

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN TEN

A ten-session bible study course designed to help people have a clear grasp of the Old Testament story and the most important events and people.

PARTICIPANTS SHEETS

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Overview

Year (B.C.)	Story	Where in the bible?	Passage to read.
-	Creation <i>God creates the world, then Adam and Eve and puts them in the garden of Eden.</i>	Genesis 1-5	Genesis 2: 4-25
-	Destruction and Recreation <i>Everyone except Noah ignores God, so he destroys them with a flood. Afterwards he promises never to do it again.</i>	Genesis 6-11	Genesis 9: 8-17
1996 to 1690	Becoming God's Chosen People <i>God calls Abraham to be the founder of a great nation. Abraham & Sarah, have Isaac, who has Jacob who has 12 sons, including Joseph. The family all ends up in Egypt.</i>	Genesis 12-end	Genesis 15: 1-6
1491	The Exodus <i>God's people are now slaves in Egypt, so God raises up Moses to free them. They get away, but then spend 40 years wandering in the desert. It is here that they receive the law.</i>	Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy.	Exodus 31: 18 – 32: 1-14
1451	Into the Promised Land <i>God's people finally cross the River Jordan into the Promised Land (Israel) destroying Jericho on the way.</i>	Joshua	Joshua 24: 1-15
1410 to 1050	The first rulers in Israel, the Judges <i>The people spread out into tribes and fight to stay in the Land.</i>	Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1-7	Ruth 1-4
1050 to 930	The First Kings and the Temple <i>This is the golden age of David and Solomon and the Temple. Everyone is happy and God blesses them richly.</i>	1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles <i>Also Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes</i>	1 Samuel 8
928 to 587	Two Kingdoms <i>The Promised Land splits into 2 kingdoms, and people start ignoring God. Eventually the Kingdom of Israel is destroyed.</i>	2 Kings and 2 Chronicles <i>Also Isaiah 1-39, Jeremiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah</i>	1 Kings 19: 1-18
585	Destruction and Exile <i>The kingdom of Judah is taken over by the Babylonians. The Temple is destroyed and the people are taken to Babylon.</i>	2 Kings and 2 Chronicles, Daniel and Esther <i>Also Psalms, Isaiah 40 - end, Lamentations, Ezekiel</i>	Psalms 137
515	Return and Restoration <i>After 70 years in Babylon, the people are finally allowed to go home. They rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple.</i>	Ezra and Nehemiah <i>Also Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi</i>	Nehemiah 2

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Session 1 – Creation

Where to find it in the bible: **Genesis chapters 1 to 5**

Passage being studied: **Genesis 2: 4-25**



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Session 2 – Destruction and Recreation

Where to find it in the bible: **Genesis chapters 6 to 11**

Passage being studied: **Genesis 9: 8-17**



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Session 3 – Becoming God’s Chosen People

Where to find it in the bible: **Genesis chapters 12 to the end**

Passage being studied: **Genesis 15: 1-6**



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Session 4 – The Exodus

Where to find it in the bible: **Exodus, Numbers,
Leviticus and
Deuteronomy**

Passage being studied: **Exodus 31: 18 –
32: 1-14**



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Session 5 – Into the Promised Land

Where to find it in the bible: **Joshua**

Passage being studied: **Joshua 24: 1-15**



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Session 6 – The First Rulers in Israel, the Judges

Where to find it in the bible: **Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel: 1-7**
Passage being studied: **Ruth 1-4**



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Session 7 – The First Kings and the Temple

Where to find it in the bible: **1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings,
1 & 2 Chronicles**

Passage being studied: **1 Samuel 8**



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Session 8 – Two Kingdoms

Where to find it in the bible: **2 Kings & 2 Chronicles**

Passage being studied: **1 Kings 19: 1-18**

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Session 9 – Destruction and Exile

Where to find it in the bible: **2 Kings & 2 Chronicles,
Daniel and Esther**

Passage being studied: **Psalm 137**



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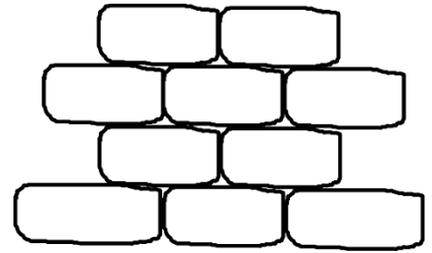
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Session 10 – Return and Restoration

Where to find it in the bible: **Ezra, Nehemiah**

Passage being studied: **Nehemiah 2**



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