

The Bible

testamentum – covenant – sacred family bond

► Old Testament - 46 books:

- Pentateuch
- Historical Books
- Wisdom Books
- Prophets

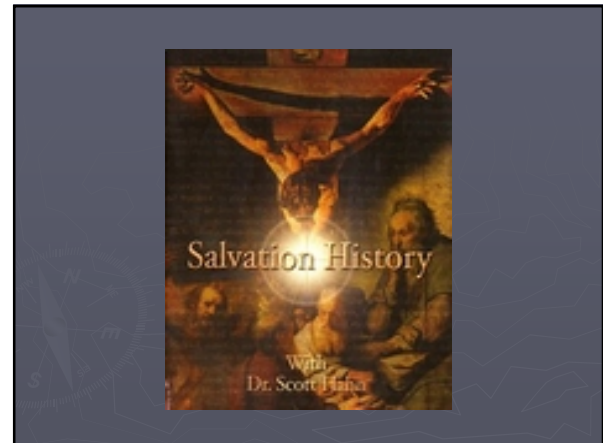
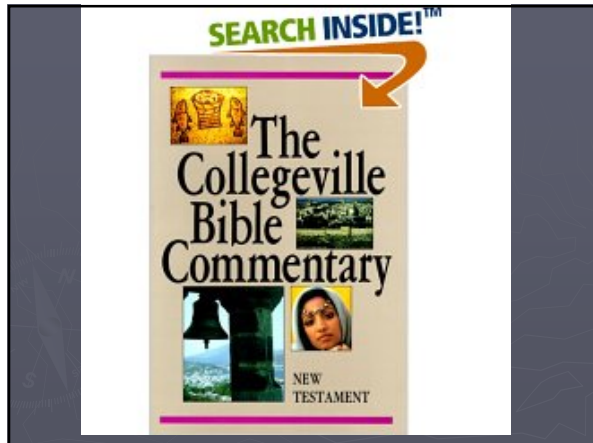
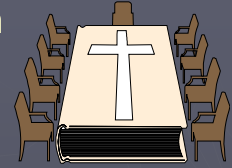
► New Testament - 27 books:

- Gospels
- Pauline Corpus
- Catholic Epistles
- Other Writings



Bible Notation

- Genesis 1:27
- Exodus 3:11,12
- Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- Psalm 23:1-4,6
- John 3:16-21
- 2 Tim 4:1-5
- Rev 1:4-6; 9-20
- Rom 1:19,20; 2:5,6; 14,15



Covenants:

- Adam (Gen 1:27-29; 2:22-24)
- Noah (Gen 9:9-17)
- Abraham (Gen 12:1-3)
- Moses (Exodus 12:3,5-8; 19:5,6)
- David (2 Samuel 7:8-14)
- Jesus (Luke 1:30-33; 45-55; 67-75)
- Church – New Covenant (Mat 16:18,19; 26:26-28; 28:18-20)



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The Salvation Story

► Old Testament Themes:

- Creation and Fall
- Covenants
- Sacrifices
- Commandments
- Passover & Exodus
- Exile & Restoration



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► New Testament Themes:

- Incarnation
- Paschal Mystery
- Pentecost
- Church & Mission
- Conversion, Discipleship & Self-Sacrifice



The Gospels Are Reliable

- Style
- Early date
- The Gospels show knowledge of Jerusalem
- Gospels are consistent
- Eyewitnesses still alive
- Extra-biblical testimony

Dates of Composition 50 – 60 A.D.

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| ► 1 & 2 Thessalonians | ► Ephesians |
| ► Galatians | ► Mark |
| ► 1 & 2 Corinthians | ► Titus |
| ► Romans | ► 1 & 2 Timothy |
| ► Philippians | ► 1 Peter |
| ► Philemon | ► James |
| ► Colossians | ► Hebrews |

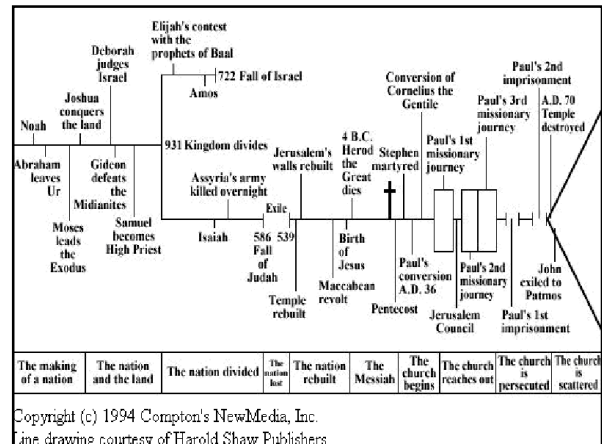
Dates of Composition 70 – 90 A.D.

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| ► 70 – 80 A.D. | ► 90s A.D. |
| ► Matthew | ► John |
| ► Luke | ► Revelation |
| ► Acts | ► 1, 2 & 3 John |
| ► Jude | ► 2 Peter |



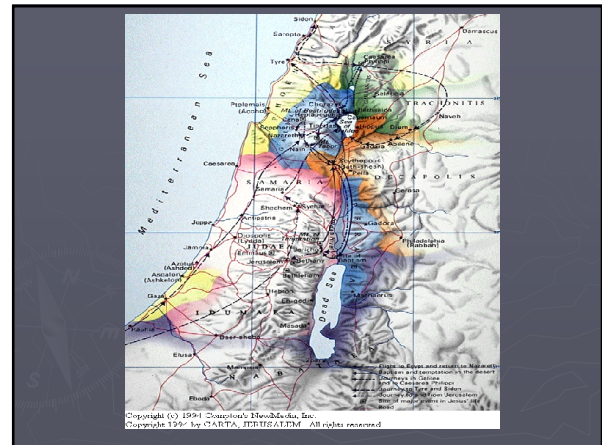
Authorship

- ▶ Mark: John Mark (Gentiles)
- ▶ Matthew: Apostle Matthew (Hebrews)
- ▶ Luke: Companion of Paul (Greeks)
- ▶ John: Apostle John/disciple (Hebrews)
- ▶ Acts: Luke (Gentile Converts)
- ▶ Revelation: John/disciple (Hebrews)



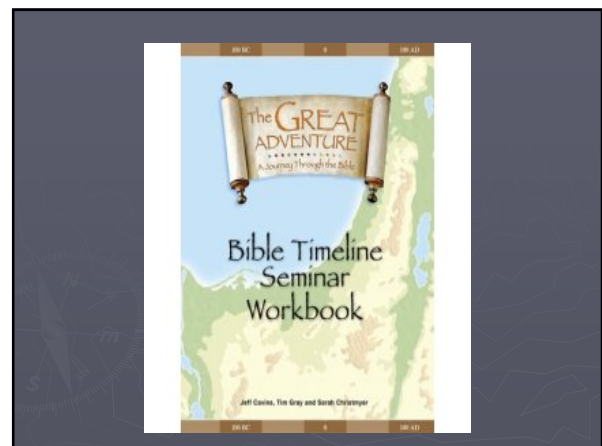
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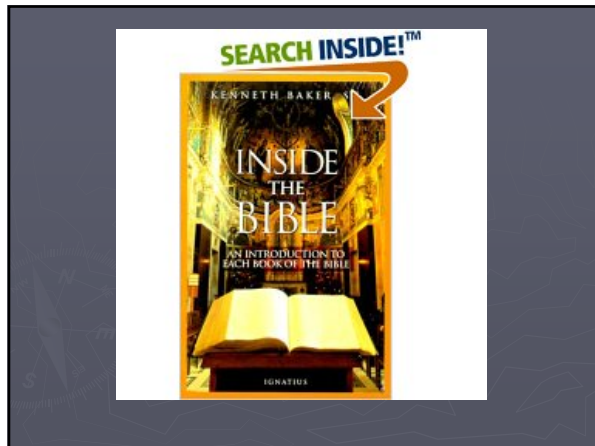
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The Big Picture

- ▶ Genesis
- ▶ Exodus
- ▶ Numbers
- ▶ Joshua
- ▶ 1&2 Samuel
- ▶ Judges
- ▶ 1&2 Kings
- ▶ Ezra
- ▶ Nehemiah
- ▶ 1 Maccabees
- ▶ Luke
- ▶ Acts





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Genesis – “beginnings”

- ▶ Creation (Genesis 1)
- ▶ Adam & Eve
- ▶ Cain, Abel, Seth - first dysfunctional family
- ▶ Noah – Shem, Hamm, Japheth (Genesis 9)
- ▶ Tower of Babel – Pride
- ▶ The call of Abram – Abraham (Genesis 17:1-7)
- ▶ Lot – Sodom & Gomorrah
- ▶ Ishmael – Hagar / Isaac – Sarah (the test)
- ▶ Rebekah - Esau & Jacob
- ▶ Leah & Rachel (Israel – 12 sons, 12 tribes)
- ▶ Joseph – Egypt
- ▶ Pharaoh’s dream
- ▶ Settlement in Goshen



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Abrahamic Covenant

- ▶ Land (Gen:15)
- ▶ Dynasty (Gen 17)
- ▶ Worldwide Blessing (Gen: 22)
- ▶ Abraham & Isaac
- ▶ Type of Jesus



Theological Themes of Genesis

- ▶ The preexistence and transcendence of God
- ▶ His power through which he made all things and on which all things depend
- ▶ The special creation of man in the image and likeness of God
- ▶ The institution of marriage (Gen 2:24)
- ▶ Man's sin of pride and disobedience
- ▶ Promise of salvation
- ▶ Abraham is blessed for his faith through his offspring of whom the Messiah, mankind's greatest blessing, will eventually be born.

Theological Themes of Genesis

- ▶ Whenever we fall out of right relationship with God and others, we no longer experience paradise. (Adam & Eve)
- ▶ Faith and faithfulness are the arks of salvation. (Noah)
- ▶ Only by discovering and participating in the divine plan can we accomplish what we want. (Tower of Babel)
- ▶ God is faithful to his promise whenever people trust in him, and even when they don't. (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

Exodus – “a departure, a going out or exit”

- ▶ Oppression of Israelites
- ▶ **Moses** – Pharaoh's daughter
- ▶ Flight to Midian – Jethro & Zipporah
- ▶ The burning bush (Horeb) – the call – Aaron the assistant
- ▶ The plagues (idols of Egypt) – **The Passover**
- ▶ The exodus from Egypt across the **Red Sea**
- ▶ Through the desert to Mount Sinai (Quail, Manna, Water)
- ▶ The **covenant** at Mount Sinai (**Exodus 19:5,6**)
- ▶ The **Ten Commandments** (the Decalogue)
- ▶ The **Golden Calf** (Ex:32) – Disordered worship - Levitic Law





The Ten Commandments:

- ▶ I Am the Lord your God, you shall have no god before me.
- ▶ You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.
- ▶ Remember keep holy the Sabbath day.
- ▶ Honor your father and mother.
- ▶ You shall not kill.
- ▶ You shall not commit adultery.
- ▶ You shall not steal.
- ▶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- ▶ You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
- ▶ You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.



Theological Themes of Exodus:

- ▶ We must put our trust in God. (Moses)
- ▶ We must persevere.
- ▶ We must love and respect God. (1-3)
- ▶ We must love and respect our neighbor. (4-10)
- ▶ We must surrender to the Lord completely.
- ▶ The Lord will sustain us. (Manna)

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