

OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

- I. "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..." 2 Timothy 3:16
- II. The Bible Is a Book About Salvation History
- III. The Pentateuch/Torah/Law
 - A. Genesis 1–2: *Creation and Original Intent*
 1. Harmony With God
 2. Harmony With Others
 3. Harmony With Nature
 4. Harmony With Self
 - B. Genesis 3: *Death Introduced*
 1. Spiritual Death
 2. Physical Death
 - C. Genesis 4: *Disharmony With Others*
 - D. Genesis 5–9: *Disharmony With Nature*
 - E. Genesis 11: *Disharmony With God and Self*
 - F. Genesis 12:1–3: *God's Answer – A Covenant With Abraham*
 - G. Genesis 12–50: *The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph)*
 - H. 400 Years of Enslavement
 - I. Exodus: *The Call to Moses, the Freedom of God's People, the Tabernacle, and the Law of God*
 - J. Leviticus: *The Call to Be a Holy People*
 - K. Numbers: *Toward the Promised Land*
 - L. Deuteronomy: *Moses' Last Sermons – Trust and Obey*
- IV. The Historical Books
 - A. Joshua: *The Conquest*
 - B. Judges: *Abhor, Endure, Embrace – The Cycle of Decadence*
 - C. Ruth: *A Story in the Time of Judges*
 - D. 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, 1–2 Chronicles: *A Nation Is Formed, Division Occurs and Captivity Happens*
 1. 722 B.C. – The Northern Kingdom Overthrown by Assyrians
 2. 586 B.C. – The Southern Kingdom Overthrown by Babylonians
 - E. Ezra: *The Return From Captivity and Worship at the Temple*
 - F. Nehemiah: *More Return and the Walls Around Jerusalem Are Rebuilt*
 - G. Esther: *A Story After Persia Overthrew Babylon*
- V. The Wisdom Literature
 - A. Job: *Why Is There Suffering?*
 - B. Psalms: *Israel's Hymn Book*
 - C. Proverbs: *Wisdom and Knowledge Defined*
 - D. Ecclesiastes: *The Meaninglessness of Life Without God*

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- E. Song of Solomon: *A Love Book About:*
 - 1. A Husband and Wife
 - 2. Israel and God
 - 3. Christ and His Church

- VI. The Prophets
 - A. To Assyria: *Jonah and Nahum*
 - B. To Edom: *Obadiah*
 - C. To the Northern Kingdom: *Hosea and Amos*
 - D. To the Southern Kingdom and the Captivity: *All the Rest*
 - E. The Difference Between Major and Minor Prophets
 - F. 400 Years of Silence (The Intertestamental Time Period)

- VII. New Testament
 - A. The Gospels
 - 1. Matthew: *To the Jews*
 - 2. Mark: *To the Romans*
 - 3. Luke: *To the Greeks*
 - 4. John: *To All*
 - B. Acts
 - 1. To Jerusalem (1-7)
 - 2. To Samaria (8-12)
 - 3. To the Ends of the Earth (13-28)
 - C. Romans to Revelation: *Letters from Apostles to the Churches About:*
 - 1. Correct Orthodoxy: *Right Theology*
 - 2. Correct Orthopraxy: *Right Practice of Right Theology*

- VIII. The Promised Return of Jesus – He Will Restore All Things:
 - 1. Harmony With God
 - 2. Harmony With Others
 - 3. Harmony With Nature
 - 4. Harmony With Self

- IX. More Specifically, God Will Restore Genesis 1-2: The Kingdom of God – Original Intent
 - 1. Through the Church
 - 2. Into All the World
 - 3. Jesus' 2nd Coming

- X. The Bible Is a Book About Salvation History – Therefore, the Most Important Question You Need to Answer Is This One: Are You Saved?