

Bible Overview Lesson 2

We find the origins of all things (except God and Jesus), in the book of Genesis (Hebrew for Beginning). In Genesis: man is formed, man sins, man is destroyed by the flood (Except Noah and his family). God then forms a covenant with Abraham and his descendants to be His people. The remainder of the Old Testament deals with God's working with these people, the Hebrews.

God delivers the Hebrews (Jews) from slavery in Egypt and leads them into the Promised Land. Judges rule over them and deliver them from their enemies.

Israel is not content with Judges, and they ask for a king. God relents and Saul, David and Solomon reign. Following Solomon, the kingdom is split in two: Israel in the North (10 tribes) and Judah in the South (2 tribes). Each kingdom turns to idolatry and is destroyed by God (Israel by Assyria in 722 BC and Judah by Babylon in 587 BC).

God allows Judah to return and rebuild Jerusalem and their country, when He punishes Babylon.

There is a silent period of 400 years which takes place between the time of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Jesus, the Son of God, enters the world and lives as a testimony of how man is to live; and dies as a sacrifice for the sins of man. On the 3rd day He is raised to life, overcoming death and appears on earth for 40 days. Then He ascends to heaven, leaving His disciples behind to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit comes on the day of Pentecost and the church is started as 3,000 are immersed on that day. The church then spreads from Jerusalem to Judea, to Samaria and then to the uttermost parts of the world.

God tells His people to remain faithful before the cataclysmic ending of the world.

This, and a whole lot more can be found in the Bible!

STUDY GUIDE FOR LESSON 2

1. In what book do we find the beginning of ALL Things (except God and Jesus)?
2. How did God destroy the world in the days of Noah?
3. With whom did God make a covenant, in the book of Genesis? (See Genesis 12)
4. From what country did God deliver the Hebrews from slavery?
5. Who ruled first over the Israelites after Joshua?
6. How many judges were there?
7. Name the first 3 Kings of Israel.
8. After whose reign, did Israel become 2 nations?
9. What were the names of the 2 nations (Hebrews) and where were they located?
10. How many Kings of Israel were there?
11. How many Kings of Judah were there?
12. In what year and by what country were the Israelites destroyed?
13. In what year and by what nation was Judah punished by God?
14. How many prophets prophesied (and books have been preserved) to these, Israel and Judah?
15. When did God send Judah back to Jerusalem?
16. What was the name of the Son of God?
17. For what reason did Jesus die?
18. What happened on the 3rd day after Jesus' death?