Genesis

Theme: Beginnings.

I. Primeval History with Four Events (1-11) [alternate would be Pre-flood].
   - A. Creation (1-2)
   - B. Fall (3)
   - C. Flood (6-9)
   - D. Nations (10-11)

II. Patriarchal History with Four People (12-50) [alternate would be Post-flood].
   - A. Abraham (12-24)
   - B. Isaac(25-26)
   - C. Jacob 27-36)
   - D. Joseph (37-50)

Exodus

Theme: Redemption

I. Exodus (1-18)
II. Law (19-24)
III. Tabernacle (25-40

Leviticus

Theme: Holiness

I. The Way to God – Sacrifice (1-17).
II. The Walk with God – Sanctification (18-27).

Numbers

Theme: Wanderings

I. Sinai (1-10).
II. Wilderness (11-25).
III. Plains of Moab (26-36)

Deuteronomy

Theme: 2nd Law

1. What God Has Done (1-4).
2. What God Expects (5-26).
3. What God Will Do (27-30).
4. Historical Appendix (31-34).

Joshua

Theme: Divide & Conquer

1. Taking the land. Conquer. (1-12).
2. Dividing the land. Divide. (13-24).

Judges

Theme: Disobedience & Defeat

1. Disobedience (1-3)
2. Deliverance (4-16)
3. Defeat (17-21)

Ruth

Theme: Kinsmen Redeemer (Grace to Gentiles)

1. Ruin (1)
2. Restoration (2)
3. Romance (3)
4. Redemption (4)

1 Samuel

Theme: Judges to Kings

1. Preparation for the Monarchy/Samuel (1-9)
2. Implementation of the Monarchy/Saul (10-31)

2 Samuel

Theme: David's Reign as King

1.	The Triumphs of David (1-10)	(The Good)
2.	The Transgressions of David (11-12)	(The Bad)
3.	The Troubles of David (13-24)	(The Ugly)

1 Kings

Theme: United & Divided Kingdoms

1. United Kingdom—Solomon (1-11)
2. Divided Kingdom—North & South (12-22)

2 Kings

Theme: Israel and Judah Fall

1. Kingdom Divided (1-17)
2. Kingdom which survives/Judah falls (18-25)

1 Chronicles

Theme: God's View of David

1. Royal Line of David (1-9)
2. Righteous Reign of David (10-29)

2 Chronicles

Theme: God's View of the Kings of Judah

1. Reign of Solomon (1-9) (40 years)
2. Kingdom which survives/Judah falls (10-36) (400 years)

Ezra

Theme: Rebuilding the temple and the people

Outline:

The Return & Reconstruction under Zerubbabel (1-6)
The Return & Reform under Ezra (7-10)

Esther

Theme: Preservation through Providence

Outline: Danger to The Jews (1-5)
Deliverance to The Jews (6-10)

Psalms

Theme: Worship

Key Psalms:

1	Godly & Ungodly Contrasted
2	Messiah's Glory
8	God's Glory & Man's Rule
15	Characteristics of The Godly
19	The Works & Word of God
22	Messiah's Suffering
23	The Great Shepherd
32	The Blessing of Forgiveness
51	Confession of Sin
73	Why Do The Wicked Prosper?

Psalms (Continued)

90	Man's Transitoriness
100	Call to Worship
119	God's Word Exalted
127	God, The Giver of Blessing
139	God's Omniscience & Omnipresence
150	Praise The Lord

Key People

David	Chief author of Psalms
Asaph	Priest, worship leader of Israel
Solomon	David's Son
Moses	Prophet of Israel, led the Exodus
Heman	A wise man, founded Korahite Choir
Ethan	Wise man

Ecclesiastes

Theme: Life Apart from God is Futile

Outline: All is vanity (1-6)

Living with vanity (7-12)

Key Passages:	1:2	All is vanity
	12:11-14	Conclusion, Fear God & keep His commandments

Key Term: Hevel Very complex term with the senses of vain, transitory, absurd, etc.

Lamentations

Theme: Lament/Mourning

Outline:

I. The Ruin of Jerusalem (1)
II. The Wrath of God (2)
III. The Request for Mercy (3)
IV. The Review of The Siege (4)
V. The Request for Salvation (5)

Key Passages: 3:22-23 God's faithfulness seen even in the midst of suffering.

Daniel

Theme: God's Sovereign Plan for Israel

Outline:

I.	The Remnant	(1)
II.	God is in Control	(2-7)
III.	There is a Future	(8-12)

Every chapter is packed with key points.

3	The fiery furnace
5	The writing on the wall
7	Four beast vision
9	70 weeks vision

Micah

Theme: Justice of God vs Social Injustice of Judah

Outline:

I.	Retribution Promised	(1-3)
II.	Restoration Promised	(4-5)
III.	Repentance Expected	(6-7)

Key Passages

4:4	Swords into plowshares
5:2	Bethlehem will bring the Messiah
6:8	. . . do justice, to love lovingkindness, and to walk humbly . . ."
7:18	Who is a God like You, who forgives iniquity . . . ?

Nahum

Theme: Ninevah's Judgment

Outline:

I.	God's Majesty	(1)
II.	God's Judgment	(2-3)

Habakkuk

Theme: Judgment on Judah through Deportation

Outline:

I.	Habakkuk's Problem	(1-2)
II.	Habakkuk's Praise	(3)

Key Passage:

2:4	The righteous shall live by faith

Zephaniah

Theme: Future Global Judgment

Outline:

I.	Prophecies of Judgment	(1-2)
II.	Prophesies of Blessing	(3)

Key Passage:
1:14-18 The day of YHWH.

Haggai

Theme: Call to Build the Temple

Outline:

I.	Build the Temple	(1)
II.	Promise of Blessing	(2)

Key Passage:
2:20-23 The Millennial Reign Promised

Malachi

Theme: Dismantling of a Nation

Outline:

I.	Israel's Sins Recounted	(1 - 3:15)
II.	God's Promise of Restoration	(3:16 - 4:6)

Key Passage:

1:2-3	Jacob I loved & Israel I hated
1:6-14	Corrupted Sacrifices
2:12-17	Corrupted Marriage
3:8-10	Corrupted Treasure

Zechariah

Theme: Preparation for The Messiah

Outline:

I.	Call to Repentance	(1:1-6)
II.	Eight Visions	(1:7 - 6)
III.	Four Messages	(7-8)
IV.	Two Burdens	(9-14)

Key Passages:

4:6	By God's Might & Spirit, not by man
12:10	Israel mourning the pierce Messiah
14:9-11	The reign of Christ over all the earth

Matthew

Theme: Jesus as King

Outline:

I.	Presentation of the King	(1-10)
II.	Rejection of the King	(11-28)

Key Chapters:

4	Temptation
5-7	Sermon on Mount
13	Parables
24-25	Olivet Discourse

Key Passages:

1:1-17	Genealogies
1:23	Immanuel
5:1-11	Beatitudes
16:18	Peter's confession
28:18-20	Great Commission

Mark

Theme: Jesus as Servant

Outline:

I.	Sent to Serve	(1-10)
II.	Sent to Save	(11-16)

Key Passages:

10:45	"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Luke

Theme: Jesus as the Son of Man

Outline:

I.	The birth of the Son of Man	(1-3)
II.	The ministry of the Son of Man	(4-19)
III.	The death & resurrection of Son of Man	(20-24)

Key Passages:

18:31-33 Jesus prepares to depart for Jerusalem

John

Theme: Jesus as the Son of God

Outline:

I.	The Public Ministry of Jesus	(1-12)
II.	The Private Ministry of Jesus	(13-17)
III.	The Passion & Resurrection of Jesus	(18-21)

Key Passages:

1:1	The Word
3:5	Born of water & Spirit
10:30	I and Father are One

Key Chapters:

2	Wedding at Cana
3	Nicodemus
10	Good Shepherd
14	The Way, Truth, Life
17	High Priestly Prayer

Acts

Theme: Birth & Growth of The Church

Outline:

I.	Establishment of The Church	(1-7)
II.	Extension of The Church	(8-12)
III.	Expansion of The Church	(13-28)

Key Chapters:

2	Pentecost–Birth of Church
5	Ananias & Sapphira
7	Stephen's Martyrdom
9	Conversion of Paul
10	Conversion of Cornelius
15	Jerusalem Council

Key Passages:

1:8	". . . you shall be My witnesses . . .
2:38	"repent and be baptized"
4:12	"no other name given"
8:15	Samaritans receive Holy Spirit
10:44	Gentiles receive Holy Spirit

Romans

Theme: Gospel of God

Outline:

I.	Salvation	(1-8)
II.	Sovereignty	(9-11)
III.	Service	(12-16)

Key Chapters:

1	The Wrath of God
2	The Jew's sin
3	Justification Defined
4	Justification Illustrated
5	Two Men, Two Destinies
6	Dead to Sin
9-11	Israel in God's Plan
12	Gifts & Service
13	Role of Government
14	Christian Liberty

1 Corinthians

Theme: Condemnation/Correction

Outline:

I.	Concern	(1-4)
II.	Condemnation	(5-6)
III.	Counsel	(7-16)

Key Chapters:

1	We preach Christ crucified
3	Bema seat judgment
5	Remove the wicked man
6	Lawsuits among believers
7	Marriage, singleness
8	Food offered to idols
9	Christian liberty
11	Lord's supper
12-14	Spiritual gifts
15	Resurrection

2 Corinthians

Theme: Defense of Apostleship

Outline:

I.	Character	(1-7)
II.	Collection	(8-9)
III.	Credentials	(10-13)

Key Chapters:

3	Validation of Apostolic ministry
5	Ministry motivations
8-9	Giving
11	Defense of Apostleship

Galatians

Theme: Gospel of Grace

Outline:

I.	Justification by Faith Defended	(1-2)
II.	Justification by Faith Explained	(3-4)
III.	Justification by Faith Applied	(5-6)

Key Chapters:

2	Paul's autobiography
5	Christian liberty, free to serve, walk by the Spirit

Key Passages:

5:16-26	walk by the Spirit

Ephesians

Theme: The Unity of The Saints

Outline:

I.	Christian Position—Doctrine	(1-3)
II.	Christian Practice—Duty	(5-6)

Key Chapters:		Key Passages:	
1	Chosen and Sealed	1:3-14	Trinity in Salvation
2	Saved by Grace	2:1-10	Salvation by grace
4	Unity in body, spiritual gifts	4:11-16	The gift of leaders in church
5	Walking in Spirit/Marriage	5:22-23	Submit to husband
6	Slaves &Masters/Armor of God	5:25	Love your wife
		6:10-17	Put on armor of God

Philippians

Theme: Sufficiency in Christ

Outline:

I.	Suffering	(1)
II.	Submission	(2)
III.	Salvation	(3)
IV.	Sanctification	(4)

Key Chapters:		Key Passages:	
1	Gospel work in suffering	1:6	God began a good work
2	Unity of the Saints b/c of Christ	2:5-8	Kenosis
3	Warning against false gospels	4:12-13	Contentment

Colossians

Theme: Supremacy of Christ

Outline:
I. Supremacy of Christ (1-2)
II. Submission to Christ (3-4)

Key Chapters:
1 Paul's Prayer & Exalted Christ
3 Position & Practice of The Believer
4 Prayer & Speech

Key Passages:
1:15 Christ, The Image of God
2:15-16 Error of Legalism

1 Thessalonians

Theme: The Model Church

Outline:
I. Personal Experience (1-3)
II. Practical Exhortation (4-5)

Key Chapters:
4 Excel all the more in your walk
5 Live in light of the coming of the Lord

Key Passages:
4:3-4 God's will is sanctification
4:13-18 Rapture
5:1-6 Day of the Lord