

Introduction

Welcome to the *Cover to Cover Complete* sampler – just three days' worth of the full year-long programme for you to try. *Cover to Cover Complete* is a unique book that will lead you on a thrilling journey of discovery through the whole Bible. This exercise is made so much easier with the inclusion of the full Bible text.

There are many different approaches to reading through the Bible in a year – all have merit, but the chronological one is probably the most intriguing and fascinating. That is the route of *Cover to Cover Complete* – following the events of Scripture as they happen. Here are a few tips to help you through the first three days covered in this sampler.

First, pray before you start reading. Ask God to speak to you through what you read. God has not only spoken *in* Scripture; He speaks *through* it still.

Second, read with the view of not only gaining understanding, but also learning how to apply what you read to your own life.

Third, encourage a friend or a group to read this sampler at the same time as you, so that you can discuss the results of your reading together.

When you have completed the first stage of your journey through God's Word, we pray you may want to know in even greater measure the power and presence of the *Living Word*, Jesus. We invite you to commit to reading the Bible in a year with the full *Cover to Cover Complete* book and discover more of God's unfolding plan, and our involvement in it.

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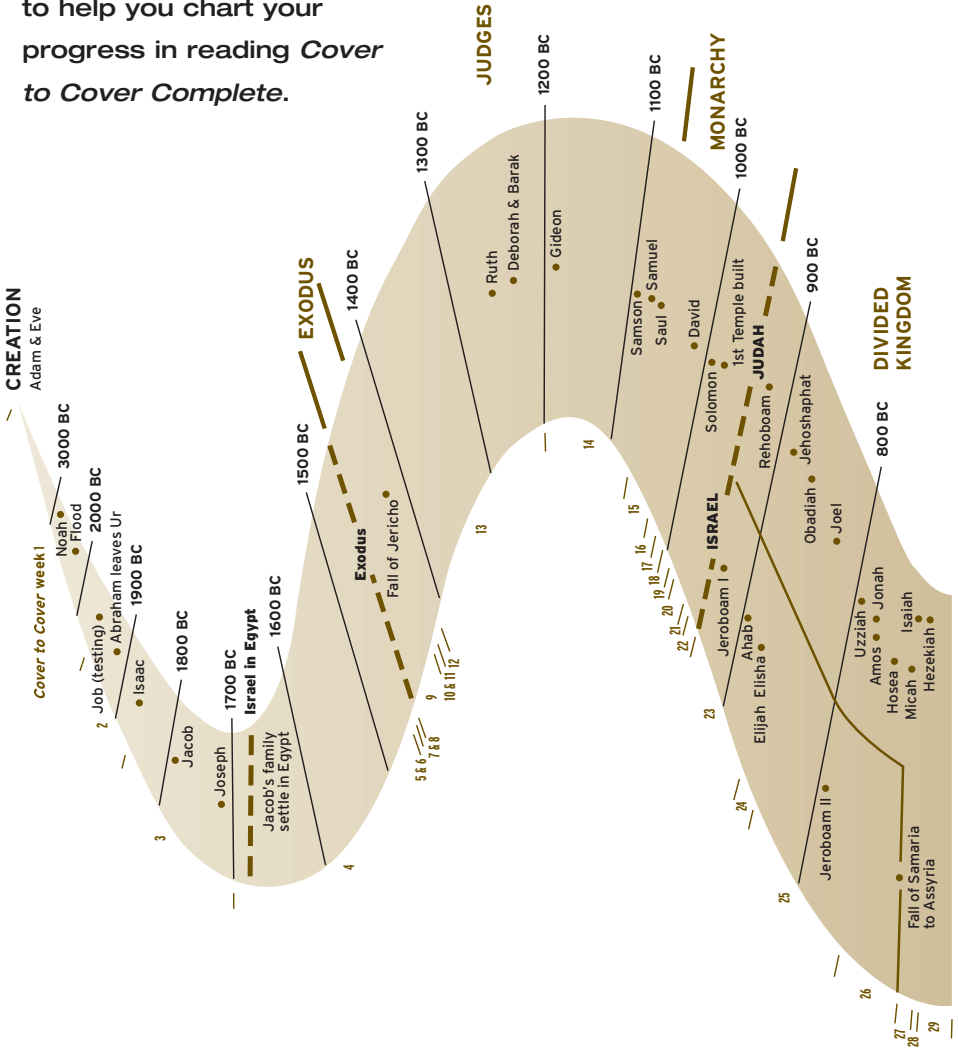
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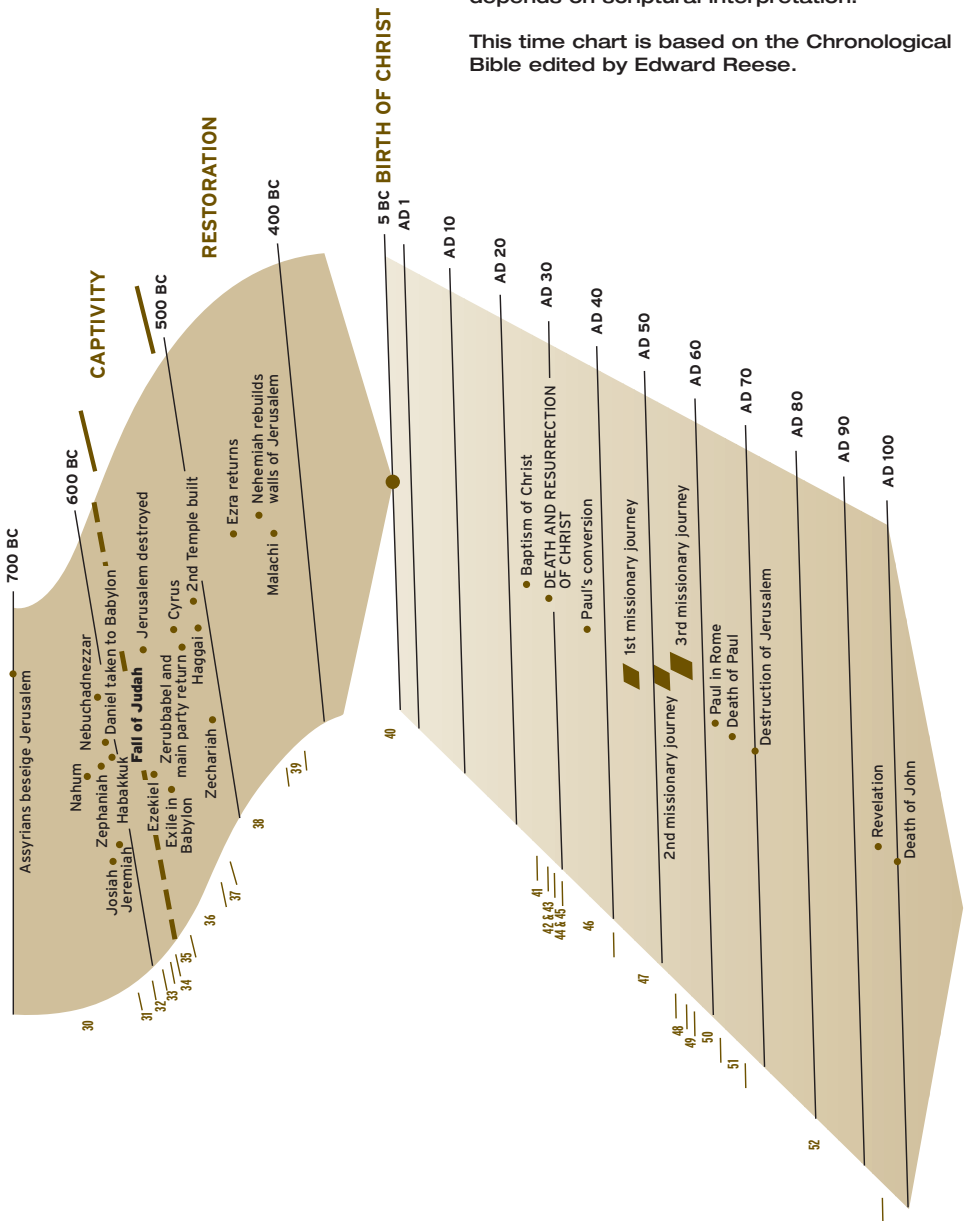
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Time Chart

A specially prepared guide to help you chart your progress in reading *Cover* to *Cover Complete*.





We recognise that the dating of early events depends on scriptural interpretation.

This time chart is based on the Chronological Bible edited by Edward Reese.

Genesis

- The Beginning of Nations



THE WORD GENESIS means 'beginning' and within this book are recorded the origins of both sacred and secular history. Commencing this new year with the book of beginnings can be a new beginning in our lives of a deeper love for the Lord and His Word. The first 2,000 years of history are contained in the first eleven chapters and are characterised by four major and significant events.

Creation	<p>Origin of all things Gen. 1-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● In the beginning● Days of creation● Day of rest	
Corruption	<p>Sin of Adam Gen. 3-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Satan's subtlety● Adam's sin● Strife and death	
Condemnation	<p>Flood of Noah Gen. 6-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Conditions before flood● Salvation through flood● Tragedy following flood	
Confusion	<p>Tower of Babel Gen. 10-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Arrogance of man● Judgment of God● Origin of nations	

DAY 1

The beginning of creation

The pre-existent Christ

John 1:1-2

- 1** In the beginning was the Word,^a and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
² He was with God in the beginning.

The creation declaration

Psalm 90:2

- ² Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, You are God.

The origin of creation

Genesis 1:1

- 1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Satan cast out of heaven

Isaiah 14:12-17

- ¹² Shining morning star, how you have fallen from the heavens! You destroyer of nations, you have been cut down to the ground.
¹³ You said to yourself: “I will ascend to the heavens; I will set up my throne above the stars of God. I will sit on the mount of the gods’ assembly, in the remotest parts of the North.
¹⁴ I will ascend above the highest clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”
¹⁵ But you will be brought down to Sheol into the deepest regions of the Pit.
- ¹⁶ Those who see you will stare at you; they will look closely at you: “Is this the man who caused the earth to tremble, who shook the kingdoms, who turned the world into a wilderness, who trampled its cities
 Ezekiel 28:13-19
¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every kind of precious stone covered you: carnelian, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and emerald. Your mountings and settings were crafted in gold; they were prepared on the day you were created.
¹⁴ You were an anointed guardian cherub, for I had appointed you. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked among the fiery stones.
¹⁵ From the day you were created you were blameless in your ways until wickedness was found in you.
¹⁶ Through the abundance of your trade, you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I expelled you in disgrace from the mountain of God, and banished you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.
¹⁷ Your heart became proud because of your beauty; For the sake of your splendor you corrupted your wisdom. So I threw you down to the earth;

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I made a spectacle of you
before kings.

- ¹⁸ You profaned your sanctuaries
by the magnitude of your iniquities
in your dishonest trade.
So I sent out fire from within you,
and it consumed you.
I reduced you to ashes
on the ground
in the sight of everyone
watching you.
- ¹⁹ All those who know you
among the nations
are appalled at you.
You have become an object
of horror
and will never exist again.”

Judgment of creation

□ **Genesis 1:2a**

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths,

Creation for habitation

□ **Isaiah 45:18**

- ¹⁸ For this is what the LORD says—
God is the Creator of the heavens.
He formed the earth and made it;
He established it;
He did not create it to be empty,
but formed it to be inhabited—
“I am the LORD,
and there is no other.

□ **Genesis 2:4**

⁴ These are the records of the heavens and the earth, concerning their creation at the time that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

The six days of creation

First and second days

□ **Genesis 1:2b–8**

and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and He called the darkness “night.” Evening came, and then morning: the first day.

⁶ Then God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, separating water from water.” ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse “sky.” Evening came, and then morning: the second day.

Third day

□ **Genesis 2:5–6**

⁵ No shrub of the field had yet grown on the land, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not made it rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground. ⁶ But water would come out of the ground and water the entire surface of the land.

□ **Genesis 1:9–13**

⁹ Then God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land “earth,” and He called the gathering of the water “seas.” And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it, according to their

Place in the Bible	Main Characters	Special Features
First Old Testament book; first book of the Law.	Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph.	The book of beginnings; the beginning of the world, of humankind, of sin, of God's chosen people.

kinds.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it, according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ Evening came, and then morning: the third day.

Fourth, fifth and sixth days

□ Genesis 1:14–26

¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will serve as signs for festivals and for days and years. ¹⁵ They will be lights in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to have dominion over the day and the lesser light to have dominion over the night—as well as the stars. ¹⁷ God placed them in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth, ¹⁸ to dominate the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ Evening came, and then morning: the fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, “Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the large sea-creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² So God blessed them, “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ Evening came, and then morning: the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”

□ Genesis 2:7

⁷ Then the LORD God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

Creation of man in detail

□ Genesis 5:1,

5 These are the family records of the descendants of Adam. On the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God;

□ Genesis 1:27

²⁷ So God created man
in His own image;
He created him in the image
of God;
He created them male and female.

Creation of the woman

□ Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is like him.” ¹⁹ So the LORD God formed out of the ground

Jesus and the Book

Joseph is seen as a “type” of Jesus Christ because of the similarities between their lives. Both were bought for silver, both were innocent but condemned and both were raised up by God’s power after terrible humiliation.

Teaching

God is the Creator of the world. Though man broke off his friendship with God by a deliberate act of disobedience, God still continually calls on man to live with Him in trust and obedience.

A Verse to Remember

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1).

each wild animal and each bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man no helper was found who was like him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and closed the flesh at that place. ²² Then the LORD God made the rib He had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ And the man said:

This one, at last, is bone
of my bone,
and flesh of my flesh;
this one will be called woman,
for she was taken from man.

²⁴ This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Both the man and his wife were naked, yet felt no shame.

Names given

Genesis 5:2

² He created them male and female. When they were created, He blessed them and called them man.

Genesis 3:20

²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living.

Man's dominion over creation

Genesis 1:28-30

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth." ²⁹ God also said, "Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth, and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This food will be for you, ³⁰ for all

the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth—everything having the breath of life in it. I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

Creation completed

Genesis 1:31

³¹ God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came, and then morning: the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1

2 So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.

John 1:3

³ All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.

Seventh day established

Genesis 2:2-3

² By the seventh day, God completed His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it He rested from His work of creation.

Exodus 20:11

¹¹ For the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything in them in six days; then He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and declared it holy.

The Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:8-17

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He placed the man He had formed. ⁹ The LORD God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the midst of the garden,

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as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river went out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon, which encircles the entire land of the Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² Gold from that land is pure; bdellium and onyx are also there.

¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon, which encircles the entire land of Cush.

¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows to the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

For Thought and Contemplation

If, as the Scripture teaches, man is the only being in creation who bears the “image” of God, then ask yourself today: How much of God’s image is reflected in me?

“... because by Him everything was created, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.” (Col. 1:16-17)

DAY 2

The Fall & the beginning of civilisation

The temptation and Fall

□ Genesis 3:1-7

3 Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. ³ But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “No! You will not die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ Then the woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

God’s judgment and curse

□ Genesis 3:8-19

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ And he said, “I heard You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.”

¹¹ Then He asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I had commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² Then the man replied, “The woman You gave to be with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

¹³ So the LORD God asked the woman, “What is this you have done?”

And the woman said, “It was the serpent. He deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ Then the LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than
any livestock
and more than any wild animal.
You will move on your belly
and eat dust all the days
of your life.

¹⁵ I will put hostility between you
and the woman,
and between your seed
and her seed.
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

¹⁶ He said to the woman:

I will intensify your labor pains;
you will bear children in anguish.
Your desire will be
for your husband,
yet he will dominate you.

¹⁷ And He said to Adam, “Because you listened to your wife’s voice and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘Do not eat from it’:

The ground is cursed
because of you.
You will eat from it by means of
painful labor
all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles
for you,
and you will eat the plants
of the field.

¹⁹ You will eat bread by the sweat
of your brow
until you return to the ground,
since you were taken from it.
For you are dust,
and you will return to dust.”

Expulsion from Eden

□ Genesis 3:21-24

²¹ The LORD God made clothing out of skins for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them.

²² The LORD God said, “Since man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, and also take from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.” ²³ So the LORD God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove man out, and east of the garden of Eden He stationed cherubim with a flaming, whirling sword to guard the way to the tree of life.

The story of Cain and Abel

□ Genesis 4:1-15

4 Adam knew his wife Eve intimately, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, “I have had a male child with the LORD’s help.” ² Then she also gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel became a shepherd of a flock, but Cain cultivated the land. ³ In the course of time Cain presented some of the land’s produce as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ And Abel also presented an offering—some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not have regard for Cain and his offering. Cain was furious, and he was downcast.

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you furious? And why are you downcast?

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⁷ If you do right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do right, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must master it."

⁸ Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

¹⁰ Then He said, "What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground! ¹¹ So now you are cursed with alienation from the ground that opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood you have shed. ¹² If you work the land, it will never again give you its yield. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

¹³ But Cain answered the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear! ¹⁴ Since You are banishing me today from the soil, and I must hide myself from Your presence and become a restless wanderer on the earth, whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵ Then the LORD replied to him, "In that case, whoever kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." And He placed a mark on Cain so that whoever found him would not kill him.

Seth and his descendants

□ 1 Chronicles 1:1

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh,

□ Genesis 4:25

²⁵ Adam knew his wife intimately again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, for she said, "God has given me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him."

□ Genesis 5:3

³ Adam was 130 years old when he fathered a child in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

□ Genesis 4:26

²⁶ A son was born to Seth also, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.

□ Genesis 5:6

⁶ Seth was 105 years old when he fathered Enosh.

□ Genesis 5:9

⁹ Enosh was 90 years old when he fathered Kenan.

□ 1 Chronicles 1:2

² Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,

□ Genesis 5:12

¹² Kenan was 70 years old when he fathered Mahalalel.

□ Genesis 5:15

¹⁵ Mahalalel was 65 years old when he fathered Jared.

□ Genesis 5:18

¹⁸ Jared was 162 years old when he fathered Enoch.

Cain and his descendants

□ Genesis 4:16–24

¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷ Cain knew his wife intimately, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch. Then Cain became the builder of a city, and he named the city Enoch after his son. ¹⁸ Irad was born to Enoch, Irad fathered Mehujael, Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹ Lamech took two wives for himself, one named Adah and the other named Zillah. ²⁰ Adah bore Jabal; he was

the father of the nomadic herdsmen. ²¹ His brother was named Jubal; he was the father of all who play the lyre and the flute. ²² Zillah bore Tubal-cain, who made all kinds of bronze and iron tools. Tubal-cain's sister was Naamah.

²³ Lamech said to his wives:

Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
wives of Lamech, pay attention
to my words.

For I killed a man
for wounding me,
a boy for striking me.

²⁴ If Cain is to be avenged
seven times over,
then for Lamech it will be seventy-
seven times!

Adam's descendants continued

□ **1 Chronicles 1:3**

³ Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

□ **Genesis 5:21**

²¹ Enoch was 65 years old when he fathered Methuselah.

□ **Genesis 5:25**

²⁵ Methuselah was 187 years old when he fathered Lamech.

□ **Genesis 5:4-5**

⁴ Adam lived 800 years after the birth of Seth, and he fathered sons and daughters.

⁵ So Adam's life lasted 930 years; then he died.

□ **Genesis 5:22-24**

²² And after the birth of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and fathered sons and daughters. ²³ So Enoch's life lasted 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not there, because God took him.

□ **Genesis 5:7-8**

⁷ Seth lived 807 years after the birth of Enosh, and he fathered sons and daughters. ⁸ So Seth's life lasted 912 years; then he died.

□ **Genesis 5:28-29**

²⁸ Lamech was 182 years old when he fathered a son. ²⁹ And he named him Noah, saying, "This one will bring us relief from the agonizing labor of our hands, caused by the ground the LORD has cursed."

□ **Genesis 5:10-11**

¹⁰ Enosh lived 815 years after the birth of Kenan, and he fathered sons and daughters. ¹¹ So Enosh's life lasted 905 years; then he died.

□ **Genesis 5:13-14**

¹³ Kenan lived 840 years after the birth of Mahalalel, and he fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁴ So Kenan's life lasted 910 years; then he died.

□ **Genesis 5:16-17**

¹⁶ Mahalalel lived 830 years after the birth of Jared, and he fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁷ So Mahalalel's life lasted 895 years; then he died.

□ **Genesis 5:19-20**

¹⁹ Jared lived 800 years after the birth of Enoch, and he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁰ So Jared's life lasted 962 years; then he died.

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For Thought and Contemplation

Satan has a well-worked-out strategy with which he tempts humanity. He appeals (1) to the lust of the flesh, (2) to the lust of the eyes, and (3) to the pride of life. Are you able to discern this strategy at work in your life? And are you overcoming it?

“For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man.” (1 Cor. 15:21)

DAY 3

The story of the Flood

Corrupt civilisation

□ Genesis 6:1-7

6 When mankind began to multiply on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were beautiful, and they took any they chose as wives for themselves. ³ And the LORD said, “My Spirit will not remain with mankind forever, because they are corrupt. Their days will be 120 years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth both in those days and afterwards, when the sons of God came to the daughters of man, who bore children to them. They were the powerful men of old, the famous men.

⁵ When the LORD saw that man’s wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every scheme his mind thought of was nothing but evil all the time, ⁶ the LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ Then the LORD said, “I will wipe off the face of the earth: man, whom I created, together with the animals, creatures that crawl, and birds of the sky—for I regret that I made them.”

□ Genesis 6:11-12

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth was, for all flesh had corrupted its way on the earth.

Instructions for building the ark

□ Genesis 6:8

⁸ Noah, however, found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

□ Genesis 6:13-21

¹³ Then God said to Noah, “I have decided to put an end to all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; therefore I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

¹⁴ “Make yourself an ark of gofer wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with pitch inside and outside. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: The ark will be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁶ You are to make a roof, finishing the sides of the ark to within 18 inches of the roof. You are to put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.

¹⁷ “Understand that I am bringing a deluge—floodwaters on the earth to destroy all flesh under heaven with the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will die.

¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark with your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives.

¹⁹ You are also to bring into the ark two of every living thing of all flesh, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

²⁰ Two of everything—from the birds according to their kinds, from the livestock according to their kinds, and from every animal that crawls on the ground according to its kind—will come to you so that you can keep them alive. ²¹ Take with you every kind of food that is eaten; gather it as food for you and for them.”

Birth of Noah's sons

Genesis 5:32

³² Noah was 500 years old, and he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6:9-10

⁹ These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

1 Chronicles 1:4

⁴ Noah, Noah's sons:
Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Death of Lamech

Genesis 5:30-31

³⁰ Lamech lived 595 years after Noah's birth, and he fathered sons and daughters. ³¹ So Lamech's life lasted 777 years; then he died.

Death of Methuselah

Genesis 5:26-27

²⁶ Methuselah lived 782 years after the birth of Lamech, and he fathered sons and daughters. ²⁷ So Methuselah's life lasted 969 years; then he died.

Entering the ark

Genesis 6:22

²² And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.

Genesis 7:1-9

7 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before Me in this generation. ² You are to take with you seven pairs, a male and its female, of all the clean animals, and two of the animals that are not clean, a male and its female, ³ and seven pairs, male and female, of the birds of the sky—in order to keep offspring alive on the face of the whole earth. ⁴ Seven days from now I will make it rain on the earth 40 days and 40 nights, and I will wipe off

the face of the earth every living thing I have made." ⁵ And Noah did everything that the LORD commanded him.

⁶ Noah was 600 years old when the deluge came and water covered the earth. ⁷ So Noah, his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives entered the ark because of the waters of the deluge. ⁸ From the clean animals, unclean animals, birds, and every creature that crawls on the ground, ⁹ two of each, male and female, entered the ark with Noah, just as God had commanded him.

The Flood: rain falls

Genesis 7:10-24

¹⁰ Seven days later the waters of the deluge came on the earth.

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the sources of the watery depths burst open, the floodgates of the sky were opened, ¹² and the rain fell on the earth 40 days and 40 nights. ¹³ On that same day Noah along with his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Noah's wife, and his three sons' wives entered the ark with him. ¹⁴ They entered it with all the wild-life according to their kinds, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that crawls on the earth according to its kind, all birds, every fowl, and everything with wings according to their kinds. ¹⁵ Two of all flesh that has the breath of life in it entered the ark with Noah. ¹⁶ Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered just as God had commanded him. Then the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷ The deluge continued 40 days on the earth; the waters increased and lifted up the ark so that it rose above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters surged and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. ¹⁹ Then the waters surged even higher on the earth, and all

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CREATION
Adam & Eve

3000 BC

Noah

Flood

2000 BC

Great Pyramid Age in Egypt begins

Job (testing)

1900 BC

Abraham leaves Ur

Bronze Age begins in Britain

Isaac

the high mountains under the whole sky were covered.²⁰ The mountains were covered as the waters surged above them more than 20 feet.²¹ All flesh perished—creatures that crawl on the earth, birds, livestock, wildlife, and all creatures that swarm on the earth, as well as all mankind.²² Everything with the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils—everything on dry land died.²³ He wiped out every living thing that was on the surface of the ground, from mankind to livestock, to creatures that crawl, to the birds of the sky, and they were wiped off the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark.²⁴ And the waters surged on the earth 150 days.

The Flood approx. 2319 BC

The Flood: rain stops

□ Genesis 8:1-19

8 God remembered Noah, as well as all the wildlife and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water began to subside.² The sources of the watery depths and the floodgates of the sky were closed, and the rain from the sky stopped.³ The water steadily receded from the earth, and by the end of 150 days the waters had decreased significantly.⁴ The ark came to rest in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

⁵ The waters continued to recede until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were visible.⁶ After 40 days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made,⁷ and he sent out a raven. It went back and forth until the waters had dried up from the earth.⁸ Then he sent out a dove to see whether the water on the earth's surface had gone down,⁹ but the dove found no resting place

for her foot. She returned to him in the ark because water covered the surface of the whole earth. He reached out and brought her into the ark to himself.¹⁰ So Noah waited seven more days and sent out the dove from the ark again.¹¹ When the dove came to him at evening, there was a plucked olive leaf in her beak. So Noah knew that the water on the earth's surface had gone down.¹² After he had waited another seven days, he sent out the dove, but she did not return to him again.¹³ In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the water that had covered the earth was dried up. Then Noah removed the ark's cover and saw that the surface of the ground was drying.¹⁴ By the twenty-seventh day of the second month, the earth was dry.

¹⁵ Then God spoke to Noah,¹⁶ "Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you.¹⁷ Bring out every living thing of all flesh that is with you—birds, livestock, creatures that crawl on the ground—and they will spread over the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."¹⁸ So Noah, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, came out.¹⁹ All wildlife, all livestock, every bird, and every creature that crawls on the earth came out of the ark by their groups.

God's rainbow covenant

□ Genesis 8:20-22

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.²¹ When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, He said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, even though man's inclination is evil from his youth. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.

²² As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
and day and night
will not cease.”

□ Genesis 9:1-17

9 God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ² The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority. ³ Every living creature will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given you everything. ⁴ However, you must not eat meat with its lifeblood in it. ⁵ I will require the life of every animal and every man for your life and your blood. I will require the life of each man’s brother for a man’s life.

⁶ Whoever sheds man’s blood,
his blood will be shed by man,
for God made man
in His image.

⁷ But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it.”

⁸ Then God said to Noah and his sons with him, ⁹ “Understand that I am confirming My covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you—birds, livestock, and all wildlife of the earth that are with you—all the animals of the earth that came out of the ark. ¹¹ I confirm My covenant with you that never again will all flesh be wiped out by the waters of a deluge; there will never again be a deluge to destroy the earth.”

¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all future generations:

¹³ I have placed My bow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember My covenant between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh: water will never again become a deluge to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh on earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have confirmed between Me and all flesh on earth.”

For Thought and Contemplation

God took Noah into the Flood – *and He also brought him out of it.* Similarly, He has not brought you to this point in your life to abandon you. Whatever the problems you face at this moment – *God will bring you through.*

“For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark. They didn’t know until the flood came and swept them all away. So this is the way the coming of the Son of Man will be:”
(Matt. 24:38-39)

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