

Reading the Bible Chronologically (2017): Old Testament Survey (Exodus)

[7] But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. [8] Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. [9] And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. [10] Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." [11] Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. [Ex 1:7-11 ESV]

An Overview of the Books of the Old Testament

I.3 Divisions:

1. The _____ about God's people.
 - A. The first 17 books.
 - B. Genesis-Esther (fairly chronological)
2. The _____ of God's people.
 - A. Next 5 books.
 - B. Job-Song of Solomon
3. The _____ from among God's people.
 - A. Final 17 books.
 - B. Isaiah-Malachi (major and minor prophets)

II. The Story About God's People...

1. Divided into two major categories:
 - A. The _____ /The Pentateuch (Torah)= Genesis through Deuteronomy.
 - B. The _____ = Joshua through Esther
2. The essential character of these books is narrative, telling us the story of God's people= _____.

III. Genesis

1. _____ is the author of the 5 books of the Law.
2. Genesis literally means “_____.”
3. Before the fall- The beginning of God’s plan to _____ His creation.

Practical advice for study...

1. The first _____ chapters are foundational to the rest of the Bible.
2. Catch hold of the major themes...
 - A. The _____ of God.
 - B. The sinfulness of man.
 - C. The promise of redemption.
3. Catch hold of the major plot- God’s gracious election of Abraham’s family.
 - A. Abraham (12:1-25:18)
 - B. Isaac (25:19-26:35)
 - C. Jacob (27:1-36:43)
 - D. Joseph (37:1-50:26)
4. Minor subplots...
 - A. Already looking to Christ (3:15; 22:7-14; 35:11-13; 49:8-12).
 - B. _____ with Adam, Noah, and Abraham.
 - C. Major _____ in main characters.
 - D. Don’t forget- Genesis wasn’t written to answer every question we may have about the events.

IV. Exodus

1. Literally means “_____.”
2. God is all-powerful and mighty to _____ (1-19).
3. God is faithful to His covenant (20-40).

Practical advice for study...

1. Notice three defining moments in Israel’s history...
 - A. The deliverance from slavery.
 - B. The significance of God’s _____.
 - C. The terms of the covenant.
2. Key Chapters
 - A. Exodus 12- The sacrifice of the _____.
 - B. Exodus 20- The giving of the _____.
3. Key Places
 - A. Egypt
 - B. The Red Sea
 - C. Mount Sinai
4. Recognize both the sovereignty of God and the _____ of man.
 - A. Pharaoh hardens his heart (7:13, 7:14, 7:22; 8:11, 8:15, 8:28; 9:7, 9:34, 9:35; 13:5).
 - B. God hardens Pharaoh’s heart (4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 10:20, 10:27; 11:10; 14:4, 14:8, 14:17).
5. If we don’t understand Exodus, we won’t understand the _____!

[34] Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [35] And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. [36] Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. [37] But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. [38] For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys. [Ex 40:34-38 ESV]