

Outline for Overview of the Bible

- I. Adam's Family is a Helpless Mess Genesis 1-11
 - A. God creates Genesis 1-2
 - 1. A perfect, beautiful world
 - 2. Adam and Eve in His image to rule the world
 - 3. A choice of loving obedience: "Yes!" "Yours!"
 - B. Adam and Eve choose their own way Genesis 3
 - 1. "No!" "Mine!"
 - 2. Guilt and shame
 - 3. Sin and Death enter Adam's "seed"—affecting every person
 - 4. Separation from God and His light and life
 - C. Adam's Family Genesis 4-11
 - 1. Cain kills Abel: self-righteous
 - 2. No one seeking God (except Noah): self-indulgent
 - 3. Tower of Babel: self-exalting

- II. God Chooses Abraham from Whom to Make a Great Nation Genesis 12-Judges
 - A. Abraham: 75 years old. Genesis 12-23
 - 1. "Go where I will show you."—Abraham says "Yes!"
 - 2. God promises to make of Abraham a great name, nation, and blessing
 - 3. "Offer your son where I will show you."—Abraham says "Yours!"
 - 4. God provides a ram on Mt. Moriah so the son is spared from death
 - B. Founding Fathers of the Nation Genesis 24-50
 - 1. Isaac (Ishmael is blessed but not chosen to inherit Abraham's promises)
 - 2. Jacob--name changed to Israel (Esau is great but sells Abraham's promises)
 - 3. Twelve sons of Jacob become leaders of their family tribes
 - C. In Egypt Exodus-Deuteronomy
 - 1. Slaves to the Egyptians: they multiply to 2-1/2 million people
 - 2. God sets them free: 14th of Nisan (Passover) by blood of lamb on doorposts
 - 3. Gives them His law at Mt. Sinai: "Be my holy people. Love Me with all."
 - D. In Canaan Joshua-Judges
 - 1. Joshua leads in the conquest of the land promised to Abraham
 - 2. God gives Judges when the people go into idolatry
 - 3. The people want a King "like the other nations" (political and financial prosperity without the obligation to keep God's moral conditions)

- III. God Sets up David's Kingly Line to Establish His Rule on Earth (I & II Samuel)
 - A. David
 - 1. God promises to make of David a great name, give an heir to the throne and an enduring kingdom
 - 2. David responds "Yes!"
 - 3. God tells David to make a sacrifice on Mt. Moriah
 - 4. David gives all his treasures for God's Temple: "Yours!"
 - B. Solomon: Builds the permanent dwelling of God among His people (Mt. Moriah)

- IV. The Leaders Reject God's Rule and His Messiah I Kings-John
 - A. The Kingdom splits and idolatry is established I Kings 11-II Chronicles
 - 1. Assyria destroys northern Israel in 722 B.C.
 - 2. Babylon takes southern Judah captive in 586 B.C.
 - B. God sends many prophets to turn His peoples' hearts to Him Isaiah-Malachi
 - 1. He doesn't want them to perish (Ezekiel 33:11)
 - 2. They draw near to Him with their mouths, but their hearts are far from Him. (Isaiah 29:13)
 - 3. God will make a New Covenant: write His law on their hearts (Jer. 31:31-34)
 - 4. God will send His chosen, anointed descendant of David (Isaiah 53, Ez. 34)
 - C. The people are sent back to the land under Cyrus Ezra-Esther
 - 1. Rebuild the altar
 - 2. Rebuild the Temple
 - 3. Rebuild the walls
 - 4. 400 yrs pass with no prophetic word (Greek/Roman Empires over Palestine)
 - D. **Jesus is Identified as God's Chosen Messiah-Shepherd-King from David!**
 - 1. At birth
 - 2. Through miracles and clear teaching
 - 3. At death: Mt. Moriah, 14th of Nisan (Passover), "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." "It is finished!"
 - 4. Through the resurrection

- V. God Establishes His Church to Proclaim Salvation to Nations Acts-Revelation
 - A. Disciples given command at Jesus' Ascension
 - B. Holy Spirit comes and writes God's law on their hearts: New Covenant
 - C. Jews and Gentiles repent and bow to Jesus alone (21 letters written)
 - D. Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Satan done away with, every person appears at judgment, sin/death destroyed, new heaven and new earth.