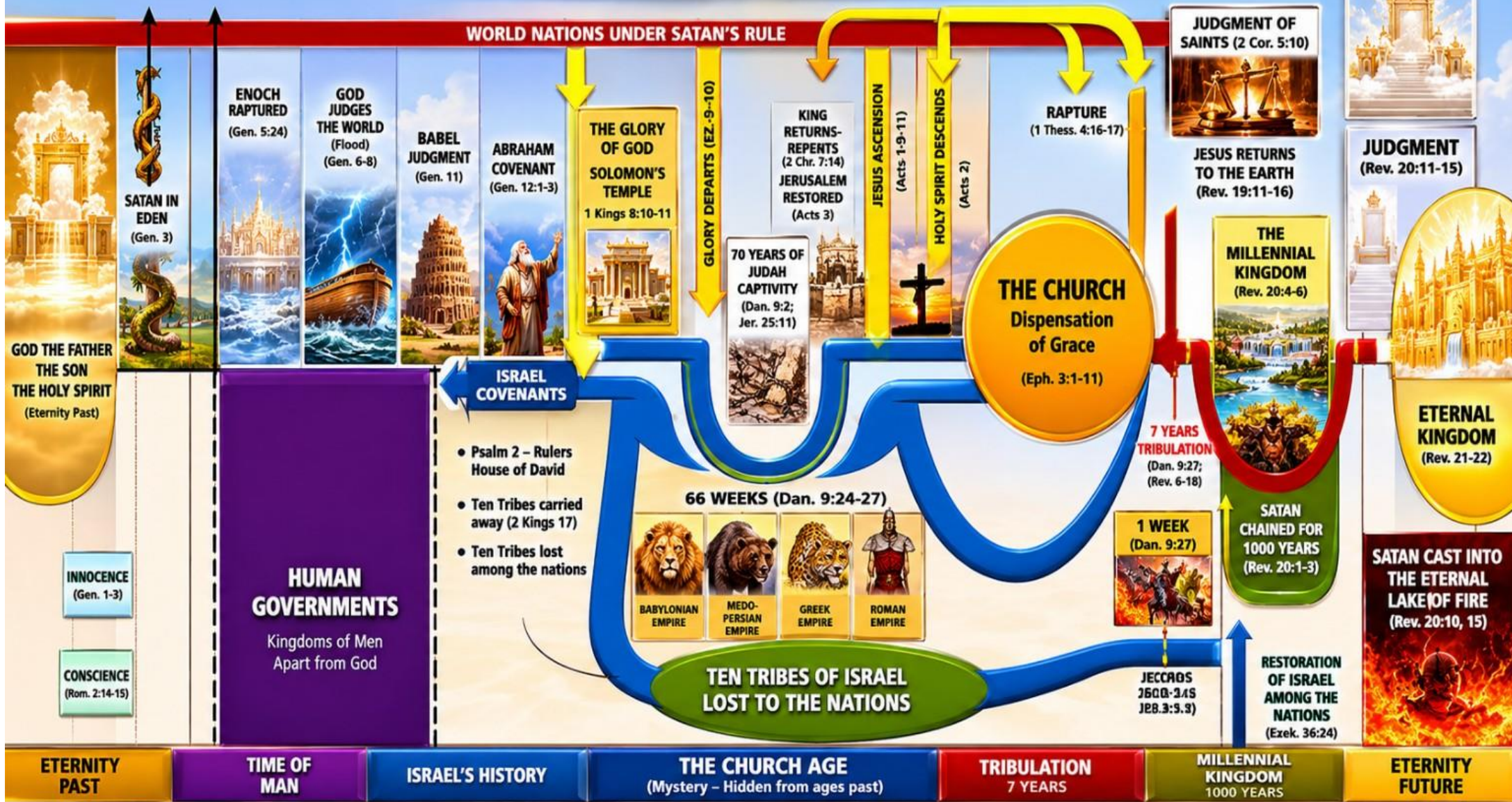


FROM ETERNITY UNTO ETERNITY



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THE BIBLE AT A GLANCE

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INTRODUCTION

The Bible tells one continuous story from eternity past to eternity future. It reveals God’s plan for creation, mankind, Israel, the Church, judgment, redemption, and eternal life. From Genesis to Revelation, we see God’s love, holiness, justice, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

This lesson gives a simple overview of the major events in biblical history and prophecy.

1. ETERNITY PAST

Before the world was created, God already existed eternally.

The Eternal God

- God the Father
- God the Son (Jesus Christ)
- God the Holy Spirit

Key Scriptures

- Genesis 1:1
- John 1:1-3
- Revelation 1:8

God created heaven, earth, angels, and mankind for His glory.

2. THE FALL OF MAN — SATAN IN EDEN

Scripture

Genesis 3

God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Satan appeared in the form of a serpent and deceived Eve. Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God.

Results of the Fall

- Sin entered the world
- Death entered humanity
- Separation from God began
- Humanity needed salvation

Yet God promised a Savior who would defeat Satan.

Key Verse

Genesis 3:15

3. THE EARLY WORLD

Enoch Raptured

Scripture

Genesis 5:24

Enoch walked closely with God and was taken to heaven without seeing death. He is a picture of faith and also symbolizes the future rapture of believers.

God Judges the World — The Flood

Scripture

Genesis 6–8

Because of great wickedness, God judged the earth with a flood. Noah and his family were saved in the ark.

Lessons

- God judges sin
- God protects the righteous
- The ark represents salvation in Christ

Babel Judgment

Scripture

Genesis 11

People united in pride and rebellion against God by building the Tower of Babel.

What Happened?

- God confused their languages
- Nations were scattered across the earth
- Human governments increased

4. ABRAHAM AND ISRAEL

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-3

God called Abraham and established a covenant with him.

God's Promises to Abraham

- A great nation
- A promised land
- Blessing to all nations
- The coming Messiah

Israel became God's chosen nation through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

5. THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Scripture

1 Kings 8:10-11

God's glory filled Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

Meaning

- God desired to dwell among His people
- The Temple represented worship and God's presence

However, Israel later turned away from God.

6. ISRAEL'S CAPTIVITY AND THE PROPHETIC KINGDOMS

Because of disobedience, Israel and Judah were judged.

The Babylonian Captivity

Scripture

Daniel 9:2 Jeremiah 25:11

Judah spent 70 years in Babylon.

Daniel's Prophecy — The Four Kingdoms

Scripture

Daniel 2 and Daniel 7

Daniel saw four world empires:

1. Babylonian Empire
2. Medo-Persian Empire
3. Greek Empire
4. Roman Empire

These kingdoms prepared the way for future prophetic events.

7. THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Comes to Earth

God sent His Son into the world to save sinners.

The Ministry of Jesus

- He preached the Kingdom of God
- He healed the sick
- He raised the dead
- He died on the cross
- He rose again on the third day

Key Scriptures

- John 3:16
 - Isaiah 53
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
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Jesus Ascends to Heaven

Scripture

Acts 1:9-11

After His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven and promised to return again.

8. THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS

Scripture

Acts 2

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon believers.

Purpose of the Holy Spirit

- Empower believers
- Guide the Church
- Convict the world of sin
- Give spiritual gifts

This marked the beginning of the Church Age.

9. THE CHURCH AGE — DISPENSATION OF GRACE

Scripture

Ephesians 3:1-11

We are currently living in the Church Age.

Characteristics of the Church Age

- Salvation by grace through faith
- The Gospel preached to all nations
- Jews and Gentiles united in Christ
- The work of the Holy Spirit in believers

Mission of the Church

- Evangelism
 - Discipleship
 - Worship
 - Prayer
 - Holy living
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10. THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Jesus will come for His Church.

What Will Happen?

- Dead believers will rise
- Living believers will be transformed
- The Church will meet the Lord in the air

The rapture is a message of hope and readiness.

11. THE SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION

Scriptures

Daniel 9:27 Revelation 6–18

After the rapture, the world will experience a terrible time of judgment.

Events During the Tribulation

- Rise of the Antichrist
- Great deception
- Wars and disasters
- Persecution
- God's judgments poured upon the earth

Many people will still turn to God during this period.

12. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Scripture

Revelation 19:11-16

Jesus will return visibly and powerfully to the earth.

What Jesus Will Do

- Defeat the Antichrist
 - Judge wickedness
 - Deliver Israel
 - Establish His Kingdom
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13. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Scripture

Revelation 20:4-6

Jesus will reign on earth for 1,000 years.

Characteristics of the Millennium

- Peace on earth
- Righteous government

- Satan bound for 1,000 years
- Worship centered on Christ

This fulfills many Old Testament prophecies.

14. SATAN'S FINAL JUDGMENT

Scripture

Revelation 20:10

At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be released briefly and then judged forever.

He will be cast into the lake of fire.

15. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Scripture

Revelation 20:11-15

All unbelievers will stand before God for judgment.

The Books Are Opened

- Every deed is judged
- Those not found in the Book of Life are condemned

This is the final judgment of sin.

16. ETERNITY FUTURE

Scriptures

Revelation 21–22

God creates a new heaven and a new earth.

The Eternal Kingdom

- No more death
- No more pain
- No more sorrow
- God dwells with His people forever

The redeemed will enjoy eternal life with God.

MAJOR LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE TIMELINE

1. God Is Sovereign

God rules over all creation, nations, kings, and generations. Nothing happens outside His knowledge and authority. From creation in Genesis to eternity in Revelation, we see that history is under God's control.

Expounded Lesson

Even when the world appears chaotic, God's plan continues perfectly. Kingdoms rise and fall, people change, and generations pass away, but God remains the same forever. The flood, the rise of Israel, the coming of Christ, and future prophecy all reveal His supreme authority.

Believers should trust God completely because He never loses control. He knows the beginning and the end.

Application

- Trust God during difficult times
- Depend on His wisdom instead of human understanding
- Remember that God's promises never fail

Key Verse

Isaiah 46:10

2. Sin Brings Judgment

Throughout the Bible timeline, sin always produces consequences.

Expounded Lesson

Adam and Eve sinned in Eden and lost fellowship with God. The world became wicked in Noah's day, and judgment came through the flood. Babel was judged because of pride and rebellion. Israel faced captivity because they abandoned God.

God is loving, but He is also holy and just. He cannot ignore sin forever. The Bible teaches that unrepentant sin leads to destruction.

At the same time, God always provides a way of mercy for those who repent. Noah found grace. Israel received restoration. Through Jesus Christ, sinners can receive forgiveness.

Application

- Avoid sinful lifestyles
- Repent quickly when convicted
- Teach future generations to fear God

Key Verse

Romans 6:23

3. Jesus Christ Is the Center of History

The entire Bible points to Jesus Christ.

Expounded Lesson

Jesus was promised in the Garden of Eden, revealed through Abraham's covenant, symbolized in sacrifices, prophesied by prophets, and manifested in the New Testament.

His birth, death, resurrection, and return are the greatest events in history. Without Jesus, mankind would remain lost in sin.

Every part of Scripture ultimately reveals Christ:

- The Ark points to salvation in Christ
- The Passover lamb points to Christ's sacrifice
- The Temple points to God dwelling among men
- The Kingdom prophecies point to Christ's reign

Jesus is not merely part of the Bible story—He is the main message.

Application

- Build your life around Christ
- Study Scripture to know Jesus better
- Share the Gospel boldly

Key Verse

John 14:6

4. Salvation Is by Grace Through Faith

Mankind cannot save itself.

Expounded Lesson

From Genesis to Revelation, salvation comes through faith in God. Noah believed God and built the ark. Abraham believed God and was counted righteous. In the New Testament, salvation is offered through faith in Jesus Christ.

Good works, religion, and human effort cannot remove sin. Only the blood of Jesus cleanses mankind.

The Church Age especially reveals God's grace. Salvation is freely given to all who believe.

Application

- Put full faith in Jesus Christ
- Stop trusting in works for salvation
- Teach others about God's grace

Key Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9

5. God Keeps His Promises

Every promise God makes will come to pass.

Expounded Lesson

God promised Abraham a nation, and Israel was born. God promised the Messiah, and Jesus came. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit, and Pentecost happened. Jesus promised to return again, and that promise will also be fulfilled.

Bible prophecy proves God's faithfulness. What God speaks, He performs.

This gives believers confidence and hope. Even when fulfillment seems delayed, God's timing is perfect.

Application

- Hold firmly to God's promises
- Be patient in seasons of waiting
- Encourage others with biblical hope

Key Verse

Numbers 23:19

6. The Church Has a Mission

The Church exists to continue Christ's work on earth.

Expounded Lesson

The Church Age began when the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. Believers were empowered to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

The mission of the Church includes:

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Worship
- Prayer
- Serving others
- Living holy lives

The Church must remain faithful until Jesus returns.

Application

- Share the Gospel with others
- Remain active in ministry
- Pray and study God's Word faithfully

Key Verse

Matthew 28:19-20

7. Jesus Is Coming Again

The second coming of Christ is a central truth of Scripture.

Expounded Lesson

The Bible teaches that Jesus will return for His Church at the rapture and later return visibly to reign on earth.

His coming reminds believers to stay spiritually prepared. Many people become distracted by worldly pleasures and forget eternity, but Scripture urges believers to watch and remain faithful.

The return of Christ brings hope to believers and judgment to the wicked.

Application

- Live with spiritual readiness
- Avoid compromise with sin
- Encourage others with the hope of Christ's return

Key Verse

Titus 2:13

8. Eternity Is Real

Every person will spend eternity either with God or separated from Him.

Expounded Lesson

The Bible ends with the eternal kingdom of God. Believers will enjoy everlasting joy, peace, and fellowship with God. There will be no sorrow, pain, death, or suffering.

Those who reject God face eternal judgment.

The reality of eternity should shape how people live today. Earthly life is temporary, but eternity is forever.

Application

- Live with eternal priorities
- Lead others to Christ
- Remain faithful to the end

Key Verse

John 3:36

9. God Desires Relationship With Humanity

From Eden to the New Jerusalem, God desires fellowship with His people.

Expounded Lesson

God walked with Adam and Eve in Eden. He dwelt among Israel through the Tabernacle and Temple. Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, God now lives within believers.

In eternity future, God will dwell permanently with His people.

The entire Bible story is not only about prophecy or judgment—it is also about God restoring relationship with humanity.

Application

- Develop a daily prayer life
- Worship God sincerely
- Pursue intimacy with God

Key Verse

Revelation 21:3

10. The Bible Is One Unified Story

Although written by many authors over many centuries, the Bible carries one message.

Expounded Lesson

The Old Testament prepares the way for Christ, while the New Testament reveals Him fully. Prophecies, symbols, covenants, and promises all connect together perfectly.

The Bible is not a collection of disconnected stories. It is one divine revelation showing:

- Creation
- Fall
- Redemption
- Restoration
- Eternal glory

This unity proves the divine inspiration of Scripture.

Application

- Study the whole Bible carefully

- Understand prophecy in context
- Teach others the complete message of Scripture

Key Verse

2 Timothy 3:16

MEMORY VERSES

1. Hebrews 13:8
 2. John 3:16
 3. Acts 1:11
 4. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
 5. Revelation 22:12
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did mankind need salvation?
 2. What lessons do we learn from Noah's flood?
 3. Why is Abraham important in biblical history?
 4. What is the purpose of the Church Age?
 5. What is the rapture?
 6. What happens during the Tribulation?
 7. What will happen in the Millennium?
 8. What is eternity future like for believers?
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CONCLUSION

The Bible is one united story of redemption. From eternity past to eternity future, God reveals His love, justice, and salvation through Jesus Christ.

History is moving toward God's final plan. Jesus came once to save humanity, and He will come again to establish His eternal Kingdom.

Final Encouragement

- Trust in Jesus Christ
- Walk in holiness
- Share the Gospel
- Stay ready for His return

FINAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Your plan through the Bible. Help us to understand Your Word and live according to Your will. Prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith and help us remain faithful until the end. In Jesus' name, Amen.