

**SCHOOL**  
*of the*  
**BIBLE**



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**COURSE: SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT I**

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Source of book outlines and themes: J. Sidlow Baxter, *Explore the Book*

INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Week 1	<i>Introduction to O.T.</i>	Week 7	<i>Ruth</i>
Week 2	<i>Genesis</i>	Week 8	<i>I, II Samuel</i>
Week 3	<i>Exodus</i>	Week 9	<i>I, II Kings</i>
Week 4	<i>Leviticus/Numbers</i>	Week 10	<i>I, II Chronicles</i>
Week 5	<i>Deuteronomy</i>	Week 11	<i>Ezra</i>
Week 6	<i>Joshua/Judges</i>	Week 12	<i>Nehemiah/Esther</i>



READ THE BOOKS OF LAW &  
THE HISTORICAL BOOKS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruth        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nehemiah      |
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SUPPLEMENTAL READING

Textbook: *Exploring the Scriptures*, by John Phillips

Read the corresponding chapters as each book of the O.T. is surveyed.



**5 BOOKS OF LAW**

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

**12 BOOKS OF HISTORY**

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
I Samuel  
II Samuel  
I Kings  
II Kings  
I Chronicles  
II Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther

**5 POETICAL BOOKS**

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

**5 MAJOR PROPHETS**

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel

**12 MINOR PROPHETS**

Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

# INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

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### I. THE REVELATION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

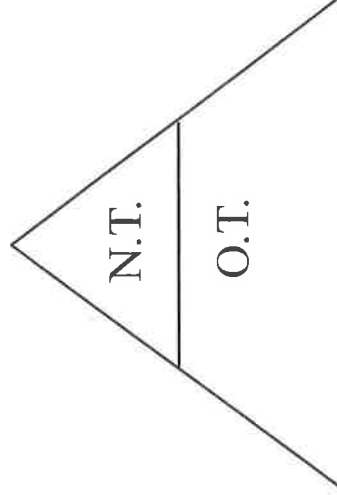
- A. Its purpose
- \*The Bible is the written revelation of God.
  - The O.T. is not merely about people and events; it reveals to us the true and living God.
- B. Its overview
1. Written by over 30 human penmen during a time period of 1,200 years
  2. Makes up approximately 2/3 of the Bible
  3. Covers 4,000 years of history
  4. Contains over 300 specific prophecies of Jesus Christ

### II. THE REASONS FOR STUDYING THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

- A. It provides the background for Christ's work.
- B. It reveals eternal principles that never change.
- C. It foretells future events that are fulfilled in the N.T.
- D. It provides amplified commentary on N.T. passages.
- E. It gives a detailed history of the nation of Israel.
- F. It reveals the heart of our God.

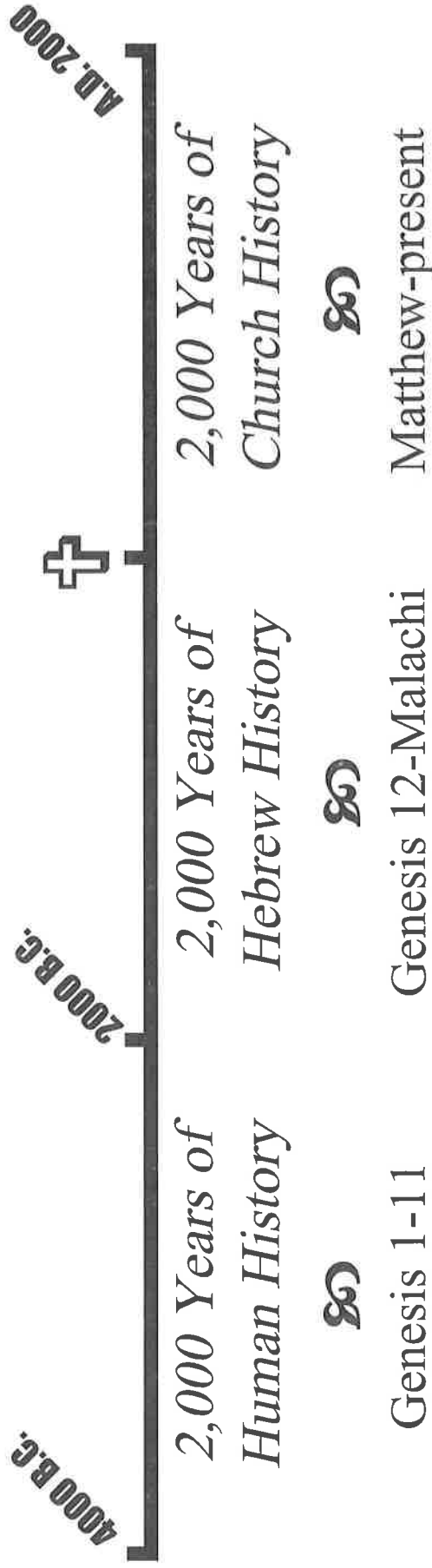
### III. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

- A. The Bible is one Book, yet it naturally divides itself into the Old (former) Testament ("covenant") and the New Testament.
- B. We find truths in the O.T. in *seed* form; we find the same truths in the N.T. in *fully developed* form.
- C. The O.T. and N.T. *complete* one another.
- D. The O.T. is a *broad base* upon which the N.T. builds.  
\*As you journey through this progressive revelation, the focal point narrows to the Person of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1-3).





AN OUTLINE OF 6,000 YEARS OF HISTORY





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"BEGINNINGS"

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OUTLINE

I. Primeval History (ch. 1-11)

\*Based on four outstanding events:

1) Creation 2) The Fall 3) The Flood 4) Babel

II. Patriarchal History (ch. 12-50)

\*Based on four outstanding characters:

1) Abraham 2) Isaac 3) Jacob 4) Joseph

KEY VERSE

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

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CHRIST IN THE BOOK

# EXODUS

BOOK OF REDEMPTION



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OUTLINE

- I. The Exodus (Ch. 1-18)
- II. The Law (Ch. 19-24)
  - “commandments” (moral), “judgments” (social), and “ordinances” (religious)
- III. The Tabernacle (Ch. 25-40)

KEY VERSE

“...I am the LORD...and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments.”

Exodus 6:6

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# LEVITICUS

BOOK OF ATONEMENT



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OUTLINE

I. Ground of Fellowship- Sacrifice (Ch. 1-17)

\*Our way to God- by sacrifice

II. The Walk of fellowship- Separation (Ch. 18-27)

\*Our walk with God- by sanctification

KEY VERSE

*"And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year..."*  
Leviticus 16:34

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*"THE GOODNESS & SEVERITY OF GOD"*

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OUTLINE

- I. The Old Generation (Ch. 1-14)  
(Sinai to Kadesh)
- II. The Transition Era (Ch. 15-20)  
(In the Wilderness)
- III. The New Generation (Ch. 21-36)  
(Kadesh to Moab)

KEY VERSE

*"These are the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron."* Numbers 33:1

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# DEUTERONOMY

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



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OUTLINE

I. Looking Backward (Ch. 1-11)

\*Retrospection and reflection

II. Looking Forward (Ch. 12-34)

\*Anticipation and admonition

KEY VERSE

*"And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing today." Deuteronomy 15:15*

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*"POSSESSING YOUR POSSESSIONS"*

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OUTLINE

- I. Entering the Land (ch. 1-5)
- II. Overcoming the Land (ch. 6-12)
- III. Occupying the Land (ch. 13-24)

KEY VERSE

*"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; buy thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein..."*

Joshua 1:8

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*"FAILURE THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE"*

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OUTLINE

- I. Explanatory Prologue (ch. 1-2)
- II. Main Body of the Book (ch. 3-16)
- III. Illustrative Epilogue (ch. 17-21)

KEY VERSE

*"In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes."*

Judges 17:6

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# RUTH

BOOK OF THE  
KINSMAN REDEEMER



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“REDEEMING GRACE”

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OUTLINE

- I. Love's Resolve (ch. 1) - Ruth's noble choice
- II. Love's Response (ch. 2) - Ruth's lowly service
- III. Love's Request (ch. 3) - Ruth's tender appeal
- IV. Love's Reward (ch. 4) - Ruth's marital joys

KEY VERSE

*"And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel"*  
Ruth 4:14

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# I SAMUEL

BOOK OF THE  
FIRST KING, SAUL



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"REJECTION"

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OUTLINE

- I. Samuel: Last of the Judges (Ch. 1-7)
- II. Saul: First of the Kings (Ch. 7-15)
- III. David: The Anointed Successor (Ch. 16-31)

KEY VERSE

*"And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."*  
I Samuel 8:7

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# II SAMUEL

BOOK OF THE  
SECOND KING, DAVID



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“TRIUMPH & TROUBLE”

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OUTLINE

- I. David's Triumphs (Ch. 1-12)
- II. David's Troubles (Ch. 13-24)

KEY VERSE

*"David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah."* II Samuel 5:4-5

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“DISOBEDIENCE BRINGS DIVISION”

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OUTLINE

- I. The Forty-Year Reign of Solomon (Ch. 1-11)
- II. The First Eighty Years of the Two Kingdoms (Ch. 12-22)

KEY VERSE

*"Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly." I Kings 2:12*

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“SIN ALWAYS LEADS TO CAPTIVITY”

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OUTLINE

- I. The Annals of Israel, the Northern Kingdom (Ch. 1-10)
- II. The Alternating Annals of Both Kingdoms (Ch. 11-17)
- III. The Annals of Judah, the Southern Kingdom (Ch. 18-25)

KEY VERSE

*"And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there"*  
II Kings 23:27

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# I CHRONICLES

BOOK OF THE HIGHLIGHTS  
OF DAVID'S LIFE

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"GOD'S COVENANT REMAINS"

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OUTLINE

- I. Israel's Main Genealogies (Ch. 1-9)
- II. David's Reign at Jerusalem (Ch. 10-29)

KEY VERSE

*"Also I will ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning." I Chronicles 17:9*

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“WHAT YOU DO WITH GOD DETERMINES  
WHAT GOD WILL DO WITH YOU”

OUTLINE

- I. Solomon's Forty-year Reign (Ch. 1-9)
- II. Judah's History to the Exile (Ch. 10-36)

KEY VERSE

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* II Chronicles 7:14

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“THE RETURNING REMNANT”

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OUTLINE

I. The Return under Zerubbabel (ch. 1-6)

\*Main accomplishment - the temple was rebuilt

II. The Return Under Ezra (ch. 7-10)

\*Main accomplishment - the people were re-consecrated

KEY VERSE

*"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."* Ezra 7:10

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# NEHEMIAH

BOOK OF REBUILDING



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*"OPPORTUNITY & OPPOSITION"*

**OUTLINE**

- I. The Reconstruction of the Wall (Ch. 1-6)
- II. The Reconstructing of the People (Ch. 7-13)

**KEY VERSE**

*"And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?"*

Nehemiah 6:3

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"GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK"

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OUTLINE

- I. The Crisis Anticipated (Ch. 1-5)
- II. The Crisis Overruled (Ch. 6-10)

KEY VERSE

*"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*  
Esther 4:14

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## RECOMMENDED READING & RESOURCES

*Exploring the Scriptures*, by John Phillips

*Explore the Book*, by J. Sidlow Baxter

*Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament*, by Irving L. Jensen

*The Pentateuch*, by W. H. Griffith Thomas

*A Survey of Israel's History*, by Leon J. Wood

*The Life of David*, by Clarence Sexton

*The Life of Joseph*, by Clarence Sexton

*World's Bible Handbook*, by Robert T. Boyd

*Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, by Merrill C. Tenney

*Baker's Bible Atlas*, by Charles F. Pfeiffer





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**NOTES & QUOTES**

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