From Darkness



To



Eternal Day























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Session 1 From Darkness to Eternal Day Genesis – Eden to Egypt

The Bible is a book about a(God)	with a,	
who faced a	and gave a	
We discover this Person, plan, problem and unfold	ding promise in God s W	ord, the Bible.
The Bible is comprised ofbooks, in s books, and the Testament containing		Testament, containing
The OT looks to the coming of Christ. The NT looks back to the and ahead to and Eternity.	the	of Christ, Millennium,
Genesis is the book of The beginn	nings of .	and .
The beginning of,and the glorious _	of a Savior	
In Genesis chapter 1 we see the Creation of the		
The on the 6 days of creation.		
In Genesis chapter 2 we see the Creation of		,
The on man, Godos special creation		
Genesis 3 is the first Adam and	Eve	
Genesis 4 is the first Cain and A	√bel	
Genesis 5 and 10 are õ the		Christ.
Genesis 6-8 is the	•	
Genesis 9 is the first		
Genesis 11 is the		language of rebellious
man to many language groups causing man s disp		
In Genesis chapter, God calls a man r		
of the Chaldees. He gives him a promise conta	ıınıng parts: _	,, and
The land is from the Mediterranean to the Europea	stop Divor The Cood in	ultimataly Christ The
The land is from the Mediterranean to the Euphra blessing to all nations is the salvation we have thr		
him;,, He journed of, where Terah dies. They then jou	rnev down into the lan	d of
also known as the land of He		
The son of promise is	Isaac has two sons	
The son of promise is The son of promise is Jacob has	and a daug	hter named
God later changes Jacob as name to Jacob as name to	, and a dadg	s favorite wife Rachel is
named Because Jacob intends		
hate him. Added to the jealousy over his position		
is kidnapped by his brothers and sold as a slav		
named Here he remains for thirteen		
imprisoned and forgotten. But in Godos perfect		
of Egypt. As a result he		
back in Canaan. The family of Jacob has now mul		
Egypt and gives them the		
they will remain for the next		

The Old Testament Thirty-nine Books 5.12.5.5.12

Law (5) Genesis through Deuteronomy
 History (12) Joshua through Esther
 Poetry (5) Job through Song of Solomon
 Prophecy (17) Isaiah through Malachi
 Major Prophets (5) Isaiah through Daniel
 Minor Prophets (12) Hosea through Malachi

Session 2 From Darkness to Eternal Day Exodus – Deuteronomy (Egypt, Sinai, Desert, Jordan) Slaves, Nation, Theocracy

There are 3 keyyear periods in Israels history, although not directly sequ	ential.
400 years as slaves in 400 years of spiritual chaos in the days of the	
400bet ween Malachi and Matthew.	
At the end of the 400 years of slavery in, God raises up a deliverer r	named
, who leads the children of Israel across the, down to the Mo	untain
called, where God gives the and the This is the	
of Exodus.	
God chose the priests from the tribe of Levi, one of Jacob \$12 sons. Their sac	rificial
duties, the laws for the, are outlined in the book called	
They then take a census of the nation. And to count, you need Le	eaving
Sinai after about two years, they journey north to the little desert crossroads know	
(Kadesh Barnea). Here Moses sends outspies, one for each	of the
tribes, to spy out the land. After days, the 12 return. 10 say <u>%</u> +; 2 say %	, 00
+. These 2 are& The people go with the majority report and ref	use to
believe God. So they are condemned to spend a year out of it for every day they spent in	it with
the spiesdays, years So for the next they wander	in the
desert, until everyone age twenty and up dies. Everyone that is, exceptand	
the 2 who believed God. The people finally end up on the east bank of the Rive	r. This
ends the book of	
Moses now reviews the law a second time for the new generation ready to enter th	e land
of promise. This % econd law+is the book of God calls Moses	to the
top of Mount Pisgah, to view the Promised Land. Here he dies, and is buried in Moab se	ecretly
by God. Here ends the book of .	

Session 3 From Darkness to Eternal Day Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon Theocracy, Monarchy, Divided Kingdom

With the death of Moses, God raises up a new leader, Moses former servant, He leads the children of Israel across the
conquering the first cityo, the second cityo, then on to the central,
southern and northern campaigns. They rid the land of her thirty-one kings, and divide the land
to the tribes of Israel. Joshua challenges the people to obey, and thus ends the book of
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The next book describes the chaos of compromise, the second year period of
spiritual chaos known as the days of the As the people ignore Gods commands
and are defeated by their enemies, they cry out to God and he sends them Judges, military
deliverers to execute %udgment+, and rescue them from their oppressors. But Israel soon forgets
and relapses into idolatry. This cycle is repeated for the next years. The only bright spot in
this time when Israel is continually moving from Jehovah into paganism, is one pagan woman
who moves from idolatry to the worship of the true God. This Moabite maiden who becomes a
believer is, who becomes the great grandmother of, and part of the line of
At the end of the of spiritual chaos, God sends the last Judge; also the
first Kingdom prophet named; and the
second Kingõ This is the beginning of the Kingdom stage of the nation of Israel. It is
simplest to describe it this wayo,, Saul,
David, Solomon, but later his opportunity for true greatness
by his lapse into idolatry. Thus, at his death the kingdom was divided tribes to the
called, ruled by the rebellious The tribes to the
called, ruled by Solomonos seed, beginning with
Saulos reign is described in the book of Saul is first king Samuel
anointed. Saul
Davidos reign is described in the book of David is the second king that
Samuel anointed. David David also was the author of many of the poetic songs
contained in the book of Psalms.
Solomonos reign is described in Solomon, but later
his opportunity by idolatry. Solomon wrote books. The first as a young man,
was a book of romance, The second as a middle-aged man, was
was a book of romance, The second as a middle-aged man, was a book of rules, The last was written as an old man; a book of regrets called
Speaking of the Poetical books . there are six, the oldest of books. The
of David; Solomonos three:,,;
and Jeremiah song of lament over the destruction of Jerusalem,

Session 4 From Darkness to Eternal Day Monarchy, Divided Kingdom, Assyrian Captivity

Letos review: The Bible is a book about a, with a, who faced a and gave a The English Old Testament is laid out as, Genesis is from Eden to õ Evodus
from Egypt to Leviticus is about õ Numbers is Sinai to
Jordano Deuteronomy is the of the Law.
Joshua is Canaan, Judges moves us from truth to, Ruth moves us
from paganism to, the last judge and first kingdom prophet, leads the
people from Nation to Kingdom. Saul, David, Solomon but
the national peace by his idolatry. At his death the kingdom,
lead the secession to the, now called; retained the capital
in the, now called We have entered the stage atbc.
Jeroboam, having led the rebellion that separated the Northern Kingdom, immediately
implemented a series of major idolatrous practices in Israel designed to prevent the two nations
from ever reuniting. 1 Kings records Jeroboams wicked schemes. He instituted the worship
of in and New temples, new cities, new gods, new priests
and a new religious calendar quickly capture the hearts of the nation. The Northern Kingdom
would go through a series of evil and murderous kings, lasting untilbc. 2 Kings
records their defeat and at the hand of King of (better known as
Tiglath-pilezer III). They would be and lost to the pagan culture of their
captives. The land of the Northern Kingdom then is occupied by exiles from Babylon. These
pagans mix their ancient idolatries with Jewish worship as a result of marrying with Israelite
refugees who remain. These people initially live in and around the city of The city
name eventually refers to the entire region. This mixed and hated people group is known in New
Testament times as the (A constant reminder of Israels idolatry, invasion, and
defeat.)
Between 931bc and 722bc God sends a number of prophets to call Israel to repentance. Non-writing prophets like and; and writing prophets including Amos,
Hosea, and part of the ministry of Isaiah.
would be called to go to the capital city of Assyria:, about 60
years before Assyria would destroy and deport Israel. The prophet would be sent to
remind Israel that God would still judge Assyria in His own time and way.
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Key chapters to remember include
Genesis 3. First sin
Genesis 12. Call of Abraham
Exodus 3. Call of Moses, revelation of Godos Name
Exodus 12. Passover
Exodus 20 . The Decalogue
Numbers 13 . Kadesh Barnea
Joshua 24:14. Joshua challenge Judges 21:25. Israel compromise & confusion
1 Samuel 15. Saulos rebellion
2 Samuel 7 . Davidic covenant
1 Kings 12 . Split . Jeroboamos idolatry
2 Kings 17 . Israelos Assyrian captivity . 722bc
2 Kings 25 . Judahos final Babylonian captivity . 586bc
Key Nations & Leaders to remember
Egypt . Pharaoh Israel . Solomon Assyria . Pul Babylon . Nebuchadnezzar

Persians . Cyrus Greeks . Alexander Romans . Caesar Augustus

Medes . Darius

Session 5 From Darkness to Eternal Day Divided Kingdom, Judah, Babylonian Captivity

In the year BC the Monarchy was torn apart at the death of Solomon led the rebellion in the; these tribes become known as
Having observed the origin, direction and destruction of Israel by in BC, we
will now focus our attention on the Southern Kingdom of, under and his
descendents.
Rehoboam is a descendent of, and his father The southern Kingdom
is named after its most influential tribe, Later, the inhabitants of this land are known as
people of Judah+, and nicknamed w+
The descendents of Rehoboam continue to sit on the throne of Judah untilbc. Like
Israel, Judah rebels against the Lord, and Jehovah sends them many prophets to rebuke them
and call them to repentance. The most notable prophets are & The
people of Judah refuse to listen. Their sins include their refusal to give the land its
For 490 years (from the time the Monarchy began under Saul in 1095bc until 605bc)
the nation owed God ‰ne year in+. The land would ‰est+for years, as God sent His
bill collector inbc, for the back pay of those Beginning in 605bc,
then again in, and finally inbc, deports the Jews to
There they will remain until they are allowed to return inbc, after years.
warns and weeps at the prospect of the great suffering of Judah, as they
continue to reject Gods warnings. His broken hearted song of surveys the
wreckage of Jerusalem after the final deportation.
In the first stage of the captivity, many young men are deported to be trained for service
to the nation of Babylon. Among these are and his three friends.
Daniel, of royal lineage, will write the book that declares the complete sovereignty of God
over all kings and nations. This book displays the eternal, unstoppable, coming
that will crush all earthly kingdoms and last forever.
, priest and prophet, will write a prophetic book full of mystery and symbolism.
As a captive in Babylon, he warns his fellow captives to repent and turn to God. Its introduction
begins with awesome descriptions of the splendor and majesty of God. It proceeds with
judgment pronounced on Israel and her enemies. The book concludes with the vision of the
millennial temple and the worship of the Messiah that covers the earth. It is a book of confidence
and hope. While Daniel focuses on the of God, and the earthly of
Messiah; Ezekiel focuses on the of God and the He will receive when
Messiah comes and the nation inherits the long awaited promises.
During these years of captivity, when the Jews have no temple, no way to sacrifice,
and no priestly duties to perform, they begin a new institution that endures still today. Godos
people desire to get together because they belong together. Gods people long to listen to Gods
Word and be instructed. There in Babylon, the Jews began to meet together, being instructed in
the Scriptures by those who were literate and knowledgeable. These %cachers+ were called
And the %patherings+ were called They were instructional, not
sacrificial in nature. This tradition of multiple families supporting a paid Rabbi would continue on
even after the return to Israel. That is, why, in the Gospels, we see two religious gathering
places: the temple in Jerusalem for sacrifice, and synagogues in every village and city for
weekly instruction. The captivity of Judah would come to an end inbc with the decree of the Persian, allowing the Jews to return to their homeland.
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Session 5 continued From Darkness to Eternal Day Return from Exile, Rebuilding Jerusalem

The Kingdom of Judah ended inbc with the destruction of and the final
deportation to The prophetic ministry of Daniel and Ezekiel rekindled hope for an
eventual return.
God always keeps Hisbc,
under the reign of the Persian.
The return would be accomplished under the leadership of three key men:,
and Zerubbabel the, would provide protection. Ezra the
would provide direction for the rebuilding of the, and Nehemiah the
and visionary administrator, would provide direction for rebuilding the
around the city.
The Temple would be delayed in the midst of the construction process by political attacks
from her enemies. During the 15-year hiatus, the wicked Persian administrator,,
would institute even greater oppression against the Jews. God raised up, for just such a time, a
Jewish woman named as Queen of Persia. Her influence would serve to preserve
the Jews yet again.
After the Persians allowed construction to begin again, God sent two special prophets to
encourage the projectos completion rebuked the people for their selfishness and lack
of zeal came at the same time to provide visions of future glory when Messiah
would appear.
After Nehemiah rebuilds the around the city of Jerusalem, he encounters great
spiritual compromise and corruption among the Jews. God sends the prophet for a
final rebuke to His people. Malachi would be the final prophetic voice followed by 400
The silence would be broken by the voice of the prophet from the wilderness,
the Baptist, announcing the coming of Messiahõ Behold the!

Session 6 From Darkness to Eternal Day Intertestamental Years (400 Silent Years)

The Jews who returned to Israel following the Babylonian captiv	rity were under the
dominion of the, then the, and finally the	Letos follow the
progress during these next 400 silent years.	
Philip of Macedon began a campaign of world conquest beginning	g in
(Greece) extending eastward to Syria. Philipos famous son,	the Great, would
extend total Greek domination throughout Europe, Asia, Israel, Egypt, and P	ersia.

Alexander died without an heir. The conquered lands were divided among several individuals includingõ

Cassander - Macedonia Ptolemy - Egypt

Antigonus - Palestine to Euphrates

Lysimachus - Thrace

Antigonus, attempting to reunite the empire, failed.

Palestine was bequeathed to Seleucus, who led the fight to defeat Antigonus from the East. But before Seleucus can regroup, Ptolemy moves in, sending an army of occupation into Palestine to secure it. This starts the %ad blood+between the %eleucids+and the %etolemys+which will turn Palestine into a battleground for generations to come.

The Ptolemys retain Palestine from 323-198 BC. The Jews enjoy relative freedom during this stage. With the spread of Greek culture and language, the Jews complete the Greek translation of the Old Testament, called the Septuagint (LXX). (%The 70+. so called because it was said to be produced by 70 scholars in 70 days.)

The Seleucids attempt six takeovers during these years. They finally succeed in conquering Palestine at the Battle of Panion, in 198 BC. Antiochus III ruled until 187 BC. Taking a big political gamble, he joined forces with Hannibal to attempt a takeover of Rome. Failing this, he became a political prisoner. Antiochusqson, Seleucus IV, is an uneventful ruler from 187-175 BC.

Another of Antiochusqsons, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, takes the throne by Roman decree in 175 BC. Seeking revenge on the Ptolemys, he attempts to conquer and occupy Egypt. Rome does not approve, forcing him to give it up and return to Palestine. In frustrated rage he begins a horrible campaign of persecution & murder against the Jews. The result is a Jewish revolt in 166 BC under the leadership of an old priest named Maccabeus (The Hammer).

The eldest son of Maccabeus, Judas, succeeds in overthrowing the Seleucid ruler and installs himself as Ruling High Priest+. This begins what is known as the Hasmonean Dynasty+.

His brother Jonathan follows Judas. However, the Romans declare Palestine a %ebel state+. Knowing it is just a matter of time before Rome acts, the youngest brother, Simon, travels to Rome to seek political assistance. Obtaining the friendship of a powerful politician, he obtains Roman favor for the nation. Simon is installed as the first Roman sanctioned %Ruling Priest+, leading the nation from 142-135 BC.

Simon is followed by his son, John Hyrcanus I. The nation is facing major religious division. On one side are those who are heavily influenced by Greek philosophy & learning, called Hellenists. They deny the miracle portions of the OT and seek merely to retain a cultural Judaism. On the other are the purists, called Hasidim. They revere the Law of Moses, fear outside influences, and reject the Hellenists. These two groups eventually become known as the Saducees (Hellenists) and the Pharisees (Hasidim).

The Ruling Priests seek support from one side or the other over succeeding generations. The family is torn apart by the power struggle. Tremendous hatred grows and hundreds die in the battle for control. Aristobulus I, then Alexander Jannaeus, John Hyrcanus II and finally Mattathias Antigonus end the dynasty.

Hyrcanus II flees to Idumea for military support after a brief ouster by his brother Aristobulus II. Antipater, King of Idumea, is delighted with the opportunity. He defeats Aristobulus II, reinstalling Hyrcanus II as ruling Priest. But the power behind the scepter remains in Antipaters hands.

When Hyrcanus II dies, Mattathias Antigonus assumes leadership. Meanwhile, Antipatercs son goes to Rome to seek help in retaking the bloody city of Jerusalem, as this last takeover was without Roman approval. Making his case for a secure and submissive state, he wins the respect and approval of Antony and the Roman Senate. Returning to Jerusalem with the title King of the Jews+, and a Roman force of occupation, he establishes complete control. His name is known to succeeding generations as Herod the Great+. He enters NT history as the power-hungry, fear-driven dictator who attempts to destroy Christ.

Herod is faced with a nation of Jews who resent his power, hate his lineage, and have been involved in violent takeovers for over 100 years. To seek to pacify the Jews, Herod embarks on the construction of a magnificent temple. Herodes Temple+would take over 40 years to complete. His family would be major political players for the next 100 years of Jewish history. The following chart will give you a picture of the history of the Jews into New Testament times.

Babylonian control.....
Persian control.....
Greek control.....

Alexander the Great Antigonus

Ptolemys

Seleucids (Antiochus IV)

Roman control...

Hasmonean Revolt (166 BC)
Judas Maccabeus
Jonathan
Simon

John Hyrcanus I Aristobulus I

Alexander Jannaeus

John Hyrcanus II (Aristobulus II)

Mattathias Antigonus

Herod the Great

Antipater Aristobulus Alexander Herod Herod Antipas Archelaus Herod III Killed Killed Killed Philip Luke 3:1 Matt 2:22 Luke 3:1

Galilee Judah Syria

Herodias Herod Agrippa I Procurators 6-86 AD

Married Philip Acts 12 Ruled

Then Antipas Syria, then Galilee, Pontius Pilate

Finally Judea & Samaria

37-44 AD

Bernice Herod Agrippa II Drusilla Felix 52-59 AD Acts 25:23 Acts 25:13; 26:32 Acts 24:24 Acts 23, 24

Judah, Syria, Galilee, Wife of Felix

Perea (Claudias-Nero)

Festus 59-61 AD Acts 24:27

Session 7 From Darkness to Eternal Day New Testament Survey – GOSPELS 5, 21,1

The New Testament is arranged simply.
comprised of 4 and
13 letters of
and 8 letters
The book of
New Testament history opens during the reign of the Great. Since Herod dies i 4bc, we date the birth of Christ at 6bc. Luke informs us that John the Baptist was born si months earlier, to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Joseph, by divine warning, took Mary and Jesus to, to await the death of Herod After Herod death, as they returned to Judea, they again received divine direction to go t in Galilee. Galilee was ruled by another of Herod sons, Herod After the death of in 5ad, Judea came under the rule of Roman governors known a They continued until Jerusalem was destroyed by the in ad. Except for the few details concerning the birth, flight to Egypt, and the temple visit at ag twelve, the Scriptures are silent concerning Jesusquearly years. John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ by his fiery preaching of from 25-28 AD. At the end of his ministry, John baptized Jesus and directed his followers to Jesus as Wahe + Jesus, after his baptism and wilderness fasting and temptation by Satan, returned to Galilee to begin his public ministry. After three and a half years of ministry, he was betrayed crucified, buried, raised from the dead and finally ascended into heaven. These events are detailed in the four Gospels:,, Each of the Gospels has an intended audience and purpose. They are not randor collections of stories and sermons. Matthew is written to the His purpose is to show the Jesus is the long awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of Old Testament (Mat 5:17-18) Mark is written to the His purpose was to show Christ as the Perfect Son of, who loves, heals, seeks and saves lost men. (Luke 19:10 John is written to the His purpose is to show the Jesus Christ is the Son of
Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Session 8 From Darkness to Eternal Day New Testament Survey – ACTS

Each of the gospels ends with a	n account we call	the		
Matthew focuses on the	, Christos ab	solute authority.		
Mark looks to the	_, Luke gives us	the	•	
John focuses on the	Acts focuses	s on the		_, the coming
of the,	who will create and	d empower the _	·	
ISRAEL was called to a THE CHURCH is called to	and draw the natio _ and take the ligh	ns to the light of (t of Godos salvation	Godos salvation to the nation	on. ons.
The Book of Acts begins where I, giving birth to the ch to to 30 years of church history and focu	hurch. Acts _ and finally to the uses on the lives o	outlines the greened eends of the f and	owth of the Acts co	church from overs the first
The church is, persecuted	d,, mu	ultiplied and finally	y	·
Paul is the in Acts 9-12, and then becomes a			a	in
His life as a missionary included _ major in Ron	journeys, one in journeys, and the writing	major of books of	in Je the New Tes	erusalem, two stament.
	and and the	PAUL'S LETTER		
The central section, DOCTRINE, b	egins with the	_ letters of	·	
His first letter,, council. It deals wi				
During the journey journey and and	rote and _			
During his journey in the New Testament. The theme				
Paul was then sent to; Colossians of in Christ; a	on	the head	l; Philippiar	ns on our
After being freed from Ro	me, he wrote	a	ınd	. Then
during his second	l	Paul was e	executed by N	lero in Rome
in about AD.			-	

Session 10 From Darkness to Eternal Day New Testament Survey – GENERAL LETTERS

Session 11 From Darkness to Eternal Day New Testament Survey – PROPHECY – REVELATION

	Johns last book, and the last of the New Testament,, is penned on the of, during the severe persecution initiated by Emperor Domitian in 96 AD.
Key P	rophetic Events recorded in Revelation
É	Raptured & Seated in Glory
É	Israelos regeneration
É	Coming . Armageddon
É	yr. Kingdom . Israels restoration Satan bound
É	freed . Final Rebellion . Finally Defeated
É É É É É	of Heavens & Earth
É	Judgment Heavens & Earth
É	Heavens & Earth
Revela	ation: outlines the Book
Ch	The Christ
Ch	The Church on Earth
Ch	The Church on Earth The Church in Heaven
Ch	Tribulation . Israelos restoration
	Daniel 9:24-27
Ch	Millennium . Israelos consummation
	Destruction of Heaven & Earth
	Great White Throne Judgment
Ch	Eternity - New Heavens & Earth
IT IS _	21:
Rev. 2	2:16-21 Last,,

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