## VALIDITY

- Internal Sources • (Inspired, Inerrant, Authoritative)
- External Sources (MAPS) Manuscripts
  - 0
  - Archeology Prophecy
  - Statistics



# BIBLE **OVERVIEW**

## **STRUCTURE**

- 1 Book that consists of 66 Books
- Old Testament & New Testament
- 1500 years
- 40 different authors
- 3 different languages
- 3 different continents
- Tells the overarching story of Jesus.

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

### **CREATION ERA** 4000 BC Genesis

- Creation (Gen.1,2). .
- Fall (Gen.3).
- Flood (Gen.4).
- Nations: Babel (Gen.10).
- Golden Thread
  - Death + Covering; Promise of Messiah 3:15

## **PARTIARCH ERA** 2000 BC Genesis

- Abraham (Ur) God called to be Father of • many nations.
- Abrahamic Covenant: Land, Seed, Blessing (Gen.12: Gen.26:3-5:
- Isaac (Ishmael = Islam).
- Jacob Esau. •
- Jacob's 12 Sons = 12 Tribes of Israel.
- Joseph to Egypt 1895 BC (Gen.37).
- 2nd to Pharaoh, Joseph over all Egypt.
- Joseph's family to Egypt 1875 BC
- Golden Thread

  - Abraham & Sacrifice of Isaac

## **EXODUS ERA** Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

- Israelites are slaves in Egypt. •
- Pharaoh killing baby Hebrews.
- Moses put in basket and rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. (1525 BC)
- Moses called to deliver the people through a burning bush.
- Pharaoh said NO.
- 10 Plagues (Passover = death of 1st born, blood of lamb kept angel of death away).
- Red Sea (Exodus 14)
- Mt. Sinai, Law (Exodus 20)
- Tabernacle built, Levites, Priests, offerings, feasts
- Spies sent out (10 say no, 2 say go).
- Result of unbelief: 40 years wandering until generation dies.
- Moses and people camp at Moab and gives 2nd law to new generation
- Moses sees Promised Land but cannot enter, then dies.
- Golden Thread
  - Passover Lamb

## **CONOUEST ERA** 1405 BC Joshua

- Joshua the new leader (spy said yes).
- Israel goes across the Jordan to take the land.
- Jericho conquered first.
- Conquers Canaan from south to north.
- 12 tribes were given land to live in and settle.
- Golden Thread
  - Crossing the Jordan

## JUDGES ERA 1373 BC (400 years) Judges, Ruth

- Darkest time in Israel's history (rebellion).
- Everyone did what was right in their own eyes.
- Judges chosen to govern the people politically and militarily.
- Cycles of sin (Israel sins, God disciplines them by another country conquering them, they repent and cry out to God for deliverance, God sends a judge to deliver them from oppression, they live in freedom until that judge dies. Cycle begins again.)
- Deborah, Gideon, Samson, Samuel were the major judges
- Ruth and Boaz
  - Golden Thread
    - Boaz + Kinsman Redeemer
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- Gen.13:14-15; Gen. 17:7).

- - Covenant with Abraham

## **HEBREWS 4:12**

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

## **KINGDOM ERA** 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles

- People wanted a KING!
- United Kingdom 120 years.
- Saul (1051 BC)-no heart for God, David (1011 BC)-whole heart for God. Solomon (971 BC)-half heart for God (wives took heart away to foreign gods)
- Guidelines for King (Deut.17:14-20).
- Divided Kingdom (931-586 BC)
- 10 tribes to North = Israel
- 2 tribes to South = Judah
- Northern Kingdom (Israel), 0 good kings, nation faltered
- God brought Assyria to conquer the Northern Kingdom (scattered as a people and never returned to their land). (722 BC)
- Southern Kingdom (Judah), had some good kings, prospered for awhile. God brings judgment through Babylonia and they take Judah captive. (605 to 586 BC)
- Golden Thread
  - Davidic Covenant: house, kingdom, throne, and for forever + messiah will come through him

## **EXILE ERA** 605 - 586 BC

- Judah in captivity 70 yrs. (Failure to not giving the land a Sabbath rest every 7th yr for 490 yrs.
- God raises up leaders and prophets.
- Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah
- Prophets warned of coming judgment and captivity (pre exile)
- They foretell restoration of the faithful, and future restoration of the nation.
- Rise of Persia, conquers Babylonia (who had conquered Assyria).
- Golden Thread
  - Isaiah 53

### **RETURN ERA** 605 - 586 BC

- Medo-Persia is reigning and Cyrus signs a decree that they can go back and rebuild Jerusalem.
- Jerusalem had been totally destroyed.
- Zerubbabel rebuild the temple. (536-486 BC.)
- Ezra rebuilt the people spiritually, instruction in the Law. (536 BC.)
- Nehemiah rebuild the walls. (445 BC.) Esther becomes queen after the
- return. (483 BC.)
- Golden Thread

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• Rebuilding of walls = rebuilding of people spiritually

#### **SILENCE ERA** Daniel 11

- Jerusalem ruled by Persia at end of OT
- Persia is defeated by Alexander the Great. (333 BC.)
- Hope of a Messiah (Savior that has been prophesied in OT to save the Jews).
- Greek is common language & culture helps for spread of gospel.
- Roman empire (63 BC-638 AD) established road systems, travel, common government, military peace.
- Rome conquers them but a strong Greek influence remains.
- Rome brings architecture and building roads making trade and commerce much easier and accessible.
- Jews are in need of a Messiah because of religious persecution and political domination.
- EXTRA:
- EX IRA: Alexander dies, empire divided between four generals, weakening the empire. (Culture and language stay dominant.) Antiochus Epiphanes Macabees revolt, drive Greeks out, cleanse the temple, set up an independent rule for 150 yrs. Called the Hasmonean Dynasty (134-63 BC). Two religious parties develop. Sadducees, liberal, and Pharisees, conservative both are represented on the ruling baard of the
- represented on the ruling board of the Sanhedrin. (20 B.C.) Herod begins to rebuild the Temple.
- Golden Thread
  - Common language and road system to spread the good news

## The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed. The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

## **GOSPFL FRA** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

- JESUS, Life of Christ (HE is here!)
- Jesus' Ministry, miracles, disciples
- Jesus' Crucifixion/Resurrection
- Jesus' Great Commission/Ascension
- Golden Thread
  - Prophecy fulfilled
  - Atonement not just cover but remove

#### 11 **CHURCH ERA** Acts

- Holy Spirit/Pentecost •
- Growth
- Persecution/Stephen
- Conversion/Gentiles
- Epistles are written to churches or individuals to encourage them in their faith.
- Golden Thread •
  - Abrahamic Covenant extended to Gentiles through Christ

## **MISSIONS ERA Epistles**, Revelation

- Paul and Journeys
- 1,2, 3Imprisonment
- Epistles
- Revelation, Second Coming of Christ, (defeat of Satan, Great White Throne of Judgment)
- Golden Thread
  - Jesus will come again and takes us home with him. His blood gives us hope. Rev. 19

