



Lesson 1: Introduction to the Old Testament

Bible facts:

- The best-selling and most widely distributed book of all time is _____.
- _____ writers (N.T.= 8 or 9; O.T.= approximately 35)
- Over _____ years of time are covered in Scripture.
- The Bible is a book of _____.
 - _____ total books
 - O.T.= _____
 - N.T.= _____
 - One common _____.
- From C.I. Scofield- A Panoramic View of the Bible:
 - *"The Bible, incomparably the most widely circulated of books, at once provokes and baffles study. Even the non-believer in its authority rightly feels that it is unintelligent to remain in almost total ignorance of the most famous and ancient of books. And yet most, even of sincere believers, soon retire from any serious effort to master the content of the sacred writings. The reason is not far to seek. It is found in the fact that no particular portion of Scripture is to be intelligently comprehended apart from some conception of its place in the whole. For the Bible story and message is like a picture wrought out in mosaics: each book, chapter, verse, and even word forms a necessary part, and has its own appointed place. It is, therefore, indispensable to any interesting and fruitful study of the Bible that a general knowledge of it be gained.*
 - *The Bible is one book...The Bible forms one continuous story--the story of humanity in relation to God.*

- *The Bible hazards the most unlikely predictions concerning the future, and, when the centuries have brought round the appointed time, records their fulfilment.*
- *The Bible is a progressive unfolding of truth. Nothing is told all at once, and once for all. The law is, "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn." Without the possibility of collusion, often with centuries between, one writer of Scripture takes up an earlier revelation, adds to it, lays down the pen, and in due time another man moved by the Holy Spirit, and another, and another, add new details till the whole is complete.*
- *From beginning to end the Bible testifies to one redemption.*
- *From beginning to end the Bible has one great theme--the person and work of the Christ.*
- **-Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13)**
- *And, finally, these writers, some forty-four in number, writing through twenty centuries, have produced a perfect harmony of doctrine in progressive unfolding. This is, to every candid mind, the unanswerable proof of the divine inspiration of the Bible.*
- *The Bible is a book of books. Sixty-six books make up the one Book. Considered with reference to the unity of the one book the separate books may be regarded as chapters. But that is but one side of the truth, for each of the sixty-six books is complete in itself, and has its own theme and analysis. In the present edition of the Bible these are fully shown in the introductions and divisions. It is therefore of the utmost moment that the books be studied in the light of their distinctive themes."*

Teaching style and aims of O.T. Survey:

- In this class, it is our desire that we teach and learn the Bible as it presents itself—"first the blade, then the ear.." "line upon line.."
- We will deal with what is in front of us—"as newborn babes..."
- We will spend little time on what is NOT in Scripture— example: much is made over the things that AREN'T mentioned in the first 2 chapters of the Bible
- Goal: teach as Scripture unfolds
 - Peel layers when possible
 - Microscope or telescope- we want to give a Panoramic view
- There will be some topics left on the table
- We want to have our appetites whetted for more personal study.

O.T. Facts:

- The O.T., Hebrew Bible, is often referred to by the acronym _____,

representing the 3 major divisions of the O.T.

- Torah- _____
- Nevi'im- _____
- Ketuvim- _____

- The O.T. was originally written in the languages of _____ and _____
- The O.T. covers a period of time from _____ to _____, over 3,000 years.

Introduction to Genesis:

- The first 5 books of the Bible are often referred to as the _____.

- Another common name is the _____.

- Written by _____.

- Genesis: _____ or _____

- Genesis is a book of _____.

- Divisions of Genesis

- 1-2 _____

- 3 _____

- 4-5 _____

- 6-8 _____

- 9-10 _____

- 11 _____

- 12-25 _____

- 15 _____

- 26-37 _____

- 37-50 _____

- 3 Simple divisions—men of Genesis
 - Adam-Flood
 - Noah/ Ham, Shem, Japheth
 - Babel- Abraham

- Origins
 - Society
 - Life
 - Man
 - Family
 - Clan/ tribe
 - City
 - Nations
 - Empires

- 2000 years of history is covered in just a few chapters!

- Conclusion: The focus of Genesis

- **Reading assignment for Lesson 2:** Read Genesis 1-11

