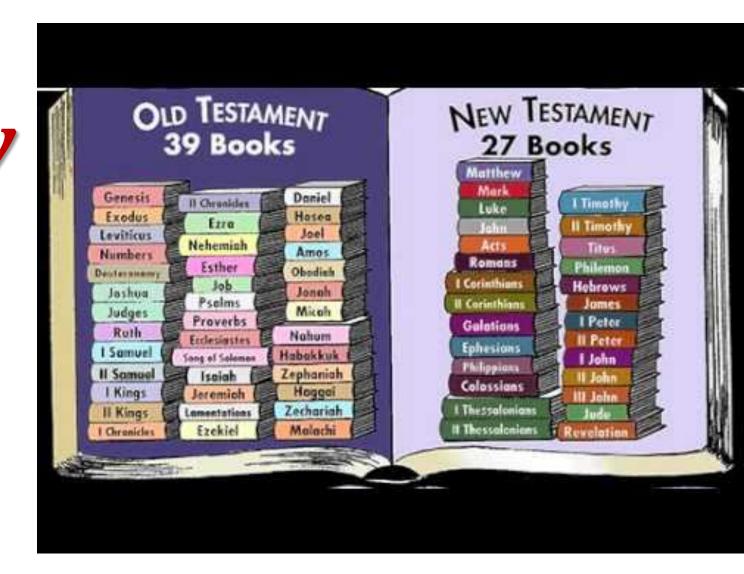
Bible Conference—(August 20, 2020)

An Overview of the Books of the Bible.



In these lessons we will familiarize ourselves with each Bible book.

- In the Thursday class we will focus upon the book of Genesis. This book lays the foundation for what will follow in the remainder of the Bible books.
- In the Friday class, we will cover the books of Exodus through the Song of Solomon.
- On Saturday, there are two classes. In the first Saturday class we will finish the Old Testament books from Isaiah through Malachi. We will also speak briefly of the years of time between the books of Malachi and Matthew.
- In the second Saturday class we will cover all the New Testament books.
- There will be time offered for questions and discussion in each class.

Genesis:

The 'genesis' of anything is referring to the origin, start, or conception of matters. This book is a book of beginnings. Let us now notice some 'beginnings' revealed from God in the book of Genesis:

A] Creation – chapter 1

The beginning of:

- heaven/earth (universe) Gen. 1.
- marriage and the home Gen. 2.
- sin Gen. 3.
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- worship Gen. 4.

(two become one flesh – v. 24)

(disobeying God's commands – v.

(by faith – **Heb. 11:4**)

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

B] Genealogy/generations: Adam to Noah – Gen. 5

- v. 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam.
- After Abel's death, Seth was born; Noah is a descendant of Seth (Gen. 4:25)
- v. 32 Noah had 3 sons; one of whom was Shem. Jesus is a descendant of Shem (Luke 3:36, 38).
 - ** more details will be studied on chapters 1-5 in future lessons

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

C] Story of the Flood: Genesis chapters 6-8

• First indication of the connection of water and baptism to salvation (1 Peter 3:20-21)

Significance of the Rainbow: (Genesis 9:15)

• First indication of a day of Judgment

(2 Peter 2:5; <u>3:6-7</u>; <u>Matthew 24:37-39</u>)

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

D] Genealogy/generations:

Gen. 10:1 – "Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood."

Gen. 10:32 – "These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations, and out of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood." (Because Jesus is a descendant of Shem, the Bible will focus upon Shem's descendants hereafter).

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

E] Genesis 11 – Contains the story of how the nations were scattered, and why. [** Nation of Israel did not exist in Genesis 11]

- Deuteronomy 32:8 "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel." [God planned to make a nation from Abraham]
- Acts 17:26 "He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation."

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

F] Genealogy/generations: Shem to Abraham – Genesis 11:10 – "These are the records of the generations of Shem..."

- This lineage is listed because Jesus is a descendant of Shem.
- Abraham's "call" was to make him the father of a 'great nation' [Israel] (Genesis 12:2 with Deuteronomy 32:8). Jesus would come through this nation.
- Joshua 24:2-3 explains WHY God 'called' Abraham out of Ur

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

Genesis chapters 12-50 – Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob; Joseph.

These are the main characters throughout the remainder of the book of Genesis. God makes a covenant (oath/promises) with Abraham that foreshadows the salvation that would come by Jesus [Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:7].

Joseph was one of 12 sons of Jacob (Acts 7:8), and these sons would multiply into a great nation, from which Jesus would come.

Genesis:

Some 'beginnings' revealed in the book of Genesis:

Gen. 12-50 – Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob; Joseph. The history of this nation dominates the Old Testament, with less attention to the other nations which came from Noah's other two sons, Japheth and Ham. (except as they interacted with Jacob's** sons).

- **Jacob's name was changed to Israel, and his descendants are commonly referred to as the "children of Israel" (Genesis 35:10-12; 1 Kings 18:31).
- A good summary of the events from Abraham to Joseph is given by Stephen in Acts 7:1-17.