1-3, 14)
 - Only those who obey His commandments will be able to enter into Heaven
 - There shall be no more curses
 - Access to the tree of life is restored

The Bible: 66 Books, One Story

- The Bible contains far more than just the very few passages we have considered
- Each book of the Bible contains a piece of the main story arc: man's salvation through Jesus
- One goal of this class will be to help us see the main story arc and how the whole Bible ultimately describes man's redemption from sin

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- Like other stories, the Bible can be divided into major sections (since it is history, time periods)
- Learning the time periods can help us greatly
 - The time periods themselves remind us of the overall story of the Bible
 - When we study individual stories or books, we can remember how they fit into the main story
- As we learn more about the time periods and their contents, remembering becomes easier

The Outline: 17 Time Periods

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| 1. Before the Flood | 1. Genesis 1-5 |
| 2. The Flood | 2. Genesis 6-10 |
| 3. Scattering of the People | 3. Genesis 11 |
| 4. The Patriarchs | 4. Genesis 12-50 |
| 5. The Exodus | 5. Exodus,
Leviticus,
Numbers 1-13 |
| 6. Wandering in the Wilderness | 6. Numbers 14-36,
Deuteronomy,
Joshua 1-5 |
| 7. Invasion and Conquest of Canaan | 7. Joshua 6-24 |

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| 8. The Judges | 8. Judges,
1 Samuel 1-9 |
| 9. United Kingdom | 9. 1 Samuel 10-31,
2 Samuel,
1 Kings 1-11,
1 Chronicles,
2 Chronicles 1-9 |
| 10.Divided Kingdom | 10.1 Kings 12-22,
2 Kings 1-17,
2 Chronicles 10-31 |

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| 11.Judah Alone | 11.2 Kings 18-25,
2 Chronicles 32-36 |
| 12.The Captivity | 12.Ezekiel, Daniel |
| 13.Return from Captivity | 13.Ezra, Nehemiah,
Esther |
| 14.Years of Silence | 14.None |
| 15.Life of Christ | 15.Matthew, Mark,
Luke and John |
| 16.The Early Church | 16.Acts |
| 17.Letters to Christians | 17.Romans to
Revelation |

Lessons from the Bible Story

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- Sin and rebellion against God are the enemies; only these things can defeat us (Matthew 10:28)
- Jesus is the answer to sin; we can be cleansed of our unrighteousness and pardoned of our sin if we put our faith in Christ (Romans 5:6-10; 6:23)
- True faith in the Lord will never be popular or easy; we must always battle (1 Timothy 6:12)
- God has always keeps His promises; we can trust in the Lord (Deuteronomy 7:9-10)

This Quarter's Key Takeaways

- The Bible contains far more than a series of random, unrelated events. It is a roadmap to regaining our eternal relationship with God.
- The Bible describes how man became separated from God because of his sin, but also how that relationship can be restored.
- Dividing the Bible into 17 time periods can help us to understand and remember its story.