



OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

LESSONS 14 & 15

17 Periods of Bible History

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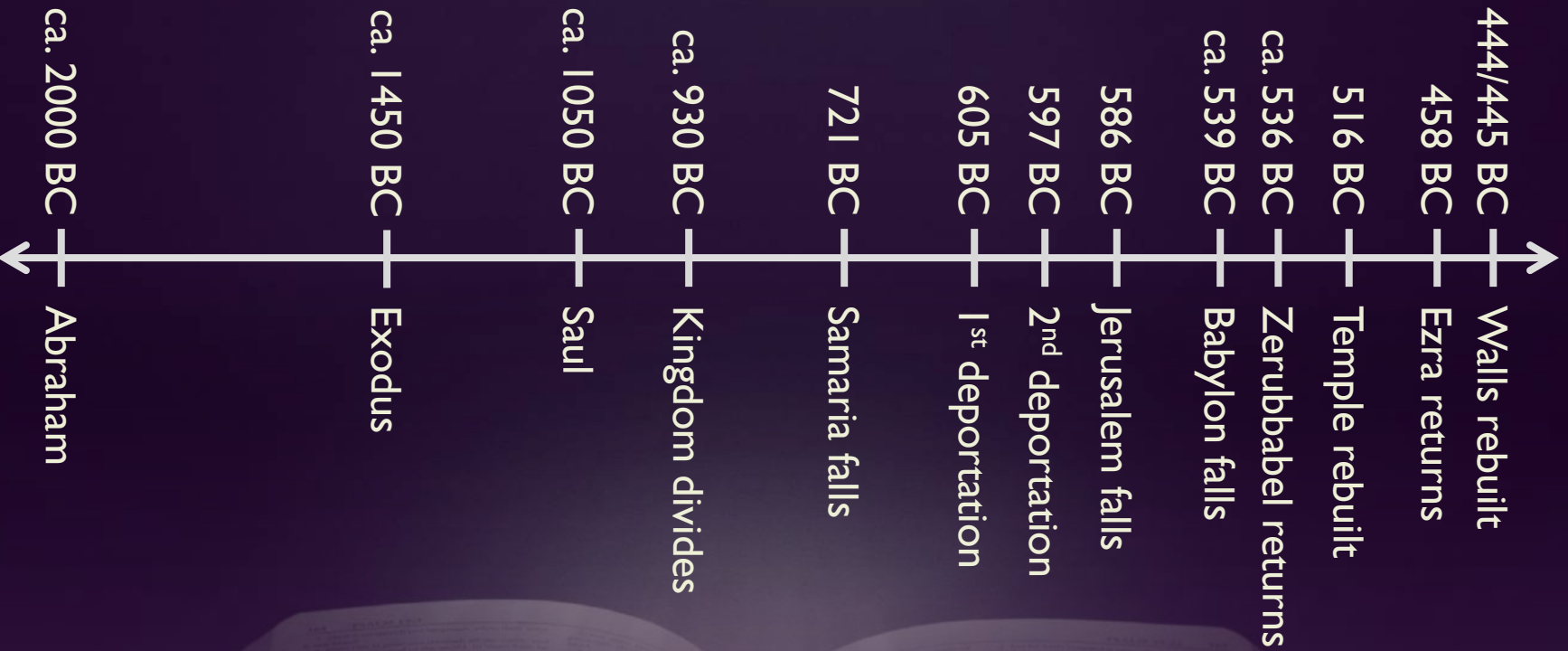
EARLY CHURCH

LETTERS to CHRISTIANS

ONE STORY



Key Dates



Chapter Summaries

Return

Ezra–Esther

Ezr 1

Cyrus's edict; the captives depart

Ezr 2

The returning captives

Ezr 3

Worship resumed; temple foundation laid

Ezr 4

Temple construction halted

Ezr 5

Temple construction resumed



Chapter Summaries

Return

Ezra–Esther

Ezr 6

Temple completed; Passover

Es 1

Queen Vashti deposed

Es 2

Queen Esther; an assassination foiled

Es 3

Haman's plot

Es 4

Mordecai's appeal to Esther



Chapter Summaries

Return

Ezra–Esther

Es 5

Esther's 1st banquet; Haman's gallows

Es 6

Mordecai's parade

Es 7

Esther's 2nd banquet; Haman's demise

Es 8

Mordecai's decree

Es 9

The Jews' victory; the feast of Purim



Chapter Summaries

Return	Ezra–Esther
Es 10	Mordecai: the king's deputy
Ezr 7,8	Artaxerxes's edict; Ezra's arrival
Ezr 9,10	Putting away pagan wives
Ne 1	Nehemiah's fasting and prayer
Ne 2	Nehemiah's arrival in Jerusalem



Chapter Summaries

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Ezra–Esther

Ne 3

Wall reconstruction begins

Ne 4

Defensive measures during construction

Ne 5

Ending oppression of the poor

Ne 6

The enemies' plot; walls completed

Ne 7

Leaders appointed; the returnees reviewed



Chapter Summaries

Return

Ezra–Esther

Ne 8 The Law read; Feast of Booths

Ne 9, 10 Sins confessed; the covenant renewed

Ne 11 The people's dwelling places

Ne 12 Priests'/Levites' duties; walls dedicated

Ne 13 More reforms: foreigners, Sabbath



Lessons

- ✓ Personal lack of faith, not external opposition
- ✓ The same problems over and over
- ✓ God blesses the diligent and faithful
- ✓ The word of God is living and powerful
- ✓ The Most High rules in the kingdom of men



An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. A bright, circular light source is positioned directly above the center of the book, casting a strong, radial glow that illuminates the pages and the surrounding area. The light creates a lens flare effect, with rays of light extending outwards. The pages of the book are visible, though the text is mostly obscured by the darkness and the intensity of the light. The overall scene is set against a dark, almost black background, which makes the glowing book the central focus.

The Prophets

Understanding the Prophets

- ✓ Background: audience, circumstances, history
- ✓ New Testament commentary
- ✓ Truth in figures/symbols
- ✓ Some promises conditional
- ✓ Focus: main or clear points



Key Themes

- ✓ Repentance
- ✓ The day of the Lord
- ✓ God's concern for all nations
- ✓ The coming Messiah



Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **all things must be fulfilled** which were written in the **Law of Moses** and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** concerning Me.”

— Luke 24:44 NKJV. Jesus to His apostles after His resurrection



One Story: The MESSIAH

1. “He shall bruise your head” **Gen 3:15**
2. Melchizedek **Gen 14:18–20**
3. The-Lord-Will-Provide **Gen 22**
4. Seed promise **Gen 22:18; 26:4; 28:14**
5. Shiloh **Gen 49:10**



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| 6. | Passover | Ex 12 |
| 7. | Moses: Deliverer | Ex 15 |
| 8. | Manna | Ex 16 |
| 9. | Water from the rock | Ex 17:1-7 |
| 10. | Holy nation | Ex 19:6 |



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 11. Moses: Lawgiver **Ex 21ff**
- 12. Blood of the covenant **Ex 24:8**
- 13. Moses: Intercessor **Ex 32–34**
- 14. Tabernacle & veil **Ex 35–40**
- 15. Offerings **Lev 1–7**



One Story: The MESSIAH

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| 16. Clean vs. unclean | Lev 11–15 |
| 17. Day of atonement | Lev 16 |
| 18. Bronze serpent | Num 21 |
| 19. Moses: Prophet | Deu 18 |
| 20. Joshua: Conqueror | Joshua |



One Story: The MESSIAH

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| 21. Throne of David | ISa 7 |
| 22. The temple | IKi 5–8 |
| 23. Why do the nations rage? | Ps 2:1 |
| 24. “Today I have begotten You” | Ps 2:7 |
| 25. “Break them with a rod of iron” | Ps 2:9 |



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 26. A little lower than the angels **Ps 8**
- 27. “You will not leave my soul in Sheol” **Ps 16**
- 28. “Why have you forsaken me?” **Ps 22**
- 29. “In the scroll ... it is written of me” **Ps 40:6–8**
- 30. “My friend ... lifted up his heel ...” **Ps 41:9**



One Story: The MESSIAH

31. Your throne, O God, is forever ... **Ps 45:6,7**
32. “Zeal for Your house ...” **Ps 69:9**
33. “They also gave me gall for my food” **Ps 69:21**
34. Worship Him, all you gods [angels] **Ps 97:7**
35. “Of old You laid the foundation ...” **Ps 102:25–27**



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 36. “Sit at My right hand till ...” **Ps:110:1**
- 37. Order of Melchizedek **Ps 110:4**
- 38. The Chief Cornerstone **Ps 118:22**
- 39. “The tabernacle of David” **Am 9:11–15**
- 40. “You are My people!” **Hos 2:23**



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 41. “Out of Egypt I called My son” **Hos 11:1**
- 42. Mountain of the Lord’s house **Is 2; Mic 4**
- 43. A virgin shall conceive / Immanuel **Is 7**
- 44. Wonderful ... Prince of Peace **Is 9**
- 45. Eyes of the blind opened, ... **Is 35:5, 6**



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 46. One crying in the wilderness **Is 40:3–5**
- 47. Servant Songs **Is 42; 49; 50; 53**
- 48. “The sure mercies of David” **Is 55**
- 49. “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me” **Is 61:1,2**
- 50. Bethlehem Ephrathah **Mi 5:2–4**



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 51. Branch of righteousness **Je 23:5,6; 33:15,16**
- 52. Rachel weeping for her children **Je 31:15**
- 53. The new covenant **Je 31:31–34**
- 54. “David My servant ...” **Ezek 37:24–28**
- 55. Indestructible kingdom **Dan 2**



One Story: The MESSIAH

- 56. Everlasting dominion **Dan 7**
- 57. Seventy weeks **Dan 9:24–27**
- 58. Lowly and riding on a donkey **Zec 9:9**
- 59. “... Me whom they pierced” **Zec 12:10–14**
- 60. “Strike the Shepherd ...” **Zec 13:7**



One Story: The MESSIAH

61. “He will prepare the way before Me” **Ma 3:1**
62. “I will send you Elijah the prophet” **Ma 4:5,6**



Lessons

- ✓ God hates sin and punishes sinners
- ✓ God is also merciful
- ✓ God keeps His promises for the good and bad
- ✓ God acts for His cause and His people
- ✓ God's great majesty





Review

All Scripture is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

— II Timothy 3:16, 17 NKJV



The Old Testament

HEBREW *

GENESIS— DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA— ESTHER	JOB— SONG of SOLOMON	ISAIAH— DANIEL	HOSEA— MALACHI
LAW	HISTORY	POETRY & WISDOM	MAJOR PROPHETS	MINOR PROPHETS

* some Aramaic: **Daniel and Ezra**



The New Testament

GREEK

MATTHEW-JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS-JUDE

REVELATION

GOSPELS

HISTORY

EPISTLES

PROPHECY



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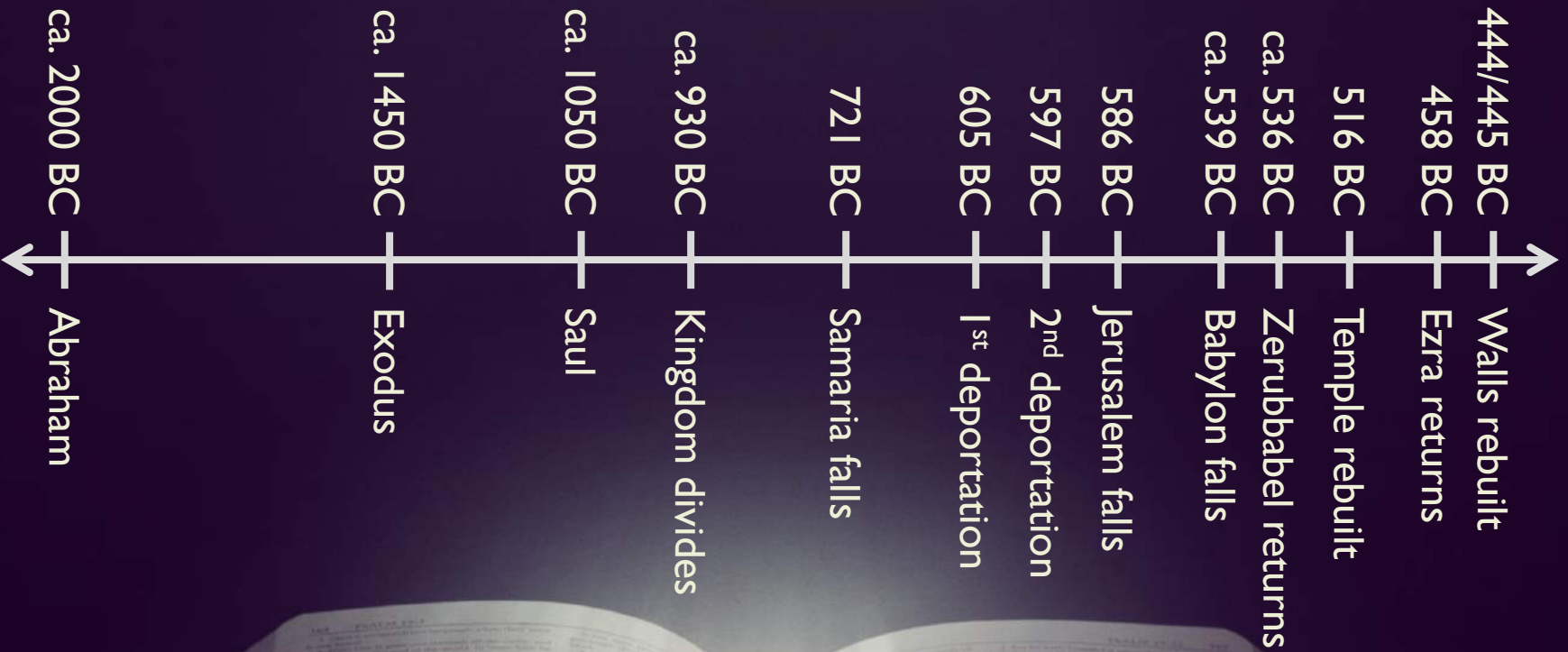
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Creation	Genesis 1–5
The Flood	Genesis 6–10
Scattering	Genesis 11
Patriarchs	Genesis 12–50



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Exodus

Exodus 1–Numbers 13

Wandering

Numbers 14–Deuteronomy 34

Conquest

Joshua

Judges

Judges–I Samuel 8



Chapter Summaries

- U. Kingdom** I Samuel 9–I Kings 11
 I Chronicles 1–II Chronicles 9
- D. Kingdom** I Kings 12–II Kings 17
 II Chronicles 10–31



Chapter Summaries

Judah Alone II Kings 18–25
 II Chronicles 32–36
 Isaiah 36–39
 Jeremiah 21, 26–28, 34–44, 52



Chapter Summaries

Captivity

II Kings 24, 25

II Chronicles 36

Daniel 1–6

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Ezra–Esther

