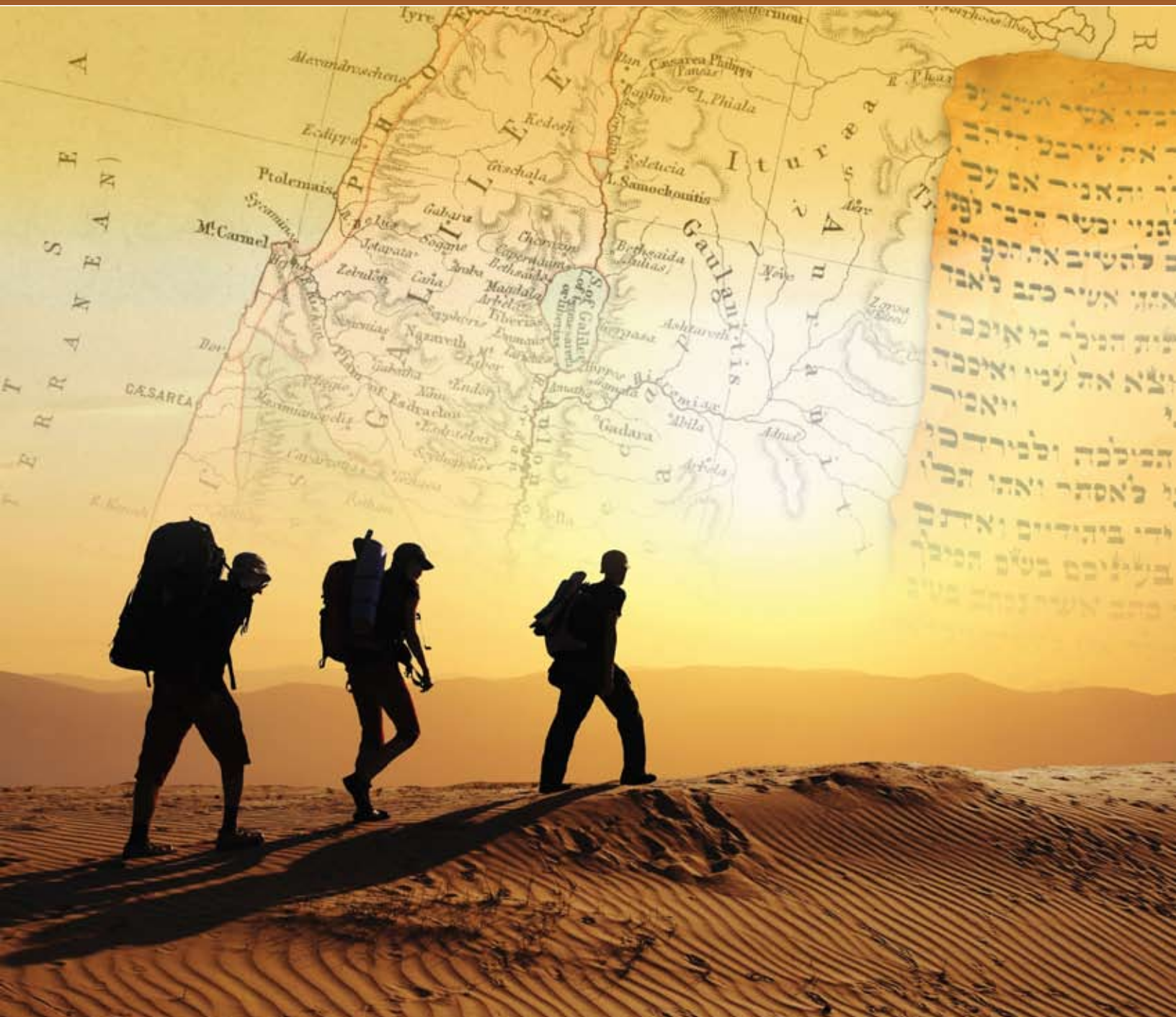


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Dear Child of God,

God bless you richly in the name of Jesus Christ our living Lord.

It is a real joy for me to think of the adventure that lies ahead for you as you take this “*Journey Through The Old Testament*.” Remember that Jesus of Nazareth also read each Old Testament verse that you will read, and that the written Word of Genesis through Malachi was his basis for knowing who he was and acting accordingly.

In this seminar you will find many godly keys to help you live a Christian life today, while you gain a scope of that part of Scripture, which is the foundation for the New Testament. To get the most out of the teaching, you need a New International Version of the Bible as well as an Oxford Bible Atlas.

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Your brother in Christ,

*John Schoenheit*



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## A Summary from Genesis - Malachi

- ❖ The creation—Genesis 1:1 (date unknown)
- ❖ The world in darkness—Genesis 1:2
- ❖ The earth reformed in six days (Genesis 1:3–?)

<b>Adam and Eve</b> (3961 B.C. *)			
<b>Cain—first son</b> (Cain's line dies at flood)	<b>Abel—second son</b> (Killed by Cain)	<b>Seth</b> (The Christ Line)	<b>Other Children</b> (Genesis 5:4)

\*Dates are from the chronology developed by John Schoenheit

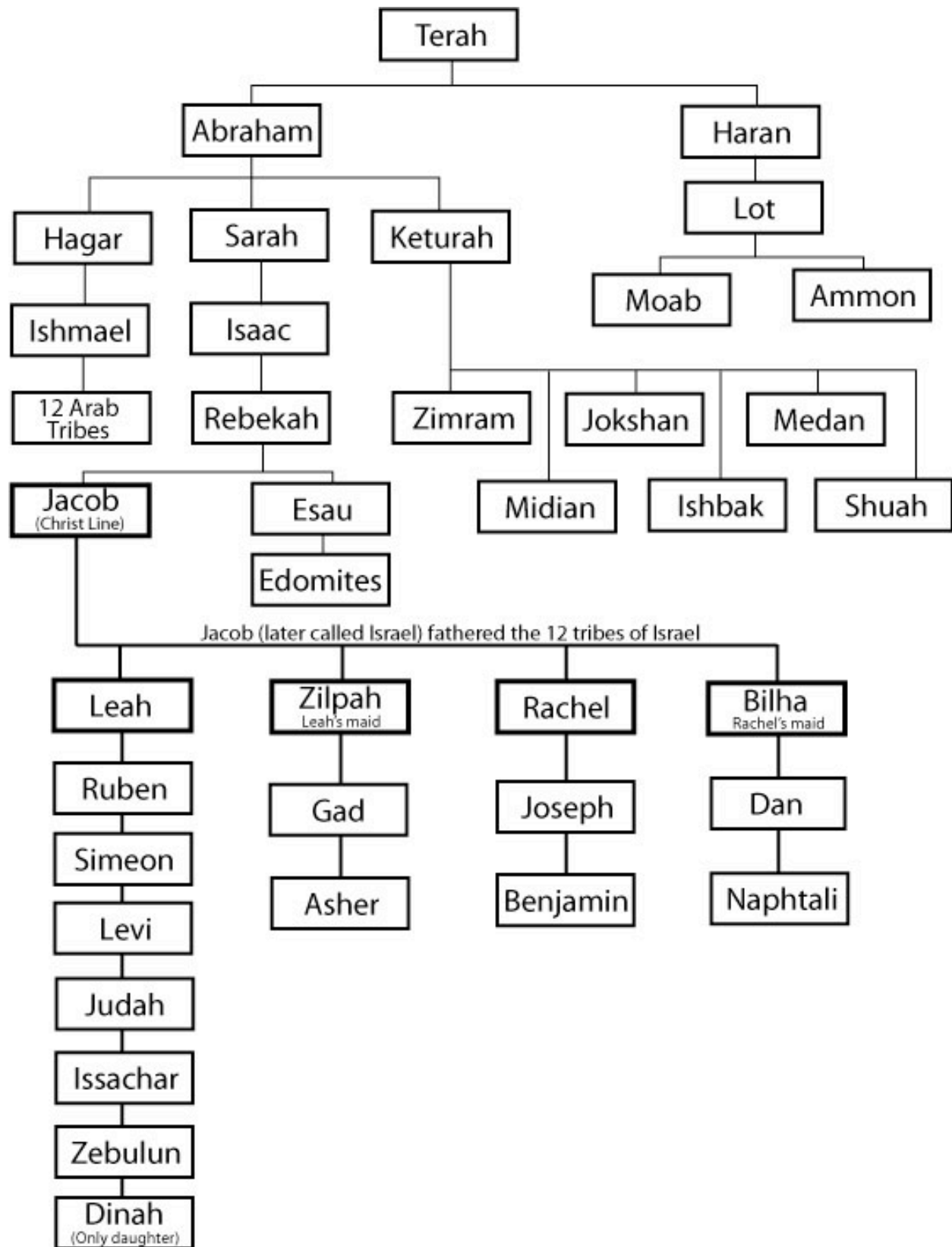
- ❖ Seth's Line: The Ante-Diluvian Patriarchs (before the flood)
  - a) Enos
  - b) Cainan
  - c) Mahalaleel
  - d) Jared
  - e) Enoch
  - f) Methuselah
  - g) Lamech
  - h) Noah
- ❖ [The flood of Noah occurred in the 600th year of Noah's life, 1656 years after Adam.  
2306/2305 B.C.]

<b>Noah and Wife</b>		
<b>Japheth— first son</b>	<b>Shem—second son</b> (Christ line)	<b>Ham—third son</b>
[See Genesis 10 for geographic dispersion of each line]		

❖ Shem's Line: The Post-Diluvian Patriarchs (after the flood)

- a) Arphaxad
- b) Salah
- c) Eber
- d) Peleg
- e) Reu
- f) Serug
- g) Nahor
- h) Terah
- i) Abram (born 1954/1953 B.C.)

(Tower of Babel occurred during the time of the Post-Diluvian Patriarchs)



<b>Joseph sold into Egypt by his brothers.</b>	<b>1686/1685 B.C.</b>
<b>Ephraim and Manasseh born to Joseph and are later reckoned among the tribes of Israel instead of Joseph.</b>	
<b>Joseph dies.</b>	
<b>Israel becomes enslaved in Egypt—<i>maximum only</i> 139 years.</b>	
<b>Moses born in Egypt.</b>	
<b>Moses flees to Midian when he is 40 years old.</b>	
<b>Moses returns to Egypt after 40 years in Midian.</b>	
<b>Ten Plagues and the establishment of the Passover.</b>	
<b>The Exodus—430 years after the promise to Abraham (Galatians 3:16,17)</b>	<b>1454 B.C.</b>
<b>Forty years in the wilderness.</b>	
<b>Moses dies at 120 years old and Joshua becomes Israel's leader.</b>	
<b>Joshua leads Israel across the Jordan River into the Promised Land.</b>	<b>1414 B.C.</b>
<b>The land is divided among the 12 tribes.</b>	
<b>Joshua and the elders die.</b>	
<b>The Judges period—Israel is in and out of servitude.</b>	
<b>Samuel, the last Judge, appoints Saul as the King.</b>	
<b>Saul dies in war with the Philistines.</b>	
<b>David becomes King of Judah and Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, becomes King of the other tribes.</b>	
<b>Ish-bosheth is killed, David becomes King of all the tribes of Israel.</b>	
<b>Solomon becomes King of Israel.</b>	
<b>Temple foundation is laid in Solomon's 4<sup>th</sup> year, 480 years after the Exodus (1 Kings 6:1)</b>	<b>975 B.C.</b>

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## A Journey Through the Old Testament

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### Session One

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Why Study the Old Testament?
  - a) It is authored by God
  - b) It is the basis for understanding the New Testament.
  - c) It has much "God-breathed" truth that is not found in the New Testament.
  - d) It gives us endurance and encouragement (Romans 15:4).
  - e) It was the complete training manual for Jesus Christ, and it has many practical keys for our lives today.
  - f) It tells us much about the coming Redeemer. Jesus Christ.
  - g) It is the foundation to understand biblical prophecy, especially the book of Revelation.
- ❖ Overview of the Old Testament

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### Session Two

\*\*Suggested order of reading to be able to follow the historical flow of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus 1-20, 24, 32-34, 40, Numbers 11-25, 32, Deuteronomy 32, 34, Joshua 1-12, 13:1, 22-24, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings.

Reading the Old Testament in this order will give you a basic historical flow through the period of the kings of Israel and Judah.

- ❖ More About the Suggested Order of Reading the Old Testament
  - a) 1 Chronicles 10 – 2 Chronicles should be read in association with 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings to gain more understanding of this period.

- b) After getting a basic historical understanding of the Old Testament, it is important to understand the Mosaic Law also (Exodus through Deuteronomy), which augments the historical record.
- c) Then the first six chapters of Daniel, along with Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther, are essential to understand the history of Israel after the period of the kings.
- d) The remainder of the Old Testament is basically comprised of the prophets. and once again a knowledge of the historical context in which each prophet wrote is important to understand what he wrote.

**The Idiom of Permission**

Exodus 9:12

Luke 10:17-19, 23

Numbers 21:4-6

John 1:18; 8:42-46

1 Samuel 16:14-15

❖ Genesis 1:1-25

- a) The gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2; the witness of the stars. Darwin should have stayed in bed!

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### Session Three

❖ Man Enters the Picture (Woman too)

- a) 2 Peter 3:1-7: God's Word is faithful
- b) Isaiah 45:18: God don't make no slums
- c) Genesis 1:26-31: Mr. and Mrs. Dominion

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### Session Four

❖ Jesus Christ – The Coming King

a) God Comes Into Concretion to Communicate With Man

- Genesis 3:16-24
- Genesis 3:8
- Revelation 21:14
- Genesis 18:1-16
- Genesis 28:10-13
- Exodus 24:9-11
- 1 Samuel 3:10
- 1 Kings 3:5
- 1 Kings 22:19-22
- Isaiah 6:1
- Ezekiel 1:25-28
- Daniel 7:1-14
- Amos 7:7
- Acts 7:55
- Revelation 4 and 5

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## Session Five

❖ Noah and the Flood

- a) Genesis 4:1-25: Cain and Abel
- b) Genesis 5:1-3: In Adam's own image
- c) Genesis 6:1-22: That's a big box
- d) Job 1:6; 38:7
- e) Genesis 7:1-24: What's an "umbrella"?
- f) Genesis 8:13-15: Land at last!

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## Session Six

❖ After the Flood

- a) Genesis 8:13-22; 9:1-17: Let's start over
- b) Genesis 9:18-29: God's covenant with Noah
- c) Genesis 11:1-9: Tracing the Christ Line
- d) Genesis 11:24-32: The Tower of Babel
- e) Genesis 11:24-32: Abraham's Ancestry

❖ How to Use the Oxford Bible Atlas

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## Session Seven

- ❖ Abraham, the Father of all them that Believe
  - a) Acts 7:1-3: Get outta town
    - Galatians 3:17
  - b) Genesis 11:27-32 (Oxford Bible Atlas, p. 55): And now h-e-r-e's Abram
  - c) Genesis 12:1-3: Land, people, blessings
    - Acts 3:24-26
    - Galatians 3:6-9
  - d) Genesis 12:4-9 (Atlas, p. 55, 61, 62): On the road
  - e) Genesis 12:10-20: On the road again
  - f) Genesis 13:1-18: "I told you not to bring Lot"
  - g) Genesis 14:8-20: Abram rescues Lot and Melchisedek: a type of Christ
  - h) Hebrews 7:1-18
  - i) Genesis 15:1-6: The promised seed
  - j) Romans 4:8-12: Abraham justified by faith
  - k) Genesis 15:7-19 (Atlas, p. 59, 67): The Blood Covenant
  - l) Jeremiah 34:17-19

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## Session Eight

- ❖ Isaac, A Type of the Coming Redeemer
  - a) Genesis 16:1-16: Hagar and Ishmael
  - b) Genesis 17:1-27: The Covenant of circumcision
  - c) Genesis 18:16-33; 19:1-38: Sodom and Gomorrah go up in smoke
  - d) Genesis 21:1-7: The birth of Isaac
  - e) Genesis 22:1-19: Isaac, a type of the coming Redeemer
  - f) Hebrews 11:17-19: Christ's resurrection foreshadowed



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## Session Nine

❖ Jacob and Esau

- a) Genesis 23:1-5: Abraham buys a burial tomb
- b) Genesis 24:1-4: A wife for Isaac
- c) Genesis 25:1-11: The death of Abraham
- d) Genesis 25:21-34; 27:1-46: Jacob and Esau
- e) Genesis 28:10-15: The promise of God confirmed to Jacob

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## Session Ten

❖ The Origin of the Twelve Tribes of Israel

- a) Genesis 29:1-35; 30:1-11: Leah and Rachel: Baby War
- b) Genesis 32:28: Jacob becomes “Israel”
- c) Genesis 35:8; 16-20: The death of Rachel
- d) Genesis 35:27-29: The death of Isaac
- e) Genesis 49:1-28: Jacob’s prophecy regarding his twelve sons

❖ Judah–The Christ Line

- a) Genesis 49:29-33: The death of Jacob
- b) Genesis 50:22-26: The death of Joseph
- c) Exodus 1:1-22: Israel in Egypt

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## Session Eleven

❖ Moses: A Humble Beginning

- a) Exodus 2: 1-25 (Atlas, p. 59): God watches over Moses
  - Hebrews 11:23
  - Acts 7:23-29
  - Hebrews 11:24-28

- b) Exodus 3:1-12 (Atlas, p. 59): God calls Moses. "I will be with you"

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## Session Twelve

- ❖ Moses: You Too Can Do God's Will

- a) Romans 15:4: The encouragement of the Scriptures
- b) Exodus 3:12-22: **ONE GOD** is enough!
- c) Exodus 4:1-17: God works with a frail human being
- d) Exodus 5-11
- e) 2 Timothy 3:1-17: A form of godliness, but without godly power
- f) Ephesians 2:8-10: Grace unto works
- g) Exodus 11:1-10: A little traveling money
- h) Exodus 12:1-11: Prelude to the Passover

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## Session Thirteen

- ❖ Egypt is History

- a) Exodus 12:29-36: Out of Egypt
- b) Exodus 12:43-51: Passover instructions
- c) Exodus 13:19: A promise kept
- d) Exodus 14:1-31: Crossing the Red Sea—Sorry, no swimming
- e) Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-13: Dessert in the desert: manna again?!
- f) John 6:22-35: The true bread of life

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## Session Fourteen

- ❖ The Ten Commandments

- a) Exodus 16:13-36: Give us this day our daily manna
- b) Exodus 17:1-7: Thirsty and forgetful

- ❖ The Ten Commandments – The Book is better than the movie!

- a) Deuteronomy 4:10-14; 5:1-5, 22-27; 18:14-19
- b) Exodus 24:1-3: Up and down again

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## Session Fifteen

❖ Moses Intercedes for Israel

- a) Hebrews 12:18-29: God's voice shook the earth
- b) Exodus 24:8-18: Forty days on Sinai
- c) Exodus 25-31: Civil laws and the pattern of The Tabernacle
- d) Exodus 32:1-5: Meanwhile, back at the ranch...
- e) 1 John 5:2-3
- f) Exodus 32:7-35 (Atlas, p. 61): "Out came this calf." "Oh, bull!"
- g) Exodus 34:1-4, 28-35: Another forty days on Sinai

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## Session Sixteen

❖ Back to Bondage, or Into the Promised Land?

- a) Exodus 40:17: Eleven and a half months after The Exodus
- b) Numbers 10:11: Numbers covers thirty-eight and a half of the 40 years in the wilderness.
- c) Deuteronomy 1:1: Excuse me are you lost?
- d) Numbers 13:1-33; 14:1-38: How quickly they forget
  - Deuteronomy 1:22-23
  - Numbers 1:1-15; 3:5-16
- e) 1 Corinthians 10:1-13: God is faithful. Let us also be faithful to Him.
- f) Numbers 27:12-25: Joshua chosen to succeed Moses.

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## Session Seventeen

❖ Joshua: Be Strong and Courageous

- a) Joshua 1:1-18 (Atlas, p. 59, 57, 67): Be strong and courageous
  - Numbers 32:1-40
- b) Joshua 2:1-24 (Atlas, p. 61): Rahab and the spies
- c) Joshua 3:1-17 (Atlas, p. 61): Crossing the Jordan
- d) Joshua 4:19-24: Déjà vu, let's rock
- e) Deuteronomy 6:1-9: Teach your children God's Word

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## Session Eighteen

❖ Putting God First: Trust and Obey

- a) Joshua 5:1-15: Worship comes before work
  - Genesis 34:1-26
- b) Joshua 6:1-27: The walls come tumbling down
  - 1 Kings 16:29-34
- c) Joshua 7:1-9: Sin in the camp

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## Session Nineteen

❖ Adventures of Joshua and Israel

- a) Joshua 7:10-26: Sin leaves people Achan's
  - Exodus 28:15, 29, 30
- b) Joshua 8:30-31: The altar on Mount Ebal
  - Deuteronomy 27:1-8
- c) Joshua 9:1-27 (Atlas, p. 62.63): The Gibeonites' deception
- d) Joshua 14:6-15: Caleb gets his reward

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## Session Twenty

❖ Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve

- a) Joshua 19:49-51 (Atlas, p. 61): Territories of the twelve tribes
- b) Joshua 24:1-33: A spiritual heritage
- c) Judges 21:25: Do your own thing? It doesn't work.
- d) Judges 2:10-19: The cycle in the Book of Judges

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## Session Twenty-One

### Overview of the Book of Judges

❖ Judges: The No-Excuse Book

- a) Judges 1:1-3, 9-13, 19-36: Partial obedience is not obedience
- b) Judges 3:12-30 (Atlas, p. 14): Ehud: "Lefty" versus "Fatty"
  - 2 Samuel 18:8
  - Joshua 22:24-25
- c) Judges 4:1-24; 5:28-30 (Atlas, p. 61): Deborah: A woman of God
  - Judges 5:20

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## Session Twenty-Two

❖ Gideon: Just Do What God Says

- a) Judges 6:1-40: Gideon: God will work with you, too
- b) Judges 7:1-25: Victory is of the Lord
- c) Judges 8:22-35: Don't let spiritual success spoil you
  - Genesis 4:25-26
- d) Judges 9:1-5: Abimelech

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## Session Twenty-Three

❖ Samson: A Man Alone

- a) Judges 13:1-24: The birth of Samson
- b) Judges 14:1-20 (Atlas, p. 61): Samson's short-lived marriage

- Amos 4:1-2
- c) Judges 15:1-5: Why not just use a match?

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## Session Twenty-Four

❖ Samson: It's No Joke

- a) Judges 15:6-20: The jawbone's connected to the Philistines
- b) Judges 16:1-31: Loneliness takes its toll

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## Session Twenty-Five

### Overview of the Book of Ruth

❖ Samuel: Trained by God

- a) 1 Samuel 1:1-28: The birth and dedication of Samuel
- b) 1 Samuel 2:11-21: God works in Samuel's life in spite of his poor spiritual training at the hands of a wicked man.
- c) 1 Samuel 2:27-36: The prophetic bell tolls for Eli and his two sons.
- d) 1 Samuel 3:1-7: Eli: A wimp asleep at the switch.

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## Session Twenty-Six

❖ The Power of God vs. Religion

- a) 1 Samuel 3:8-21 (Atlas, p. 61): God reveals Himself to Samuel
- b) 1 Samuel 4:1-22: The Philistines capture the Ark
- c) 1 Samuel 5:1-12: The Word of God needs no defense ("Daggon, Dagon!")

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## Session Twenty-Seven

❖ Whether by Many or by Few

- a) 1 Samuel 8:18: Government in the Bible
- b) 1 Samuel 9:1-27; 10:1-9, 17-26: Samuel anoints Saul as King; the spirit of the Lord comes upon Saul; Saul is publicly inaugurated.
- c) 1 Samuel 13:1-22: Saul disobeys God and rationalizes
- d) 1 Samuel 14:1-23: Jonathan and his armor-bearer stand for God against the enemy; Saul joins in to get the headlines.

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## Session Twenty-Eight

❖ Saul, a Study in Human Nature

- a) 1 Samuel 15:1-36: Saul's pride, dishonesty, disobedience and religious rationalization
- b) 1 Samuel 16:1-13: Samuel anoints David to be the new king
- c) 1 Samuel 16:14-23: David becomes Saul's armorbearer
- d) 1 Samuel 17:11: What happened to Jonathan?
  - 1 Corinthians 15:33-34
- e) 1 Samuel 17:47: The Battle is the Lord's
- f) 1 Samuel 18:1-4: David inspires Jonathan

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## Session Twenty-Nine

❖ Saul and David: A Difference in Heart

- a) 1 Samuel 18:1-30: David continues to grow in the Lord; Saul continues downhill.
- b) 1 Samuel 19:1; 20:30-34: Saul tries to kill David; Jonathan intercedes with Saul, and helps David; Saul tries to kill Jonathan.
- c) 1 Samuel 21:1-15: David flees from Saul
- d) 1 Samuel 22:1-23: Saul kills God's priests

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## Session Thirty

❖ The End of Saul

- a) Acts 2:22-31: David looked to the coming Messiah
- b) Hebrews 12:2-3: We should look at the Lord Jesus
- c) 1 Samuel 28:1-19: Saul and the medium from Endor
  - 1 Chronicles 10:13
- d) 1 Samuel 30:1-6: David found strength in the Lord his God
- e) 1 Samuel 31:1-13: Saul's disobedience costs him his life
- f) 2 Samuel 2:1-4, 8-10; 3:1: Civil war: David defeats Ish-bosheth

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## Session Thirty-One

❖ David: Coming to Grips with Sin

- a) 2 Samuel 5:1-7: David becomes King over all of Israel and captures Jerusalem from the Jebusites.
- b) 2 Samuel 7:1-29: The Redeemer's lineage defined: Messiah's kingdom prophesied to come through David's house.
- c) 2 Samuel 10:1-7 (Atlas, p. 61): War against the Ammonites
- d) 2 Samuel 11:1-27: David and Bathsheba; Uriah is murdered
- e) 2 Samuel 12:1-14: Nathan confronts David with God's Word
  - Exodus 22:1

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## Session Thirty-Two

❖ David: The Faithfulness of God

- a) 2 Samuel 12:15-25: Solomon is born
- b) Psalm 51:1-19: David's genuine repentance
- c) 1 Chronicles 21:1-30; 22:1-5: How the Temple came to be built at Jerusalem



- d) 1 Chronicles 23:1, 24-32: Solomon becomes King; David devotes the rest of his life to the things of God.
- e) 1 Chronicles 28:11-19: God to David to Solomon: the plans for the Temple
- f) 1 Chronicles 29:14-30: David, a man after God's own heart

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### **Session Thirty-Three**

❖ Solomon: A Sad Story

- a) 1 Kings 2:10-12, 46; 3:1-28; 4:1, 7, 20-34: The early years of Solomon's rule
- b) 1 Kings 5:13-18; 6:1, 7, 37-38: The Temple is built
- c) 2 Chronicles 5:1-14; 7:1-10: The dedication of the Temple

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### **Session Thirty-Four**

❖ Solomon: Turning His Back on God

- a) 1 Kings 7:1, 7-8: Taxing God's people
- b) 1 Kings 9:1-15: Giving away part of the Promised Land: making people work without pay.
- c) 1 Kings 10:1-13: Solomon and the Queen of Sheba; more clues to Solomon's downfall.
  - 2 Chronicles 9:12
- d) Deuteronomy 17:16-20: God's five directives for a King of Israel
- e) 1 Kings 10:14-29; 11:1-13, 41, 43: Solomon: 0 for 5—from riches to rags spiritually

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### **Session Thirty-Five**

❖ The Split of the Kingdom

- a) 1 Kings 11:26-40: Jeroboam introduced

- b) 1 Kings 12:1-24 (Atlas, p. 71): Israel rebels against the tyranny of Rehoboam; the kingdom splits into “Israel” (the ten northern tribes).
- c) 1 Kings 12:25-33: Jeroboam’s human “logic” and fear of circumstances costs him God’s promise and leads to the ruin of Israel.
  - Judges 18:29-30
  - 2 Chronicles 11:13-17
- d) 1 Kings 22:51-53: Jeroboam’s idolatry became sad benchmark
- e) 1 Kings 13:1-6: A man of God confronts Jeroboam
- f) 1 Kings 14:1-20: Jeroboam’s disobedience brings disaster

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## Session Thirty-Six

- ❖ The Highlights of the Kings Period
  - a) 1 Kings 14:19-20; Ecclesiastes 12:11-12: God has preserved His God-breathed Word, and it is all the truth we need for life and godliness.
  - b) Depth of flood (Genesis 7:19-20)
- ❖ Chronology of the Kings of Judah and Israel (Atlas, p. 18, 19)
  - a) 2 Kings 5:1-19: Naaman: contrast to Jeroboam
    - 1 Kings 20:23
  - b) 2 Kings 21:1-18: Manasseh: nothing to write home about
  - c) 2 Chronicles 33:1-20: What a change! Praise God! Better write home
  - d) 2 Chronicles 34:1-7: Josiah cleans house
  - e) 2 Kings 22:8-20; 23:1-28: Josiah’s reverence for God’s Word

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## Session Thirty-Seven

- ❖ Jonah: A Type of Christ
  - a) 2 Kings 14:23-25 (Atlas, p. 18, 62)
  - b) Jonah 1:1-3 (Atlas, p. 71,62): Jonah hears from God
  - c) 1 Kings 14:14-16 (Atlas, p. 71): Ahijah’s prophecy

- d) Matthew 12:38-41; Luke 11:29-30 (Atlas, p. 71): The two signs of Jonah— types of the coming Christ (1) His ministry of proclaiming the truth; (2) dead for 3 days and 3 nights.
- e) Jonah 1:3-17: Jonah disobeys God, and becomes a snack.

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## Session Thirty-Eight

### ❖ Jonah Gets the Job Done

- a) Jonah 2:1-10: Jonah's prayer from within the fish before he died
- b) Jonah 3:1-10: Jonah takes advantage of his second chance. Do you know anyone who needs to repent?
- c) Jonah 4:1-11: Jonah says, "I told you so!" God says, "Give me a break."
- d) John 4:9; Luke 9:51-56: The Samaritans

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## Session Thirty-Nine

### ❖ Profiting from the Prophets

- a) Isaiah 1:1; Hosea 1:1; Amos 1:1; Micah 1:1 (Atlas, p. 18)
- b) 2 Kings 16:1-9: Judah attacked by Israel and Aram (Syria); King Ahaz makes an alliance with Assyria.
- c) Isaiah 7:1-17
  - Matthew 1:22
- d) Matthew 2:14-15: Another prophecy of Christ
  - Hosea 11:1-5
- e) 2 Kings 23:31-37; 24:1: Kings of Judah: Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim
- f) Jeremiah 25:1, 11-14: Seventy years of captivity prophesied
- g) Daniel 1:1-2: The seventy years begins

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## Session Forty

❖ Some Prophets and Some Kings

- a) Matthew 1:11-12: The carrying away into Babylon (Phase one)
- b) Jeremiah 36:1-32: The Word of God is not bound
  - Jeremiah 22:18-19
- c) 2 Kings 24:1-20 (Atlas, p. 19): Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin: double trouble
  - 2 Kings 25:27-30
- d) 2 Kings 25:1-10: The fall of Jerusalem
  - Ezekiel 4:1-17; 5:1-4
  - Jeremiah 39:11-18

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## Session Forty-One

❖ Daniel: From Captivity to Command

- a) Daniel 1:1-21 (Atlas, p. 75): Judah carried away into Babylon; Daniel and his three friends are trained at Babylon Prep: Straight A's!
- b) Daniel 2:1-47: Nebuchadnezzar has a dream; The astrologers and magicians Baal out; A young man with a heart for his God comes to the rescue, interprets the dream and gets a big promotion.

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## Session Forty-Two

❖ The God We Serve is Able to Save Us

- a) Daniel 2:48-49: The Magi
  - Matthew 2:1-12
- b) Daniel 3:1-30: Holy smoke! What a God!
- c) Daniel 4:1-37: Nebuchadnezzar: witnessing by mail (maybe we'll meet him someday)

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## Session Forty-Three

❖ Daniel: A Faithful Man

a) Daniel 5:1-31 (Atlas, p. 19): The handwriting on the wall—Daniel spoils the party

❖ Introduction to Cyrus, King of Persia

a) Isaiah 44:24-28; 45:1-6, 13-14: Prophecy about Cyrus—huh?

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## Session Forty-Four

❖ Because He Trusted His God

a) Ezra 1:1-8: Cyrus keeps God's Word and helps Jewish exiles return to their land.

b) Ezra 6:15: The Temple is built

c) Ezra 7:1-10: Ezra arrives in Jerusalem

d) Nehemiah 1:1-11; 2:1-5: Nehemiah gets permission to rebuilds Jerusalem

e) Daniel 6:1-28: Daniel spends the night just lion around the den

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## Session Forty-Five

❖ Esther: A True Woman of God

a) Chronology of the kings (Atlas, p. 19)

b) Relationship among the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther

c) Esther 1:1-22 (Atlas, p. 78, 79): The male ego prevails

d) Esther 2:1-23: Wanted: One Queen; and the winner is— God works in Mordecai and Esther.

e) Esther 3:1-2: Here comes Haman

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## Session Forty-Six

❖ The Christ Line Preserved

- a) Esther 3:3-15: Bad news for the Jews
- b) Esther 4:1-17: The courage of Esther
- c) Esther 5:1-14: Guess who's coming to dinner? Guess who's coming again?
- d) Esther 6:1-14: History's biggest double-take
- e) Esther 7:1-10: Esther's godly wisdom and boldness; The tables are turned on Haman.
- f) Esther 8:1-17: Good news for the Jews
- g) Esther 9:1-32: The Jews triumph; the feast of Purim established
- h) Esther 10:1-3: The Christ line preserved

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## Session Forty-Seven

❖ Malachi: The Last Prophecy of Christ

- a) 1 Corinthians 10:1-4: NIV translation error
- b) Malachi 1:1-14; 2:1-17: God rebukes Israel's counterfeit spiritual "leaders"
- c) Malachi 3:1-17: Judgment is coming
- d) Malachi 4:1-6: The Redeemer: Hope for the future

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## Session Forty-Eight

❖ The Kingdom of God: Paradise Regained

- a) Genesis 2:7-8: Paradise
- b) Genesis 3:23-24: Paradise lost
- c) Genesis 3:15: A Man who is coming who will regain Paradise for mankind.

**What does the Bible call this future “garden of delights?”**

(1) The kingdom of heaven	Matthew 3:1 et al
(2) The kingdom of God	Mark 1:15 et al
(3) The kingdom of our Father David	Mark 11:10
(4) The kingdom of His Dear Son	Colossians 1:13
(5) The kingdom of Christ	Ephesians 5:5
(6) His heavenly kingdom	2 Timothy 4:18
(7) The everlasting kingdom of our Lord	2 Peter 1:11
(8) Paradise	Luke 23:43

❖ Two Parts to this Future Kingdom:

- a) The thousand-year period with Christ reigning on this earth (Revelation 20:1-7).
- b) New heavens and a new earth (Revelation 21:1ff).

❖ The many verses regarding the millennial kingdom give us a glimpse of what the "new earth" will be like.

**What will this future kingdom include?**

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| <b>(1) Land</b>                      | Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 15:7, 18; 17:18  |
| <b>(2) People</b> (via resurrection) |   |
| <b>(a) Old Testament believers</b>   | Ezekiel 37:11-14<br>Job 19:25-27<br>Daniel 12:2<br>Isaiah 26:19<br>Jonah 2:4                        |
| <b>(b) Christians</b>                | 1 Corinthians 15:51-58<br>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18<br>Colossians 1:13                                |
| <b>(3) A King</b>                    | Genesis 48:10-11<br>2 Samuel 7:11-16<br>Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14<br>Ezekiel 40:1ff<br>Zechariah 6:12-13 |

**Characteristics of the future kingdom as foreshadowed by  
Christ's millennial kingdom:**

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| (1) All people will know God  | Jeremiah 31:31-34             |
| In the millennial kingdom, all resurrected believers will know God) |                               |
| (2) Justice will reign  | Isaiah 9:6-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6 |
| (3) No more war   | Isaiah 2:4                    |
| (4) Safety and no danger  | Isaiah 11 6:-9                |
| (5) Prosperity  | Amos 9:13                     |



- ❖ Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17: The King has come!
- ❖ The Great Mystery of the Church of the Body of Christ
- ❖ 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
- ❖ Conclusion