

Scriptures referred to during the class:

- Revelation 2 and 3
- 1 Corinthians 15:17
- Exodus 15:11
- Mathew 28:1–10
- 2 Samuel 12:1–6
- Mathew 14:6–11
- Judges 14.5–6, 8–9
- Romans 8
- Mathew 3:13–17
- 1 Samuel 17
- 1 Samuel 16:7
- 1 Samuel 15:1–16:1
- 1 Samuel 16:18

How To Study the Bible Schedule

- I. Section One: First Things
 - a. What is the Bible and is it Reliable?
 - b. The Inductive Study Method, Part 1
 - c. The Inductive Study Method, Part 2
- II. Section Two: Anatomy of the Bible
 - a. Interpreting the Old and New Testaments
 - b. Genres I: Poetic and Wisdom Literature
 - c. Genres II: Gospels/Epistles & Prophetic/Apocalyptic Literature
 - d. Genre III: Narratives and Histories
- III. Section III: Interpretive Tools
 - a. Purpose and Context
 - b. Structure and Parallels
 - c. Linking Words and Repetition
 - d. Using Extrabiblical Resources / Difficult and Familiar Passages

**Equipping Class
How to Study the Bible
Class 7: Narratives and Histories**



“ . . . this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.” (Acts 2:23–24 ESV)

| Biblical Genres | |
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| Genre | Book |
| Narrative History | Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jonah, Acts |
| Law | Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy |
| Wisdom | Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes |
| Poetry | Psalms, Song of Solomon, Lamentations |
| Prophecy | Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi |
| Apocalyptic | Daniel, Revelation |
| Gospel | Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts |
| Epistle | Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, I and II Peter, I, II and III John, Jude |

Narratives and Histories

1. Exodus from Egypt
2. Exile in Babylon
3. Inauguration of the church through
the death and resurrection of Jesus

A. Reflect on the reality of these events.

Exodus 15:11
Matthew 28:1–10

B. Recognize that not everything recorded in a history should be understood as historical.

2 Samuel 12:1–6

C. Remember that not everything in a history or narrative should be emulated or affirmed.

Matthew 14:6–11

D. Not everything in a history or narrative is explained.

Judges 14:5–6, 8–9

E. All histories and narratives are incomplete; and yet, fully reliable.

F. Histories and narratives often illustrate, but do not directly teach, doctrine.

Matthew 3:13–17

Acts 2:42–47

G. The meaning of the text is likely linked to what it says about God.

1 Samuel 17
1 Samuel 16:7
1 Samuel 15:1–16:1
1 Samuel 16:18

Conclusion