

- 1 Be concise.** Please share your thoughts and answers, but be considerate so that others will have time to share their answers also. Be charitable and kind. Be willing to share with the group, but do not try to dominate the conversation. Use the time after the class to find help with any personal issues or problems you may be confronting in your life.

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”
(James 1:19–20)

- 2 Be thoughtful with your answer.** Consider your words. Do not simply regurgitate what you have always heard. We have the tendency to speak in “Christianese” — words that only people who grew up on the pews would understand. Think about how your words will be heard by others. Will they understand what you are saying? Is what you are about to say going to be useful for the building up of the faith of others? Or will your words be confusing, cause hurt, or worse, damage someone’s faith? Speak without harshness or anger, but with kindness and humility.

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”
(Ephesians 4:29)

- 3 Rely on the scriptures for truth.** It is easy to rely upon conventional, worldly wisdom as truth. Bible study is about seeking God’s answers for our lives, not dispensing the advice of the world. We must consider that our natural answers may be the wrong answers if they are not founded on God’s word.

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.”
(1 Corinthians 1:25)

The purpose of this workbook is to help you have a better understanding of what each book in God's word is about and its relevant meaning for your life. Each page contains a survey chart for each book of scripture. Survey charts encourage our observation skills and help us think about the structure of God's word.

Observe // what do I see?

Every time we study the Bible, the first thing to ask is, "What do I see?" This is the crucial skill of observation, which lays the groundwork for your study. The text is given to you so that you will underline, circle, box, and highlight important words as you read. As you read look for comparisons, contrasts, purposes, results, causes, explanations, conclusions, and conditions. Ask yourself who, what, where, when, why, and how as you read. Keep asking these questions as you read to prevent a lazy brain while reading. As you read:

Write down the overall theme of the book at the top of the page next to the book name.

The numbers in the narrow rectangles indicate the chapter numbers. Write down a summary of the chapters in these boxes.

Write down other themes and main ideas from each section in the THEMES section.

Write down any key scriptures and teachings in the KEY TEXTS section.

Write down images and teachings that point to Jesus and our salvation in the REDEMPTION MESSAGES section.

Write down lessons you learn about who God is, about yourself, and any life changes you will make in the LIFE APPLICATIONS section.

The dotted lines in the lower boxes are to help consider themes, key texts, redemptive messages, and life applications in each section. However, you may see that some of these elements cross multiple chapter sections. Feel free to write through the dotted lines when necessary.

Share // how can I share my findings with us?

Now we want to share our findings with others. We want to share our observations, interpretations, and applications with others in the Bible class. This is your opportunity to hear what others have found in their studies and for you to share what you found. By doing this we are able to build one another up and grow up in the unity of the faith (Ephesians 4:12-13). If we do not share what we have found then we will be unable to grow together as the family of Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT CHRONOLOGY

PATRIARCHAL PERIOD 2500 YEARS				MOSAIC PERIOD 1500 YEARS								
PRE-FLOOD	POST-FLOOD	PATRIARCHS	SLAVERY IN EGYPT	WILDERNESS WANDERING	CONQUEST	JUDGES	UNITED KINGDOM	DIVIDED KINGDOM	JUDAH ONLY	BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY	RETURN	
Genesis 1-8	Genesis 9-11	Genesis 12-50	Exodus 1-13	Exodus 14- Joshua 2	Joshua 3-24	Judges 1- 1 Samuel 9	1 Samuel 10- 1 Kings 11	1 Kings 12- 2 Kings 17	2 Kings 18-25	2 Kings 25- Ezra 1	Ezra 2- Esther	
<p>CREATION</p> <p>Adam Cain Abel Seth Enoch Methuselah Lamech</p> <p>NOAH</p> <p>Shem Ham Japheth</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">FLOOD</p>	<p>TOWER OF BABEL</p> <p>Arpachshad Shelah Eber Peleg Reu Serug Nahor Terah</p>	<p>Abraham Isaac Jacob</p> <p>12 Sons: Reuben Simeon Levi Judah Dan Naphtali Gad Asher Issachar Zebulun Joseph Benjamin</p> <p>Joseph's Sons: Ephraim Manasseh</p>	<p>70 ENTER EGYPT</p> <p>PLACED INTO SLAVERY IN EGYPT</p> <p>BIRTH OF Moses</p> <p>10 PLAGUES UPON EGYPT</p>	<p>GIVING OF THE LAW AT MOUNT SINAI</p> <p>603,548 MEN OF WAR DIED IN WILDERNESS FOR NOT CONQUERING CANAAN</p> <p>LED BY CLOUD AND FIRE</p> <p>FED BY MANNA AND QUAIL</p> <p>KORAH'S REBELLION</p> <p>BRONZE SERPENT</p>	<p>VICTORY AT JERICHO</p> <p>Achan's SIN</p> <p>VICTORY AT AI</p> <p>TREATY WITH GIBEONITES</p> <p>INHERITING THE LAND</p> <p>DEATH OF Joshua</p>	<p>Othniel Ehud Shamgar Deborah Barak Gideon Abimelech Tola Jair Jephthah Ibzan Elon Abdon Samson</p> <p>Eli Samuel</p>	<p>KINGS: Saul 40 YEARS</p> <p>David 40 YEARS</p> <p>Solomon 40 YEARS</p> <p>TEMPLE BUILT</p> <p>BOOKS: <i>Psalms</i> <i>Proverbs</i> <i>Ecclesiastes</i> <i>Song of Solomon</i></p>	<p>NORTHERN (ISRAEL) 10 TRIBES</p> <p>SOUTHERN (JUDAH) 2 TRIBES</p> <p>SAMARIA DESTROYED 722 B.C.</p> <p>ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY</p> <p>PROPHETS: <i>Joel</i> <i>Jonah</i> <i>Amos</i> <i>Hosea</i> <i>Isaiah</i> <i>Micah</i></p>	<p>115 YEARS OF JUST JUDAH</p> <p>THREE BABYLONIAN INVASIONS</p> <p>TEMPLE DESTROYED 586 B.C.</p> <p>PROPHETS: <i>Isaiah</i> <i>Jeremiah</i> <i>Nahum</i> <i>Zephaniah</i> <i>Habakkuk</i> <i>Obadiah</i></p>	<p>Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon)</p> <p>FIERY FURNACE</p> <p>DREAM OF Nebuchadnezzar</p> <p>Belshazzar (Babylon)</p> <p>PERSIANS CONQUER BABYLONIANS</p> <p>PROPHETS: <i>Daniel</i> <i>Ezekiel</i></p> <p>BOOK: <i>Lamentations of Jeremiah</i></p>	<p>THREE RETURNS: Zerubbabel 536 B.C.</p> <p>Ezra 458 B.C.</p> <p>Nehemiah 444 B.C.</p> <p>TEMPLE RESTORED</p> <p>WALLS OF CITY REBUILT</p> <p>PROPHETS: <i>Haggai</i> <i>Zechariah</i> <i>Malachi</i></p>	<p>G O D S I L E N T T O I S R A E L</p>
1656 + years	427 years	215 years	215 years	40 years	8 years	390 years	120 years	212 years	135 years	70 years	136 years	400 years
4000 + B.C.- 2348 B.C.	2348 B.C.- 1921 B.C.	1921 B.C.- 1706 B.C.	1706 B.C.- 1491 B.C.	1491 B.C.- 1451 B.C.	1451 B.C.- 1443 B.C.	1443 B.C.- 1053 B.C.	1053 B.C.- 933 B.C.	933 B.C.- 722 B.C.	722 B.C.- 605 B.C.	605 B.C.- 536 B.C.	536 B.C.- 400 B.C.	

GENESIS:

BEGINNING OF HUMANITY				BEGINNING OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL			
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KEY TEXTS							
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LIFE APPLICATIONS							

CHAPTER SUMMARIES & KEY TEACHINGS

MATTHEW:

CHAPTER SUMMARIES & KEY TEACHINGS

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THEMES						
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MARK:

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PREPARATION	REVEALING THE SERVANT	REVELATION	PREPARING TO SACRIFICE	PROVEN
1:1-20	1:21-8:30	8:31-9:1	9:2-13:37	14-16
THEMES				
KEY TEXTS				
REDEMPITIVE MESSAGES				
LIFE APPLICATIONS				

LEVITICUS:

CHAPTER SUMMARIES & KEY TEACHINGS

THE WAY TO GOD				THE WALK WITH GOD				
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THEMES								
KEY TEXTS								
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LUKE:

CHAPTER SUMMARIES & KEY TEACHINGS

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LIFE APPLICATIONS							

JOHN:

CHAPTER SUMMARIES & KEY TEACHINGS

PROLOGUE	PUBLIC TEACHINGS AND SIGNS		PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS	SACRIFICE	EPILOGUE
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THEMES					
KEY TEXTS					
REDEMPITIVE MESSAGES					
LIFE APPLICATIONS					

DEUTERONOMY:

CHAPTER SUMMARIES & KEY TEACHINGS

MOSES' FIRST SERMON		MOSES' SECOND SERMON				MOSES' THIRD SERMON		MOSES' DEATH
1-3	4:1-43	4:44-11:32	12-18	19-26	27-28	29-30	31-32	33-34
THEMES								
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ACTS:

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ROMANS:

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1 CORINTHIANS:

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THEMES				
KEY TEXTS				
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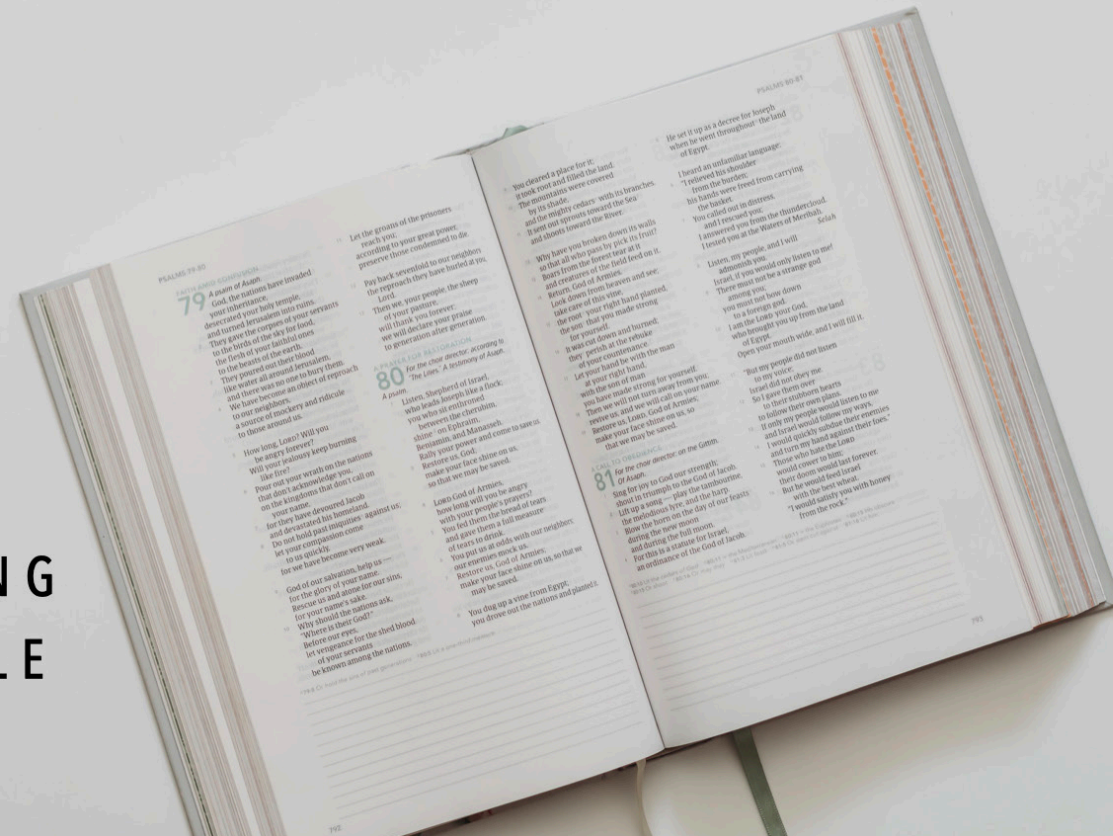
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