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WHY THE BIBLE MATTERS

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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT - 39 Books

LAW - 5

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

POETRY - 5

JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON

MAJOR PROPHETS - 5

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL
DANIEL

HISTORY - 12

JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
1 SAMUEL
2 SAMUEL
1 KINGS
2 KINGS
1 CHRONICLES
2 CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

MINOR PROPHETS - 12

HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

NEW TESTAMENT - 27 Books

GOSPELS - 4

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

PAUL'S LETTERS TO FRIENDS - 4

1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

HISTORY - 1

ACTS

PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHURCHES - 9

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS

GENERAL LETTERS - 9

HEBREWS
JAMES
1 PETER
2 PETER
1 JOHN
2 JOHN
3 JOHN
JUDE
REVELATION

Blessed is he who **heeds** the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **if anyone adds to them**, God will add to him the **plagues** which are written in this book; 19 and **if anyone takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God will take away his part from the tree of life** and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Revelation 22:18-19

God takes His Word and our obedience to His Word seriously.

**First 5 Books –
The Law or
Law of Moses**

GENESIS

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First 5 Books

In Greek – Pentateuch

Penta = Five

Teuchos = Scroll

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The Torah is what **points** the way to God

First 5 Books

- **Written by Moses**
- **Written about 1445 – 1400 BC**
- **Written during 40 yrs in wilderness**

Scroll #1 – Genesis

Why is Genesis important?

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It is the Beginning of **Everything.**

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Genesis 1-11 – universal history.

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- beginning of **our problem**
- **new beginning** for mankind
- beginning of **man-centered kingdoms**

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Genesis 12- 50 – focuses on one family

- beginning of our **path to redemption**

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM

2 And **I will** make you a **great nation**, And **I will bless** you, And **make your name great**; And so **you shall be a blessing**; 3 And **I will bless** those who bless you, And the one who curses you **I will curse**. And in you all the families of the earth will be **blessed**.”

Genesis 12:2-3

This is a **Pivot Point** In the Bible

Everything **before** it explains **why the world needs this promise.**

Everything **after** it tracks **how God keeps this promise.**

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The Sermon on the Mount

The Beatitudes

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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DAYS OF CREATION IN GENESIS ONE



DAY 1
EARTH, SPACE, TIME & LIGHT



DAY 2
ATMOSPHERE



DAY 3
DRY LAND & PLANTS



DAY 4
SUN, MOON & STARS



DAY 5
SEA & FLYING CREATURES



DAY 6
LAND ANIMALS & MAN

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Gen. 2:4-25 – Intimate view of Creation

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23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. 24 So **He drove the man out**; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction **to guard the way to the tree of life.**

Genesis 3:23-24

Humanity is locked out of God's presence. That's the **problem.**

Sin Separates Us from God

The rest of the Bible is the story of how **God solves the problem.**

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and **her seed**; **He** shall bruise you on the head, And you shall **bruise him** on the heel.”

Genesis 3:15

The result of Adam & Eve's choice wasn't enlightenment. It's exile.

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12 God looked on the earth, and behold, it was **corrupt**; for **all flesh had corrupted their way** upon the earth. 13 Then God said to Noah, “The **end of all flesh has come before Me**; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, **I am about to destroy them with the earth.**”

Genesis 6:12-13

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Ephesians 1:13

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A mighty one is a warrior, a hero, a champion, a man of renown. **The Self-made Man**

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“Before the Lord” – in opposition to the Lord

**Nimrod not as a hero performing for
God. He is a rebel standing against
God.**

The beginning of his **kingdom** was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the **land of Shinar.**

Genesis 10:10

They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and **let us make for ourselves a name**, otherwise **we will be scattered** abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:4

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