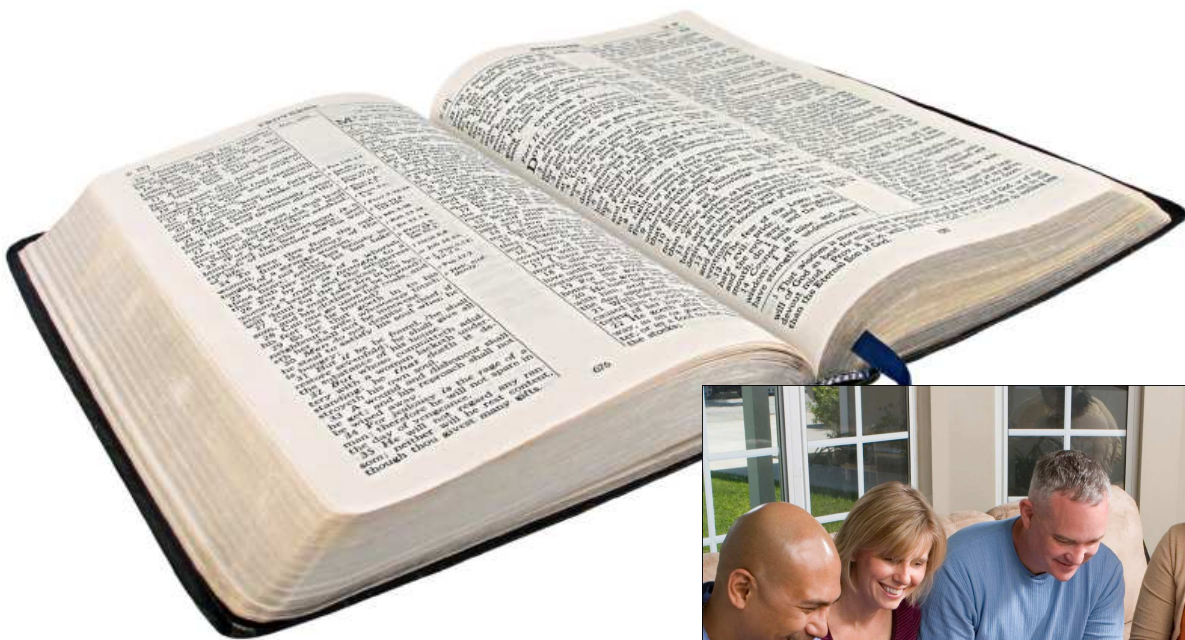


Exploring God's Word

CHEAT SHEET TEACHER'S GUIDE



*A 14 Week Bible Study using
the Exploring God's Word chart
that anyone can teach!!!*

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Cheat-Sheet Teacher's Guide

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Welcome

If this is your first time teaching a Home Bible Study, be encouraged, there is nothing quite like sharing God's word with someone in such an intimate way. You may have the privilege of a front-row seat while you watch someone transform as God works in their life. You will also be surprised at how much your life is changed by going through these lessons. In some ways, the greatest blessings in Home Bible Studies go to the teachers, in that we really need to get the Word inside us so we can pour it out. Nothing teaches you the Word of God like the opportunity to teach the Word of God.

I recommend that you **start simple and keep the lessons shorter unless your students are begging for more. It is better to quit mid-lesson and wait until next week than to go too long and wear them out.** If you feel overwhelmed, just choose a couple verses from each chart, read them, and talk about what they mean.

The Exploring God's Word Bible Study Charts & Teacher's Manuals are available from Pentecostal Publishing House (www.pentecostalpublishing.com). I like the table-top chart or the Powerpoint version loaded on an iPad or laptop. I took their Powerpoint version and stripped out the animations to make it simpler, but you will have to make your own version if you are digitally inclined!

We developed this cheat-sheet to guide you through the most important points of each lesson. Review each one the day before or the morning of the lesson and you will do fine. You can also check our website for an online version of these reviews that you can watch or listen to from your computer or smartphone. As you teach more Bible Studies, you will naturally improve, and you can add stories and scriptures to your lessons to improve them. The official teacher's

manual is excellent to read and review, but it's big and distracting. We don't recommend that you bring it to a lesson. That's why we created this simplified outline as a booklet, which you can bring to a lesson and follow more easily. We designed it to fit inside most Bibles with the key scriptures listed in order as you need them on the side of each page.

There are two main kinds of Home Bible Studies. Some go by the book. You teach and stick to the lesson plan, and finish reasonably on time. You pray together, talk a little before and after, and you're out of there in less than 90 minutes each week. **The other kind is the full-evening Bible study where you really click as a group, there's snacks each week, stories before and after, and rabbit chasing during the Bible study** (Rabbit chasing is when you get side-tracked on questions and comments). These typically consume the evening and can be a lot of fun. I have done both many times, and I find both are effective in reaching people and connecting with them.

You need to figure out (or plan) early in the Bible Study which one you are going to have. If you meet them in their home or at a coffee shop, it is usually a more on-time Bible Study. If you have the Bible Study in your home, it can turn into a Home Friendship Group, which can be great, or it can feel like a burden. Plan ahead and commit to the kind of Bible Study you feel led to do. Don't have it in your home if you don't have more than a two hour window of time.

Exploring God's Word Customized

I teach Exploring God's Word in 14 lessons (I split lessons 1 and 9 into two weeks each). In some cases, I go to 15 lessons and teach the life of Joseph and the Exodus chart in one lesson. I use the first meeting to get to know my students and their knowledge of the scriptures. I ask them if they grew up in church and I might share a little of my testimony. I usually end the first meeting with Acts 17:11, the Intro to the OT chart and the Books of the OT chart. Then I start the second lesson with Genesis 1 and the creation week.

Below is a quick breakdown of the lessons to come. Each lesson has a main theme that I like to stress throughout the lesson. I've included a couple notes to prepare and remind you of the longer lessons ahead:

- **Lesson 1a - Intro to the Old Testament**
*The Bible has many writers but only one author and one story:
God loves us and has a plan for us*
- **Lesson 1b - The Creation Week and the Fall**
*We are made for a purpose and God always has a plan.
And God's plans are always conditional on our behavior.*
- **Lesson 2 - The Fall to the Tower of Babel**
*Limited details on God's instructions immediately after the fall.
A few began to worship, but the world grew more wicked.*

- **Lesson 3 - The Patriarchs**

*Abraham left it all to obey God in Faith, and God blessed his family.
He made them into a nation, and through him, God blessed the whole world.*

- **Lesson 4 - The Exodus and the Tabernacle**

*Our God is in the deliverance business. He delivered Israel from bondage and
He can deliver you too! God shows them a new worship system that points to Christ.*

- **Lesson 5 - Land of Promise**

*If only Israel had obeyed, it would have been a lot easier for them.
Doing it God's way is always better and easier in the long run.*

- **Lesson 6 - Intro to New Testament**

*The OT promises and prophecies have finally come true.
God has come in the flesh to show us the way and die for our sins.*

- **Lesson 7 - The Life of Christ**

*Jesus came with a radical new message: you must be born again!
(This is a hard lesson. Consider spending extra time in prayer!!!)*

- **Lesson 8 - Acts & Salvation**

*Birth of the church and the presentation and confirmation of the New Testament
Plan of Salvation. (This is a big and critical lesson. You will need extra time)*

- **Lesson 9a - Gifts of the Spirit**

*God gave us supernatural gifts to feed and encourage the church,
and then He gave us rules on how to use them.*

- **Lesson 9b - Holiness**

Holiness is a process through which God's Spirit transforms us.

- **Lesson 10 - The NT Church**

*The New Testament church grew under miracles and persecution.
Peter (led by the Spirit) brought the Gospel to the Gentiles and
God used Paul greatly to start churches throughout the Roman empire.*

- **Lesson 11 - Jerusalem to Rapture**

*We go from the Book of Acts through the Age of the Gentiles
to the Signs of the Endtimes. (The History Lesson)*

- **Lesson 12 - The End Times**

God gives the world one last chance to turn to Him.

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In His Service,
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Color and Symbol Key:

Emphasize this Point - Its a Major Theme in the Bible
Optional Stuff - Do it if you have time

Lesson Header - Main Lesson Theme in Bold

Green Line - Goto Next Chart

Red Line - End of Lesson

*Welcome to
Exploring
God's Word*
Acts 17:11

- Pray for the Bible study, that it be more than human knowledge passed!
- The key to success is found in Acts 17:11, receive the word with readiness, search the scriptures for yourself.
- I promise to do my best to present the word of God, but I am asking you to try to do something for me. Don't just listen to my words but search the scriptures and look into the claims I make. Don't just listen but verify so that you know for yourself that this is what the Word of God says.

Acts 16:30-32

- Some say you just need to believe, but the Bible says that belief is the starting point to digging deeper.

1st Thes 5:21

- Follow the principle of 1st Thes 5:21, test everything, and hold on to the good.

Time Periods

- The whole OT in 4 pictures.
Innocence Genesis 1-3
Conscience Genesis 4-11
Patriarchs Genesis 12-50
Law and Prophets Exodus - Malachi
- We have few details about the first two time periods, more about the Patriarchs and quite a bit more under the Law.
- The Bible tends to move quickly through history, especially in Genesis, but then slows to a crawl and examines how God moved in a given person's life, then speeds back up.

Books of the OT

2nd Peter 1:21

- How many books? 39 (3 in Old, 9 in Testament)
- 32 writers including a farmer, a wine-taster, a shepherd, a doctor, a fisherman, a king, and a court prophet, 1500 years to write over 3 continents, yet one story!
- 2nd Peter 1:21 makes the radical and simple claim, that these words are not from human wisdom, but they came from the inspiration of God's spirit!

Psalms 119:9-12

- If you study God's word, keep His word and hide it in your heart, it will transform you.

Hebrews 4:12

- The word of God is alive and it will speak to you.

*In the Beginning
(Creation Week)*

- The creation account is beautiful and accurate in its simplicity. Very different than the silly stories and soap opera dramas of the false gods of other religions.
- **Iroquois Indians:** the creation rides on the back of a giant turtle.
- **Babylonian (from the Enuma Elish):** the god Marduk rode in his chariot with the seven winds of destruction against the goddess Tiamat. He entangled her in a net and inflated her with a wind. Killed with an arrow, he cut her corpse in two, half to make the earth and half the sky.
- **Aztec:** The mother of creation is Coatlicue (the lady of the skirt of snakes), She is decorated with skulls, snakes and lacerated hands. No cracks in her body and she is a perfect monolith (a totality of self-contained intensity). Coatlicue was impregnated by an obsidian knife (a knife made of volcanic glass) and birthed the goddess of the moon and her male offspring became the stars. She later found a ball of feathers which she tucked in her bosom. It disappeared and she found she was again pregnant. Her children (the moon and stars) resolved to kill her, for a goddess could only give birth once. But she gave birth to the god of war, Huitzilopochtli, who helped her destroy her sons and daughter. The natural cosmos of the Indians was born of this catastrophe. The heavens literally crumbled and the earth mother fell. Her children were torn apart and scattered throughout the creation.
- **Chinese:** Universe coalesced into a cosmic egg for 18,000 years containing Yin and Yang perfectly opposed. Pangu emerged (usually described as a hairy giant with horns). He used his ax to split Yin from Yang. He stood between them and grew ten feet taller each year for 18,000 years. His breath became the wind, his voice thunder, left eye → sun, right eye → moon. His body → the mountains, his blood → rivers, his facial hair became the stars. His fur → bushes and forests, his bones → minerals, his sweat → rain, his fleas carried by the wind became the fish and the animals throughout the world.
- You can find creation accounts that seem more similar to the Bible. The Mayans believe the first gods thought everything into existence, but humans came from a combination of mountain lion, coyote, parrot and crow! The Hindus believe all the elements were created by a divine, self-existent being, starting with water, but then made a golden egg from which was born Brahma, who then created the whole world.

- Nothing comes even remotely close to the beautiful and accurate, simple and majestic story in Genesis.
- Genesis 1:1-5
- What a difference! Simple and scientifically compatible. A farmer from 3000 years ago and a NASA engineer can both understand it. God started by creating water, light and basic matter.
- Genesis 1:2
- God gives us the key to understanding the creation account. It is not told from Outer Space, but from God's perspective as His Spirit hovers over the waters.
- 2nd Day**
Genesis 1:6-8
- God makes a 'space', creating the atmosphere, the sky, and the clouds above.
 - **And how did God do all of His creating?**
Reread the first three words of v3, v6 and v9.
"Then God said..." He did it by his spoken word. Let's go to Hebrews 11 to learn more about this...
- Hebrews 11:3
- The bible teaches that God created through His spoken words and created everything from nothing.
- 3rd Day**
Genesis 1:9-11
- He makes dry land appear and then causes the Earth to bring forth plants, grasses and trees.
- 4th Day**
Genesis 1:14-16
- He made the Sun, Moon and Stars appear. (Note the Bible says He made them appear. It goes on to provide more details, almost like this note in parenthesis.)
Some wonder how there can be day and night and days of creation without the Sun.
- Two possible answers to the 4th day riddle:**
- A) God could have been the light for the first few days (See Rev 21:23)*
- B) Or the Sun, Moon and Stars could have been created on day one but hidden behind the firmament until day four.*
- Job 26:7
- **Let's look at another amazing statement, this one found in Job.** God's word teaches that the Earth hangs on nothing. What a beautiful word picture. You're not going to find any Turtle-back-riding creation junk in the Bible. The word of God paints an amazing creation account that was beautiful and wonderful for the ancient world, and is beautiful and wonderful today. In the world of scientists, telescopes and space travel, God's word stands the test of time!

5th Day

Genesis 1:20-22

6th Day

Genesis 1:24-25

- He made the sea creatures and birds.
- God made the land animals. Note the words "according to its kind". This simply teaches that each animal type (or species) is designed with a blueprint and instructions on how to reproduce. When dogs reproduce, they make puppies. When sharks reproduce, they make baby sharks. Each animal reproduces after its kind.
- This is very different from evolution, which teaches animals slowly change into other animals, something we have never seen or recreated in our research labs.

Genesis 1:26-27

- We are going to learn more about this important creation step in just a few moments when we get to Genesis 2. But we learn something amazing here: **We're not like the other animals, we are made in the image of God!**

Genesis 1:28-31

- We were given responsibility and authority over the creation as well. To care for it and to prosper and multiply and fill the Earth.
- **God designed this world for us.** God designed our galaxy and our neighboring planets, and He designed the life on this world for us. This creation is a marvelous and complex work of astounding beauty. Life is no accident, and most people know this to be true in their hearts.

Romans 1:19-20

- We can clearly see God's invisible qualities - His eternal power and divine nature. So we have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God.

7th Day

Genesis 2:1-3

- The creation work is complete and God rested to set a pattern for us and our work week as well.

Power of Choice

Genesis 2:4-9

- Genesis 2:4 summarizes the entire creation week in one verse. Now the focus shifts to the place God prepared for Adam and Eve. God made them and gave them the garden including all they needed.

Genesis 2:15-17

- God wasn't looking for robots or slaves. He wanted real fellowship with people who wanted that relationship. So He made us in His image (Gen 1:27) and added a critical restriction to the garden: there was one tree they could not eat from.

- From Genesis to Revelation, there is always a plan and always a set of criteria for being in relationship with God. This is the first plan: don't eat the fruit!
- Genesis 3:1-7
- We don't know how much time had passed, but mankind did fall. Adam and Eve chose to do it their way instead of God's way.
- 1st Timothy 2:13-15
- Both violated God's law, but in different ways. Eve chose the fruit and wanted the knowledge. Adam chose to follow His wife and chose death over doing it God's way. Both rejected God's path for them.
- Revelation 13:8
- And God wasn't surprised by the fall. He knew we would need redemption. So God had already planned to redeem us through the cross. The Bible tells us Calvary was planned from the foundation of the world.

The First Judgment
Genesis 3:8-13

- Can you imagine walking with God in the Garden? From the very beginning, God manifest Himself and showed Himself to mankind to fellowship with us. But now that has to change because of the sin of man.
 - Both Adam and Eve blamed someone else for their sin. Neither repented. Neither took responsibility.
- God passed 4 judgments as a result of sin***
- Genesis 3:14-15
- The serpent is judged to be a despised creature. What will come of the serpent (what the Devil will do later) will come against the seed of the woman (Jesus Christ). The devil will only bruise Him, but He will give the devil a fatal blow in the end.
- Genesis 3:16
- Women will experience pain and sorrow in childbirth and will be ruled by their husband.
- Genesis 3:17-19
- The ground will be cursed and it will be very difficult to grow food. (Note there is nothing in the curse that pertains to animal death.)
 - Man is cursed to work the ground and to return to the ground in death.
- Genesis 3:15
- But God made a promise (note the very first Bible prophecy in v15). God always makes a way for us to connect with Him.

**Lesson 2 -
The Fall to Babel**

**Limited details on God's instructions immediately after the fall.
A few began to worship, but the world grew more wicked.**

**From the Fall to
the Flood /
The Time of
Conscience**

Genesis 4:3-7
Genesis 4:25-26

- Two sons, Cain (farmer) & Abel (sheep herder)
- Abel's offering accepted, Cain's rejected.
- He didn't take it well and killed his brother. God wasn't thrilled. Cain is judged.
(Note: even in this time, there was something expected of them in order to please God, although we aren't given details in this case!)

Genesis 5:23-24
Genesis 5:27

- A third son, Seth, and then a grandson, Enos (or Enosh). At least 235 years since the fall, and people finally begin to call on the name of the LORD again. Why wait? Why is there no mention of Adam praising God or acting in faith? Don't wait to praise God.

Genesis 6:5-8

- Humans multiplied but grew more wicked and God passed judgment on them. But He saw the righteousness of Noah and showed him grace.

**The Righteous
Family Preserved**

Genesis 6:9-16

- Noah found grace in the eyes of God, but that didn't mean he didn't have to do anything!
- 1 cubit ~ 18 inches. So the ark was about 450 ft long by 75 ft wide by 45 ft tall. One door, one window and three floors. It was an exact plan. God does care about the details!

Genesis 6:20-21
Genesis 7:2-3

- How many animals? Two of each? Not quite.
- 40 days rain, 110 days flooding, over one year total!
- Two last things about Noah. He was a preacher, yet only eight were saved. And the first thing he did upon exiting the ark was build an altar. He put God first!

Genesis 7:11-19, 24
Genesis 8:3-4

2nd Peter 2:5
Genesis 8:14-20

Mankind Judged

Genesis 9:1-15

- God made Noah a promise and sealed it (rainbows). He instituted human government and capital punishment (v5-6) and ordered them to replenish the earth.

Genesis 6:3
Matthew 24:35-44
2nd Timothy 3:1-5
2nd Peter 3:3-7

- God also shortened human life spans at this time.
- But Jesus tells us that Noah's time has a terrible warning for us as well. And 2nd Peter tells us that next time, it won't be a flood, but the end of the Earth.

(Continue to the first chart of lesson 3 now, otherwise #3 is too long)

*Origin of Language /
Beginning of Nations*

Genesis 9:20-25

Gen 10:10-11, 18-19

Genesis 11:1-6

Genesis 11:6-9



- Noah's life wasn't without sin. We don't know exactly what happened, but Canaan is judged in Genesis 9.
- Genesis 10 records the repopulation of the Earth including the city of Nineveh and others.
- Although some spread out, the majority stayed in the plains of Mesopotamia (probably near Babylon).
- They wanted to build a city and a tower reaching to heaven, and make a name for themselves.
- God saw the self-centeredness of mankind and confused their languages, forcing them to scatter abroad.
- There are actually numerous structures like this in the plains of Mesopotamia, they are called ziggurats. They may have been built to reach above the next flood, and they often have temples on the top. They probably are copies of the original tower, called Babel in Genesis 11:9. (Babel in Hebrew means to confuse or to mix). Photo to the left is a reconstruction of a Ziggurat in Ur based on archeological digs.
- So the people dispersed, against their will, to fulfill God's command originally given in Genesis 9:1.

- Could it be that a God-fearing people who left before Babel never had their language confused? Could Noah's language still be on Earth today?
 - Note: the nation of Israel and the Hebrew language and culture is the only ancient civilization left on Earth that has retained its founding language, religion and fundamental culture. No one else can make this claim, not the Egyptians, nor the Persians, nor the Hindus, nor the Chinese, or the Aztecs or the Mayans or anyone. ***Only God's chosen people through Abraham have retained their identity, culture and beliefs.***
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*The Time of the
Patriarchs
(Abraham)*

- We have covered a huge amount of history from Genesis 1 through the last chart. Now we slow down and see God working in a different way in the life of one man (Abram) and his family that will become a nation to bless the whole world.
- Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot (Abram's nephew) and their wives and left Ur and headed northwest and upriver closer to Canaan. They settled in the land of Haran.
- God called Abram to leave their country and go further to a land He would show him. God rewarded His faith for Abraham made God's commands and God's blessings his top priority.
- Even when Abraham made mistakes, God protected Him because his heart and priorities were right. God is looking for connection not perfection!
- Their herds grew too big and Abram and Lot's families had issues, so Abraham gave Lot first choice of lands. Lot picked the well-watered plains near Sodom.
- Abram and Sarai (Sar-Rey) were barren and past the normal point of child-bearing, but God made a promise that he would have a child.
- Instead of waiting for the promise, they use Sarai's servant Hagar, who gave birth to Ishmael. This only caused strife and Hagar and Ishmael were cast out.
- But God promised to bless Ishmael and make a nation from him, and many believe v12 to be prophetic of the difficulties between Jews and the Arabic people today.
- God changes Abram's name (father) to Abraham (father of many). And Sarai (princess) to Sarah (noblewoman).
- God made a new covenant sealed by circumcision. It was a mandatory covenant and symbolized the covenant to come where Christ would circumcise us from our sins.

- Genesis 18:1-2, 8-15
- And then God with 2 angels appeared in person (not just as a voice) and confirmed the promise of a son. Sarah laughed, but what is too hard for God?
- Genesis 18:16-24
- God reveals to Abraham his plan to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham gently bargains for any righteous to be spared (50,45,40,30,20,10). God promises to not destroy it if even ten are found. But God only spares Lot, his wife, and his daughters.
- Genesis 19:1-5
Gen 19:15-17, 24-26
- Sodom is so evil, then men of the city attempt to force themselves on the angels sent for Lot. The angels bring the family out, but Lot's wife doesn't listen, looks back and turns to salt.
- Genesis 21:1-6
- The promised son is born and Sarah laughs again!
- Genesis 22:1-5, 8-12
James 2:21-23
- God tested and proved Abraham's faith. His faith, even when tried through the sacrifice of Isaac, was rewarded and he was accounted righteousness from God for it.
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- Jacob to Israel***
Genesis 25:19-26
- One of the great ironies of the Bible is that the chosen people of Israel started with two generations of barrenness. But God again provided and gave Isaac twins, Esau and Jacob, with a prophecy that the elder, Esau would serve the younger.
- Genesis 25:27-34
- Jacob buys the birthright in exchange for a meal.
- Gen 27:1-10, 18-23
Gen 27:27-28, 33-34
- When Isaac nears death, Jacob then steals the blessing by pretending to be Esau and then runs off.
- Genesis 28:10-16
- Jacob has a vision of his future and of God's blessings.
- Genesis 29:13-25
- Jacob (whose name means deceiver) was also deceived by the father of the one he loved. Laban, the father of Rachel and Leah, tricked Jacob into marrying the older sister instead of the one he loved.
- Genesis 32:24-32
- Jacob went to face his brother. He stopped to sleep and ended up wrestling someone until the break of day. But it wasn't any man, it was God showing Himself.
 - Jacob would not let go and demanded a blessing. God blessed him, changed his name from Jacob (deceiver) to Israel (God prevails) and maimed his leg.
 - Would you trade a blessing from God for injury? When you face God, you will never be the same!
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Joseph and Egypt

Genesis 35:21-26

Matthew 19:3-9

1st Timothy 3:2

Titus 1:6

Genesis 37:3-8

Gen 37:19-28, 31-34

Genesis 39:1-6

Gen 39:7-8,12,19-20

Genesis 39:21-23

Gen 40:1, 3, 5, 8-14

Genesis 40:15-23

Gen 41:1-9, 12-16

Genesis 41:25-42

Gen 42:1-3, 6-13

Gen 42:19-25, 36-38

Gen 43:11-14

Gen 44:1-34

Gen 45:1-14

Gen 50:20

Gen 47:7-12, 27

- Israel has 12 sons. And although he loved God, he was flawed. He had children from two wives and two servants and it caused huge issues. God designed us to be joined as one man and one woman. God permitted the polygamous practices of the pagans, but it wasn't His will then and it is specifically outlawed for church leadership.
- Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than the others, and the others hated Joseph for it. He even gave Joseph a coat of many colors (an extravagant gift at this time).
- Joseph's dreams from God didn't help matters! The special coat probably didn't help either.
- His brothers almost killed him, instead sold him into slavery in Egypt. They brought his coat covered in blood back to their father, and Israel mourned.
- Joseph was sold in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's and captain of the guard.
- He never lost his faith in God through a roller coaster of events in Egypt...
- He rose to the top of Potiphar's house, was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown in prison.
- Rose to the top of the prison and was given the interpretation for the dreams of two palace officials. Again he was forgotten. Still never lost his faith.
- Then Pharaoh had two troubling dreams, and the butler remembered Joseph. He was brought before Pharaoh and God gave him the interpretation. So Pharaoh saw wisdom in Joseph and put him over the plan to save Egypt from the famine.
- Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy corn. They didn't recognize him, and Joseph began to test them to see if they had changed by locking up one brother and sending the rest back. They came back with the younger brother and showed a repentant heart.
- Joseph broke down and revealed himself. This was the fulfillment of his first dream. What his brothers meant for evil, God meant for good.
- He brought his family to Egypt and there they prospered and multiplied.

**Lesson 4 -
The Exodus
and the Tabernacle**

Our God is in the deliverance business. He delivered Israel from bondage and He can deliver you too! God shows them a new worship system that points to Jesus Christ.

***The Exodus and the
Plan of Redemption***

Exodus 12:40

Exodus 1:5-11

Exodus 1:22 - 2:10

Exodus 2:11-21

Exodus 3:1-14

John 8:56-59

Exodus 3:19-22

Exodus 5:1-7

Exodus 7:19-22

Exodus 8:5-8; 13-15

Exodus 9:23-27; 34

Exodus 11:1-7

Exodus 12:3-14

John 1:29

1st Corinthians 5:7-8

Exodus 12:50-51

Exodus 13:17-18; 21

Exodus 14:19-31

1st Cor 10:1-5

Exodus 15:1-5; 11

- Israel dwelt in Egypt for 430 years. A family entered, but now we have a nation inside a nation and Egypt grew worried. They made the Israelites into slaves.
- Moses is born during dangerous days, but God put him in Pharaoh's house to be raised as a prince. He killed an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and escaped to the land of Midian where he married a shepherd's daughter.
- God calls Moses to return and free his people. He instructs Moses to proclaim His name as "I Am" the same name Jesus applied to Himself in John 8.
- God warns Moses it won't be easy. But in the end, they will plunder Egypt and be released.
- Moses comes, Pharaoh refuses. Then nine plagues: Water to Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Egyptian Cattle Slain, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness.
- Sometimes the Egyptian magicians could duplicate God's curses, but even then Pharaoh would soften his heart for only a time and then change his mind. Other times, the miracles were too great and clearly God was in control, yet Pharaoh would not keep his word.
- God sends one last plague (the 10th), worse than any before. God will come Himself and kill the firstborn of every family and every animal in Egypt, from Pharaoh's house to the cattle.
- Every family in Israel was to slay a lamb, prepare a meal and strike the doorposts of their house to show they were covered by the blood of the lamb and God would pass over that house.
- In the same way, we will learn later that Jesus is our lamb, our Passover lamb, and His sacrifice covers us.
- The pass-over convinced Pharaoh and the people of Israel left, plundering Egypt and they left into the wilderness heading towards the Red Sea.
- Although led by God, Pharaoh pursued them. And God took them through the Red Sea, which the New Testament calls their baptism.
- Israel sang songs of praise for their deliverance!!!

Israel at Sinai
Time of the Law
Exodus 16:1-5
Exodus 19:1-6

- It didn't take long for the complaining to start, but God provided for Israel in the wilderness. God brought them to the base of Mount Sinai. God gives another conditional covenant opportunity: "If you will obey My voice, you will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation!"
- Exodus 20:1-21 • God gives Moses the Ten Commandments on the mountain and shows His presence to the people.
- Exodus 25:1-2; 8-9 (note some of the details: Ex 26:1-6) Acts 7:44 • And God gives them the pattern for a tabernacle of worship. Notice the details. God always cares about the details. This temple is meant to be patterned after the one in Heaven that Moses was shown.
- Deuteronomy 6:1-9 • God also gives the law to Moses at Sinai, including the single most important passage in the Hebrew scriptures. Deut 6:4-5 is called the Shema, because Shema is Hebrew for the first word → **Hear**. And the command to love God is the most important commandment. Note Jesus confirmed this as well.
- Matthew 22:35-40
- Numbers 18:1-7 • Aaron and his descendents are the priests, and the Levites (those who came from Levi, the son of Israel) will serve as the caretakers of the tabernacle.
- Numbers 13:2;17-20
Numbers 13:25-31
Numbers 14:1-13 • Israel comes to Kadesh-Barnea and sends scouts into this new land, but they bring back a bad report and their cowardice keeps them from trusting God.
- Numbers 14:22-23
Numbers 14:30-34 • God declares this people will not enter the land, but wander in the wilderness until all have died (40 years).
- Joshua 14:6-14 • But Caleb is spared in this judgment for his faith, and later, even in old age, he is still ready to take the land!
- Deuteronomy 8:1-4
Exodus 16:13-16 • So they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years! And God took care of them. He fed them, their clothes didn't wear out, and their feet didn't grow!!!

The Tabernacle
Man's Approach to God
Hebrews 8:5
Hebrews 9:1-7

- Both in the wilderness and in their promised land, God gave them a system of worship centered around the tabernacle. Since the tabernacle teaches us a lot about Jesus, it's worth studying a bit more.
 - Colossians 2:16-17 • We find this tabernacle is an example, a shadow of worship in Heaven. God showed it to Moses to give us a picture of our redemption. The tabernacle was to point to the perfect sacrifice to come!
 - Hebrews 10:1-4
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The Altar of Sacrifice

Exodus 29:10-19
Leviticus 17:11

Hebrews 7:26-27

- Worship always starts with sacrifice. The brazen altar was a bloody place of sacrifice. Just like in the Passover lamb, it was the blood that covered, because the life of the flesh is in the blood.
- Jesus took our place and offered Himself once as the perfect spotless lamb so our sins can be forgiven.

The Laver of Water

Exodus 30:17-21

Matthew 3:13-16

- The priest had to wash before ministering at the altar or before entering the tabernacle.
- For this reason, the man, Jesus Christ, had to be baptized prior to starting His ministry so He would be ceremonially clean before acting as our High Priest.

***The Holy Place
The Place of Worship***

Exodus 25:31-32
John 8:12

Exodus 25:23, 30
John 6:47-51

Exodus 30:1; 6-9
Leviticus 16:11-13
Revelation 5:8
Hebrews 7:24-25

- The Holy Place was a place of worship to teach us about living for God and about the ministry of Christ.
- The candlestick is the only light in the tabernacle to teach us that God is our light. It also symbolizes the nature of Jesus as the image of God to the world.
- The table of shewbread provided nourishment for the priests and teaches us that God will provide for us. It represents the message of Jesus as the bread of life.
- The altar of incense was placed before the veil and lit each day. Represents prayers to God and fills the tent even protecting the High Priest. This shows us the work of Christ to make us acceptable to God.

***The Holy of Holies
(Beyond the Veil)***

Exodus 25:10-11
Exodus 25:17-22
Leviticus 16:14

Hebrews 9:6-7
Hebrews 9:11-12

- The dwelling place of God. A veil of cloth separated this chamber from the rest of the tabernacle & the priest entered once per year to offer atonement for sin.
- This represents God's desire to commune with us and forgive our sins and we see the man, Jesus Christ, as our High Priest entering here to finish the atonement.

***The Tabernacle to
The Cross***

Hebrews 9:21-28

Romans 6:6-7
Romans 6:4-5
Ephesians 1:13-14
Hebrews 10:19-23

- Every aspect of the tabernacle points to the saving work done by Jesus Christ. Hebrews 9 gives us an excellent summary of what He did as our High Priest.
- And we have a picture of how we approach God... First with repentance (death at the altar). Then with baptism (burial and washing at the laver). Then in receiving His spirit (entering the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies).

*The Land of
Promise
(Map of the Land)*

- We have two major history lessons in this Bible study, an OT lesson (this one, #5) and a church history lesson (#11). Note how much time we have spent in the first five books (the Pentateuch). This gives us the foundation we need to understand the rest of the Old Testament and the New Testament too.
 - And although there are numerous amazing lessons in the rest of the Old Testament, we need to speed up now to continue this survey of scripture! Please come back and invest the time in these books.
- Hebrews 11:24-29
Numbers 20:7-12
1st Cor 10:1-4
- Although a hero of faith, we find Moses was not able to enter the promised land because of disobedience. He struck the rock twice, and the rock was to symbolize Christ, Who should only be struck once!
- Joshua 1:1-11
Joshua 2:1; 23-24
Joshua 3:7-8; 15-17
Joshua 5:10-12
- Joshua takes over as leader, and this generation isn't afraid to trust God. They cross the Jordan River miraculously. They kept the Passover and once they ate of the land, the manna from heaven ceased.
- Joshua 5:13-15
Joshua 6:1-5
- A captain of God's angels appears to Joshua and gives him the bizarre battle plan to take the fortified city of Jericho. He brazenly does it God's way and wins!
- Joshua 6:27
- The armies of Israel subdue the existing cities and nations under Joshua's leadership and the 11 tribes of Israel took possession of the land.
- Joshua 24:13-31
- Joshua challenges them to remember and rededicate themselves to a covenant relationship with God.
- Deut 20:10-18
- God commanded the armies to make peace where possible, but to absolutely destroy certain evil nations in Canaan. They were warned that failure to obey would cause them problems later.
- Judges 1:28-32
- But no strong leadership arose after Joshua's death, and the nation of Israel failed to drive out the evil idol worshippers as commanded by God. Many were led astray and Israel forever suffered as a nation because of their refusal to do it God's way.
- Judges 2:10-23
- God raised up judges to deliver Israel, but He also left the other evil nations there to test Israel and prove their faithfulness.

The United Kingdom

1st Samuel 8:4-22
Matthew 6:9-10

1st Sam 15:1, 3, 9-14

1st Samuel 15:22-26

Acts 13:21-23

Psalm 51:1-12
1st Chron 29:26-28
Hebrews 11:32

1st Kings 3:3-28
Matthew 6:31-33

2nd Sam 7:5-6; 12-13

1st Kings 5:2-5

1st Kings 6:9-14

1st Kings 8:1, 10-14

1st Kings 11:1-6

- Unfortunately, Israel failed the test of faithfulness. They refused to trust God and His judges, and asked to have a king like the other nations. This is why, as Christians, we are told to pray "Your will be done".
- Israel stayed united under three kings who served for 40 years each. Saul, the first, started out good but turned from God and refused to obey God's voice.
- In God's eyes, direct disobedience is the same as witchcraft, and He rejected Saul as king.
- David, although very flawed, is full of faith and dedicated to God. Even after committing adultery and murder, he begged God for mercy and received it. The 51st Psalm records his prayer for forgiveness. Ultimately, David was a great but flawed king. He even made the Heroes of Faith list in Hebrews 11.
- David's son Solomon started out putting God first, and God gave him great wisdom as well as wealth and honor, and a peaceful reign to reward his attitude. God always rewards us when our priorities are right!
- Solomon was permitted to build the temple that his warrior father was not allowed to build. It may have been his greatest accomplishment, and God blessed it and filled the temple with His presence.
- Solomon made tragic mistakes. He allowed the worship of false gods in Israel. Eventually his wives persuaded him to worship other gods and he pursued pleasures and wasted years of his life.

The Divided Kingdom

1st Kings 12:3-13
1st King 12:16, 19

2nd Kings 17:1-6

- Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was an idiot and split the kingdom by refusing the counsel of his dad's advisors.
- The ten northern tribes split and followed Jeroboam. Called the Kingdom of Israel, was ruled by 19 kings, all of them evil and idolatry was rampant.
- God in His mercy sent prophets to warn them (most notably Elijah and Elisha) but the people refused to repent. The Northern kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians (the Persians) around 721 BC.
- The two southern tribes stuck with Rehoboam and are called the Kingdom of Judah. 19 kings and one queen, (and a few of them did seek after God).

- Isaiah 7:14; 9:6
Isaiah 53:1-10
- Isaiah and Jeremiah and others prophesied in Judah. Isaiah also gives us many Messianic prophecies.
- 2nd Kings 25:1-4
2nd Kings 25:8-11
- The Assyrian empire began to collapse in 627 BC and the Babylonian empire rose to replace it. The Southern Kingdom was conquered by King Nebuchadnezzar in 606 BC and Jerusalem was destroyed.
- Daniel 1:1-17
Daniel 3:1-30
- Ezekiel and Daniel and other prophets continued in their ministry under the Babylonian captivity.
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- The Return to Jerusalem & The OT Ends*
Psalm 137:1-6
- The desire to return to Jerusalem was strong. 137th Psalm was dedicated to this longing. The Jews ended their Passover dinner with the promise, "next year in Jerusalem" to declare their hope to return home.
- Ezra 1:1-3
- The Persian king, Cyrus, ordered the temple in Jerusalem rebuilt (around 536 BC). Zerubbabel led about 50,000 Jewish laborers to complete this temple. Herod significantly renovated this temple in 19 BC.
- Haggai 1:1-7, 13-14
- Haggai, a prophet sent by God (~ 520 BC), came and encouraged Zerubbabel (governor of Judah) and Joshua (the High Priest) to finish the temple.
- Nehemiah 2:1-8
- Nehemiah, cupbearer to the Persian king Artaxerxes, was granted leave, resources and authority to rebuild the city of Jerusalem and its walls (around 444 BC). Later (in #11) we'll find this is 483 Hebrew years, and 476 solar years before 33 AD, fulfilling Daniel 9.
- Micah 5:2
- OT ends with amazing prophecies of the one to come.
 - ✓ The Messiah, with everlasting origins, will come from the little town of Bethlehem.
- Malachi 3:1
- ✓ God will send His messenger to prepare the way, and then the LORD, God himself, will come to the temple.
- Zechariah 12:10
- ✓ When His spirit comes, they will look on Him (God) whom they have pierced. The Spirit outpouring will reveal that God Himself was the one who was pierced!
- Zechariah 14:9
- ✓ God will reveal Himself as Lord and reveal a singular name by which we will know Him.
 - Last books (chronologically) of the Old Testament (Nehemiah and Malachi) were completed around 443 BC and then over 400 years of silence until God reveals Himself again!!!

**Lesson 6 -
Intro to NT**

***The OT promises and prophecies have finally come true.
God has come in the flesh to show us the way and die for our sins.***

Books of the NT

Matthew 5:17-18
2nd Timothy 3:16
John 1:17

- How many books? 27 (3 in New x 9 in Testament)
- 400 years of silence. 8 authors. 100 years to write.
- 4 books announcing the good news. Acts shows how to come to God / how to receive the good news. The Epistles show us how to grow as Christians.

***John the Baptist
(The Forerunner
of Christ)***

Isaiah 40:3
Malachi 3:1
Matthew 3:2,11
John 1:1-5; 6-15
John 1:19-29

- Isaiah 40:3 mentions LORD (the Tetragrammaton), This is the name of God in Hebrew. So sacred it was rarely said and the OT says LORD in all caps instead. "Prepare ye the way of the LORD" = "God himself is coming"
- John's message wasn't for salvation, but to prepare people's hearts for the Messiah.
- In some ways, John 1 is actually the first chapter of the Bible. It reveals the plan of God from the beginning.

***Birth of Jesus
Christ***

Micah 5:2
Isaiah 7:14
Isaiah 9:6
Matthew 1:21
Luke 1:35
Luke 3:22-24; 37-38

- Jesus had a specific address in history, born in a certain time, almost all of it out of His control.
- Do all the verses on this chart. Emphasize Isaiah 9:6 and Matthew 1:21.
- Why is He called the Son of God? Read Luke 1:35. We are told why, because He came from God.
- Compare this to the first Adam in Luke 3:22-24, 37-38. Although he doesn't have the same nature as Jesus, Adam is also called the Son of God for the same reason, because he came from God.

***Prophecies
Concerning
Jesus Christ***

- ✓ Genesis 3:15 (seed of a Woman)
- ✓ Isaiah 40:3 (John the Baptist)
- ✓ Micah 5:2 (born in Bethlehem)
- ✓ Isaiah 53:5 (wounded and bruised)
- ✓ Isaiah 7:14 (from a virgin)
- ✓ Zechariah 11:12 (sold for 30 pieces)
- ✓ Psalm 34:19-20 (bones not broken)
- ✓ Zechariah 12:10 (God will be pierced)

***Miracles of Jesus
Christ***

Matthew 3:13-17
Matthew 4:1-10

- Compare OT Isaiah 35:5-6 with NT Matthew 11:2-6.
- If you have time: Matthew 9:27-30; John 5:1-9; Matthew 8:2-4; Mark 7:31-37; John 11:1-6,17,32-45
- You'll know when you have truly met Jesus. You will never be the same afterwards!

**Lesson 7 -
Life of Christ**

Jesus came with a radical new message: you must be born again!
(This is a hard lesson. Consider spending extra time in prayer!!!)

**Teaches the New
Birth**

Joel 2:28
Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 3:1-8

John 7:37-39

- Although prophesied in the OT (Joel & Jeremiah), this new message was shocking and revolutionary in its day (and today as well!)
- Two parts to being born again: born of the water and born of the spirit. We will see both of these events repeatedly in the book of Acts.
- We learn more about the New Birth in John 7:37-39.

Teaches in Parables

Matthew 13:10-13

Matt 13:1-8; 18-23

Matthew 13:44-46

Matthew 25:14-29

- Why did Jesus teach in parables?
To hide some of the mysteries of God.
- Each parable teaches an amazing God principle:
The Sower - Our job is to share God's word and when we find fertile ground, it will bear fruit.
Pearl of Great Price - What is Heaven worth to you?
The Talents - Whom much is given, much is required

**The Road to
Calvary**

Matthew 21:1-5
Zechariah 9:9
Matt 26:36, 39-44

- We see both parts of Jesus' nature especially here. Sometimes He acted as God and sometimes as a man. Why did He pray? He prayed as a man. How did He know about the donkey? About His betrayal? He knew in His divinity.

Christ Died for Us

Romans 5:7-10
2nd Cor 5:19-21

Matthew 27:22-54

- While we were yet sinners, He died for us.
- God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. He made Him sin for us, that we could be made the righteousness of God.
- How can we contemplate such love or such pain?

Christ Lives

1st Cor 15:3-7
Acts 1:3

Luke 24:1-21
Luke 24:27-31

- Christianity is unique in that our beliefs are tied to a specific historical event that can be judged by historical evidence.
- His resurrection is a historical event with numerous eye witnesses.
- He wasn't just a good moral teacher; He was either Lord, a liar, or a lunatic, and He convinced many to follow Him. Could he have persuaded the disciples not just to follow Him, but to die for a lie? Who would die for a lie?

The Great Commission

- Jesus gives the commission three times and Peter fulfills it. It was recorded 4x in the Gospels & Acts.
- Each account is consistent with the pattern of the other accounts, and we see the perfect fulfillment of Christ's command throughout Acts.

<i>The Context</i>	<i>Recorded</i>	<i>The Command (Paraphrased)</i>
Women to the empty tomb. Jesus appears to one of the women the next morning. He appear to two walking in the countryside. Then He appears to the 11 eating together.	Mark 16:14-18 Luke 24:45-49	<i>Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved... These signs shall follow..</i> <i>Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations. But wait first in Jerusalem for the promise. You will be filled with power from on high.</i>
The 11 disciples were in Galilee, heading up a mountain, and Jesus appeared to them.	Matthew 28:16-20	<i>Go and teach all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teach them to observe all things.</i>
Jesus leads them to Bethany to the Olivet Mount (see Mark 11:1, Olivet is in Bethany) and gives the command one last time before ascending into the clouds.	Acts 1:2-12	<i>Wait for the promise of the Father. You will be baptized with the Holy Ghost shortly. And you shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes on you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the Earth.</i>
Peter stands and preaches to the crowd, ending his message with the promise of the Great Commission, compare to Luke 24.	Acts 2:37-41	<i>Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. The promise is to you, your children, to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.</i>

The Mighty God in Christ (The Wheel of God)

John 8:57-58
John 14:6-11

Colossians 1:15
Colossians 2:8-9
1st Timothy 3:16
2nd Corinthians 5:19
Hebrews 1:1-3
1st Timothy 2:5

- Awesome chart, try to pick one verse from at least a few of the pie slices along with one from an opposite slice. Definitely read the three boxed verses.
- I usually add 1st Timothy 2:5 here as the key to explaining the incarnation. It is the MAN Christ Jesus who mediates our sins. It is not one person of God fixing things with another person of God.

Reminder: Next week's lesson (lesson 8 on Acts) will take extra time!

**Lesson 8 -
Acts & Salvation**

***We see the birth of the church and the presentation and repeated confirmation of the New Testament Plan of Salvation.
(This is a big and critical lesson. You will need extra time)***

Birth of the Church

Luke 24:45-49

Acts 1:4-5,8

Leviticus 23:15-16

Leviticus 23:18-19

Isaiah 28:11-12

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Joel 2:28-29

John 7:37-39

Acts 1:12-14

Acts 2:1-8

- Now we will see the Great Commission in action.
- Pentecost = 50, this is the festival 50 days after Passover. Jews from all over came back to Jerusalem to celebrate together in the Feast of Harvest.
- Purpose was to put God first, make an offering of unworthiness (sin offering) and a celebration offering (peace offering).
- Old Testament prophecies and some of the teachings of Jesus come to pass right here.
- After Jesus ascended (was glorified), they returned to Jerusalem to pray and wait.
- The Holy Ghost came on them as fire with the miraculous sign of speaking in tongues.

***Peter Preaches
Christ /
God's Plan
for Us***

Acts 2:12-17,36-37

Acts 2:38-41

- The crowd was amazed (v12) but some had doubts (v13). Peter stood (a changed man) and started preaching (v14-17).
- This was the same crowd that yelled for his crucifixion and Peter made this clear (v36). Many were convicted in their hearts (v37).
- What is the Apostolic pattern for salvation? Peter commands three things and gives a promise.
- What are the three commands?
What is the New Testament plan of salvation?
Repent, Be baptized, Save yourselves
(And you will receive the Holy Spirit)
- How did the people receive this message from God? (v41) They did so gladly.

***Repentance
1st Step in God's Plan***

Matthew 3:1-2

Luke 13:3

Luke 24:46-49

2nd Peter 3:9

- Repent = turn around.
You can't be saved unless you turn from your sins.
- Emphasize Jesus' command in Luke 13:3. And emphasize how the command to repent in Luke 24 is linked to the Acts 2:38 message.
- God doesn't want anyone to be lost, but you must, absolutely must, repent to come to God.

***Buried with Him
in Baptism***

Acts 2:38
Mark 16:16
Matthew 28:19

John 3:5
Acts 22:16
Romans 6:4

- Many think baptism is optional, but the Bible is clear that it is mandatory. You do not have the authority to promise salvation without baptism. God commands us to teach baptism (the Great Commission) and to be baptized.
- Don't do all these verses here. You will get a chance to cover Acts 8, Acts 10 and Acts 19 later. So just cover the ones mentioned here.
- (Go quick so you can cover Acts 8 in detail on the evidence chart)

***Have You Received
the Holy Ghost?***

1st Cor 15:1-4

Acts 2:38-40

John 3:5
Romans 8:9

- The gospel (1st Cor 15:1-4) is the good news that Christ died for our sins, made a way of escape for us, and rose again. (But don't mistake the Gospel for a description of Salvation.)
- The gospel does not tell us how to apply this good news to our life. The great commission verses and Acts 2:38-40 tells us what we must do to apply this to our lives.
- The Pentecostal experience is the only New Testament experience that fulfills this. It was promised by Jesus (John 3:5), it was preached by Peter (Acts 2:38-40) and it was preached by Paul (Romans 8:9).

***The Power of the
Holy Ghost***

John 16:13
John 14:26
Romans 14:17
Romans 8:9-11

- I skip this chart here, since the evidence chart summarizes lesson 8 so beautifully and it is better to end this lesson on the evidence chart. So I cover this in Lesson 9b - Holiness.
- If you do it, make sure you cover the following:
 - ✓ The Spirit shows things to come
 - ✓ The Spirit will teach us
 - ✓ The Spirit gives righteousness, peace and joy
 - ✓ The Spirit will raise us into eternal life!

The Evidence of the Holy Ghost

John 3:5

Acts 2:38-40

- The NT plan of salvation is simple and consistent.
- You must be born of the water and the spirit.
- You must repent, be baptized and save yourself, and you will be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- The sign (the only sign in the NT) that you received the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.
- We see this pattern in Acts 2, 8, 9 (with the Apostle Paul), 10 and Acts 19.
- (Since Acts 10 is covered in detail in lesson 10, I go to Acts 8 here.)
- Acts 8 is the most detailed account of a salvation journey in the Bible.

Acts 8:5-8

- ✓ Philip came to Samaria preaching Christ. They listened, witnessed miracles, demons were cast out, there were healings, and great joy. But that's not enough, you need more!

Acts 8:12

- ✓ They believed and were baptized. That's important. We are commanded to be baptized, but that's not enough, you need more!

Acts 8:14-16

- ✓ You do not receive the Holy Ghost just because you believe and are baptized. It is a separate and distinct supernatural experience.

Acts 8:17

- ✓ They prayed specifically to receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:18-20

- ✓ It was so powerful, that a sorcerer witnessing this was willing to pay money to be able to acquire this "power"!!! Being born of the spirit is a supernatural experience.

Acts 8:26-30

- If you have the time, I never do, you can go to and talk about the Ethiopian Eunuch and Philip.

Acts 8:35-39

- We're never told if this Ethiopian received the Holy Ghost or what happened to him, but we again see baptism presented as something to immediately be done upon belief. You never find baptism taught as an optional event to be done at some later point in someone's life.
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The Gifts of the Spirit

1st Cor 12:1

1st Cor 12:4-11

1st Cor 12:28-31

1st Cor 12:30

Mark 16:17

1st Cor 13:1-7,13
(charity = love)

1st Cor 13:8-12

1st Cor 14:2

1st Cor 14:12-13

1st Cor 14:14-15

1st Cor 14:18

1st Cor 14:26-30

1st Cor 14:32-33,40

1st Cor 14:39

- I teach this chart as a single lesson. I teach the next two charts next week as a separate holiness lesson.
- The gifts are important! Don't be ignorant.
- Three kinds of gifts that give supernatural power...
 - ✓ To Know (Wisdom, Knowledge & Discernment)
 - ✓ To Acts (Faith, Miracles & Healing)
 - ✓ To Speak (Prophecy, Tongues & Interpretation)
- These are examples of how God moves and there is a lot of overlap in these gifts. For example: God can give you faith and a word of knowledge for a miracle of healing!
- The gifts were given to feed us and minister to us, and we are given detailed instructions on their use.
- v30 is talking about a message in tongues, not tongues as a prayer language and a sign. The sign of tongues (in Acts) is different than the gift of tongues. Not everyone receives the gift of tongues.
- But the gifts of the spirit are not as important as love!!! Never forget the message of 1st Corinthians 13.
- And when Jesus (that which is perfect) returns, some gifts will stop!!!

(Chapter 14 is the instructional manual on tongues)
- Tongues are not naturally understood by anyone, including the speaker.
- Again, two kinds of tongues here: tongues as a sign and the gift of Tongues. These are different. One is a specific prophetic gift (note v12-13), the other is a supernatural language for prayer and even singing (note v14-15).
- Paul is a big fan of speaking in tongues. But understanding is still better than tongues.
- There are rules and limits on how the gift should be used. Tongues are not perfect!!!
- The giver of the message is in control. God did not give us tongues to look crazy. God does not want our worship to be mistaken for confusion.
- If you forbid speaking in tongues, you are in direct contradiction to the word of God.

**Lesson 9b -
Holiness**

Holiness is a process through which God's Spirit transforms us.

***From the Old Man
To the New Man***

Ephesians 4:22-23

Galatians 5:19-21

Galatians 5:22

- With God's spirit, we have the power to overcome sin.
- But we must be renewed in the Spirit!!!
- If we do this, we will see a transformation:
 - The Works of the Flesh will turn into...
 - The Fruit of the Spirit
 - This takes times. Give God a chance to change you into something more beautiful than you could ever imagine.

***The Power of the
Holy Ghost
(Lesson 8, Chart 7)***

John 16:13

John 14:26

Romans 14:17

Romans 8:9-11

- I usually don't have time to cover this chart in lesson 8, so I put it here instead, where it logically flows in the Holiness lesson. Just flip back and cover it and then return to lesson 9, chart 3.
- Make sure you cover the following:
 - ✓ The Spirit shows things to come
 - ✓ The Spirit will teach us
 - ✓ The Spirit gives righteousness, peace and joy
 - ✓ The Spirit will raise us into eternal life!

***The Beauty of
Holiness***

Psalms 29:2

Matthew 5:16

2nd Cor 7:1

Hebrews 12:14

1st Peter 2:9

1st Peter 1:4-6

2nd Peter 1:3-10

- God has chosen us to be the ones to show His love.
- It is a great calling and a great honor.
- I read all four verses on the chart as well as 1st Peter 2:9 (the verse on being a part of a royal priesthood, a peculiar people...).
- If they are really into it, I add the following two passages:
 - ✓ Holiness is not a prison sentence. For those who pursue it, it actually gets pretty awesome. There is joy ahead!
 - ✓ Holiness is a process whereby God puts stuff into us. We can't earn it, we don't deserve it, and it takes time. Let God work in you!

**Lesson 10 -
The NT Church**

The New Testament church grew under miracles and persecution. Peter (led by the Spirit) brought the Gospel to the Gentiles and God used Paul greatly to start churches throughout the Roman empire.

The New Testament Church

- The New Testament church began in roughly 33 A.D., 50 days after the Passover (Calvary) at the celebration of Pentecost. The apostles and their associates wrote the New Testament letters from 50 to 100 A.D. Throughout this time, the church saw explosive growth.
- When reading Acts 2:42, make sure you include v41, "They gladly received His word!".
- The New Testament church consistently showed several characteristics: Fellowship, Reliance on God and Miracles, Sacrifice and Giving, and a Commitment to Sharing the Gospel and the New Plan of Salvation everywhere they went!
- Your church should show these same characteristics!

Acts 2:37-42

Two examples:
Acts 3:1-10
Acts 4:31-37

Persecution of the Church

Acts 1:8

Acts 6:1-7

Acts 6:8-13

Acts 7:51-54

Acts 7:57-60

- In the Great Commission, especially in Acts 1:8, the disciples were instructed to wait for the power AND THEN go into the world. But most of them remained in Jerusalem for 10 years or longer.
- In Acts 6, we find Stephen selected as one of the 7 to help run the day-to-day church and feed the poor. This is about 5 years after Calvary and the persecution really grew intense.
- Stephen was arrested because of the power of God shown in him, and he preached to his accusers ending with a strong warning in Acts 7:51-54. They dragged him outside the city and stoned him while a young Pharisee named Saul watched their coats.
- About a year later, we find Saul on the road to Damascus, where he met Jesus face to face and had his own book of Acts salvation experience.

*Gospel to the
Gentiles /
Peter*

Acts 10:1-6

Acts 10:9-16, 28

Acts 10:33-48

v33

v34-35

v44-46

v47-48

- Acts 10 gives us another detailed account of a new group coming to God. The gentiles first receive the Holy Ghost after God does some character adjustments to Peter's sense of personal holiness.
- God saw the faith and devoutness of Cornelius. Those who hunger for the things of God will find Him.
- **God has to prepare Peter, and He uses a vision of unclean food to teach Peter that Calvary was for the whole world, not just the Jews.**
- Important verses to stress:
 - ✓ The right attitude, open to the word
 - ✓ God looks at everyone the same
 - ✓ The Holy Ghost fell as Peter preached
 - ✓ He immediately commanded them to be baptized
- **Acts 10 reinforces the Apostolic pattern and New Testament Plan of Salvation.** The order of Holy Ghost and Baptism may vary, but the elements are always present: Repent, Be Baptized and Receive the Holy Ghost!

*Gospel to the
Gentiles /
Paul*

Acts 19:1-6

v2-3

v4-5

v6

2nd Timothy 4:7-8

- Saul becomes Paul, and God uses him greatly to preach the Gospel.
- Starting in Acts 13, Paul goes on three missionary journeys from about 48 A.D. to his arrest in Jerusalem in 58 A.D..
- **Acts 19:1-6 is the last detailed salvation account, this time for the Disciples of John.**
 - ✓ Paul, upon meeting them, immediately wants to know if they have the Holy Ghost and how they were baptized. No the don't. They were baptized into John's baptism.
 - ✓ Once Paul told them about baptism into the name of Jesus, they were re-baptized.
 - ✓ Then they received the Holy Ghost consistent with the pattern throughout Acts.
- **Although baptized with sincerity, they were re-baptized in Jesus name.**
- Paul had a great ministry and certainly fought a good fight and will get his reward. And those who "love His appearing" will be rewarded too!

**Lesson 11 -
Jerusalem to
Rapture**

We go from the Book of Acts through the Age of the Gentiles to the Signs of the Endtimes. (There is a lot of history in this lesson, a lot of details, you may go long on this one, and I often teach this with the outline handy to keep the details straight.)

(Note: I do these pages in a different order than EGW)

***Destruction of
Jerusalem***

Luke 19:41-44

Luke 21:5-6

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 21:20-28

Luke 21:31-32

Luke 21:5-6

- In Luke 19 and Luke 21 (and Matthew 24 and Mark 13), Jesus prophesizes about Jerusalem.
- Need to understand the dual-nature of some prophecies. Read Isaiah 7:10-14. This was a sign for King Ahaz and also points to the Messiah.
- The Olivet discourses are covered in Matt 24:1-20; Luke 21:5-24 and Mark 13:1-18. Each account adds a few details. Mark has the fewest details.
- Luke 21 illustrates the dual-nature of the prophecy. After the time of the Gentiles (v24), the Son of Man will appear. v31-32 give the context: once you see these signs, then the end will come in that generation.
- Titus Flavius (9 years before becoming emperor) was commander of the 15th Legion and led the 47 day siege of Jerusalem along with the 5th and 10th Legions. 40,000 were killed and many of the rest committed suicide. It was a brutal and horrific Roman victory.
- Note Luke 21:5-6. The gold plating upon the stones was so valuable that the soldiers dug through the rubble to find the melted gold, fulfilling v5-6.

***Times of the
Gentiles***

Daniel 2:1-6,27-28

Daniel 2:31-35

Daniel 2:36-45

Daniel 9:21-26

Nehemiah 2:5

- There will be gentile kingdoms from the Babylonian Captivity to the book of Revelation. In Daniel 2, the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar is given a vision of these kingdoms in which God gives Daniel the interpretation where each part of the statue represents a world empire (If you have time, read Dan 2:36-45).
- The angel Gabriel gives us the outline as 70 Weeks where each week equals 7 years. (The Hebrew word for 'week' is 'shabuwa', meaning a set of seven.)
- 69 weeks = 483 years from the command to rebuild Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:5 ~ 444 B.C.) until Messiah is cut off. 483 Hebrew years equals 476 solar years. 444 B.C. + 476 years = 33 A.D.

Optional Lesson

1st Timothy 4:1-3

2nd Thes 2:1-3

Amos 8:11-12

Rev 2:4 & 3:15-16

- Within a few hundred years, the church went from a holy-ghost-filled body of evangelistic believers to the official religion of the Roman empire, driven by politics, greed, ego and sin.

- This fulfilled NT prophecies, and we see the same pattern over and over again. If people won't stay hungry for the things of God, they will turn carnal and even God's church will fall into false doctrine and sin.

A timeline of the decline of the church:

150-200 A.D. Justin Martyr

First to split the Son from the Father.
Said the Son is Another God.

213 A.D. Tertullian (one of the first Trinitarians) Declares the Son is merely "a portion of the Godhead".

323 A.D. Christianity becomes official religion of the Roman Empire when Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity. Constantine takes over the church while continuing a life of sin.

366-384 A.D. Damasus I becomes Pope of the Church. Accusations of adultery, infidelity and murder tarnish his reign. Encouraged the veneration (worship) of martyrs.

381 A.D. Council of Constantinople I Divided God by declaring God to be three persons in one substance.

431 A.D. Council of Ephesus I Mary declared the Mother of God.

5th Century First Feast Celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Mary

517 A.D. Council of Epaon Payment of fixed sums of money to reduce penalty for specific sins.

526 A.D. The priest could perform Extreme Unction to declare sins remitted prior to death.

593 A.D. Introduces Purgatory

7th Century Mary Worship and Doctrine of Her Immaculate Conception are widespread.

709 A.D. Pope Constantine Introduces Concept of Kissing the Pope's feet

787 A.D. Council of Nicea II Veneration of Icons (Worship of Saints) adopted as official doctrine.

800s Sprinkling Replaces Immersion Baptism

850 A.D. The Doctrine of Holy Water

1079 A.D. Pope Gregory VII Promotes the Celibacy of the Priesthood

1095 A.D. Council of Clermont Pope Urban II declared Holy Land Crusaders forgiven of all past and future sins (include rape and pillaging) if they confessed the Sacrament of Penance.

1100s The doctrine of Purgatory Grew Prominent in the Church. (place where Christians are purified and temporarily punished to prepare them for Heaven.)

1184 A.D. First Inquisition in Southern France commences. First sanctioned use of torture and execution by the church.

1200-1600 A.D. Medieval Inquisitions

1200-1500 A.D. Abuse of Indulgences Professional-Pardoners traveled and raised money for church projects (and themselves) by selling indulgences.

1215 A.D. Fourth Lateran Council Limiting indulgences to 1 year or 40 day period for acts of piety or monetary gifts. Also makes official the doctrine of Transubstantiation and annual confessions mandatory.

1220 A.D. Adoration (worship) of the Communion Wafer
1229 A.D. Start of the Papal Inquisitions. Bible declared forbidden to the Laity.
1384 A.D. John Wycliffe translates the Bible from Latin into Common English. Church fails to stop him. 1415, declared a heretic. Digs up his body & burns it.
1414 A.D. Communion Cup forbidden to the Laity
1471 A.D. Pope Sixtus IV allowed brothels to operate under church license, instituted a tax on priests with a mistress.

1478-1834 A.D. Spanish Inquisitions
1492-1503 A.D. Pope Alexander VI Most immoral of the popes. First recorded crime family in history. Gross immoral behavior (within the Vatican walls). Numerous illegitimate children.
1517 A.D. Luther publishes his 95 Theses on the Corruption of the Catholic Church, begins the Protestant Reformation
Protestants and Catholics have been attempting to reform and return to the Bible ever since.

The Apostolic church is unique in that we are not using the teachings and decrees through church history as a starting point in our doctrine and beliefs. We're not cleaning up church history. We're thankful for the contributions of many, such as Martin Luther or William Tyndale, but we look directly to the New Testament teachings of the 1st century church for our doctrine. We're not Reformation Christians, we are Apostolics.

Jewish Return to Palestine
 Deut 28:1,15
 Deut 28:36-37
 Isaiah 11:12
 Isaiah 43:5-6
 Jeremiah 29:13-14

- One of the greatest fulfillments of Bible prophecy. God promised to scatter the people (Deuteronomy) if they weren't faithful and He promised to gather them again (Isaiah & Jeremiah).
- Remember this principle in scripture: God's love is unconditional. His acceptance of behavior is conditional. Don't confuse His love and acceptance.

Signs of the End Time
 Matthew 24:1-3
 Matthew 24:33-42

- Disciples asked several overlapping and powerful questions. Matt 24 is packed with teaching and signs as Jesus answered their questions.
- Summary of the whole chapter. There will be obvious signs that the end is approaching, but many ignore them. We will know we are in the season (like the fig leaves in v32-33), but the return of Christ will catch many unprepared, so watch and be ready!

Jesus Comes for His Church
 1st Thes 4:13-17
 1st Cor 15:51-55

- Saved the best for last. Jesus is coming for His church!
- Oh death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? Praise God!

**Lesson 12 -
The End Times**

God gives the world one last chance to turn to Him.
(Go quick on this lesson to save time for questions from Revelation)

The Tribulation
Daniel 9:24-27

2nd Thes 2:3-4;
Matthew 24:14-15
Matthew 24:21-22

- Remind them of the 70 weeks of Daniel.
- After the Times of the Gentiles, we return to the 70th week, which is the last seven years of tribulation. Halfway through, the Anti-Christ will stop the sacrifices and declare he is God in the temple.
- Revelation tells us the following are connected with the Tribulation:

Revelation 5:1-5
Revelation 6:12-14

7 seals of a closed book (Rev 5:1-5; 6:1-17; 8:1)
[for example the 6th seal]

Revelation 8:2-8

7 trumpets to announce (Rev 8:2-9:21; 11:15-19)

Revelation 15:1
Revelation 16:1-2
Revelation 16:17-18

7 vials or bowls of judgment (Rev 15:1-8; 16:1-21)
[It is Done!]

**Reign of the
Antichrist**
Revelation 13:1-8

2nd Thes 2:3-4

- Antichrist is described as a beast that gets his power from Satan (the dragon). He may survive a fatal injury (v3) which will amaze the world (v4).
- The Antichrist (the son of perdition) will attempt to exalt himself above God and sit in the temple of God claiming divinity.

Revelation 13:11-15

- Another beast (often called the False Prophet) will lead us in worshipping the Antichrist.

Revelation 13:16-18

- The False Prophet will institute a restriction on buying and selling based on the number of the beast (666).

2nd Thes 2:8

- The Antichrist will be defeated when Christ returns.

2nd Thes 2:9-12

- But first the world will choose to believe the lie and God will let it happen. The world will have pleasure in unrighteousness.

<p>Battle of Armageddon Revelation 16:16-21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The tribulation ends with the battle of Armageddon. Could be symbolic or might be the Valley of Megiddo also known as the Valley of Jezreel, or it might not be a valley but a fortifiable high point called Mount Megiddo.
<p>Revelation 19:11-21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ End of the Antichrist and the False Prophet and the kings and nations of this world.
<p>Return of Christ & The Millennium Zechariah 14:1-9 Revelation 20:4-5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is the day of the Lord, when Christ will return to stand on the mount of Olives. He will rule with those who have remained faithful during the tribulation for 1,000 years.
<p>Revelation 20:2-3, 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Satan will be bound for 1,000 years but will be let loose one more time.
<p>Revelation 20:8-10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Satan will deceive the nations and amass another army against God. This time, God will devour the army by fire and throw Satan into the lake of fire and brimstone. Good riddance!
<p>Great White Throne of Judgment Revelation 20:11-15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The final judgment before the great white throne. We are judged by our deeds and by the book of life.
<p>Time Ends - Then Eternity 2nd Peter 3:10, 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The old Earth will burn up. We are to look for the New Heaven and the New Earth.
<p>Rev 21:1-7, 9-27 v12-13 v15-16 v18 v22-23, 25 v26-27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The New Heaven and New Earth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twelve gates with twelve angels each. Three gates on each side. ○ John is told to measure the city and it is shaped like a cube, 1,400 miles long, wide and high. ○ Walls of Jasper and the city is made with pure gold that is almost see-thru. ○ The Glory of God will be the light of the city and there shall be no night there. ○ Sinners outside the city will not be allowed in (yes, there are sinners outside!!!)
<p>Revelation 22:1-3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The New Heaven restores elements of the garden and the tree of life.
<p>Revelation 22:17-21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final promises. Come Lord Jesus!!!

*Thy word have I hid in
mine heart, that I might
not sin against thee.*

Psalm 119:11

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