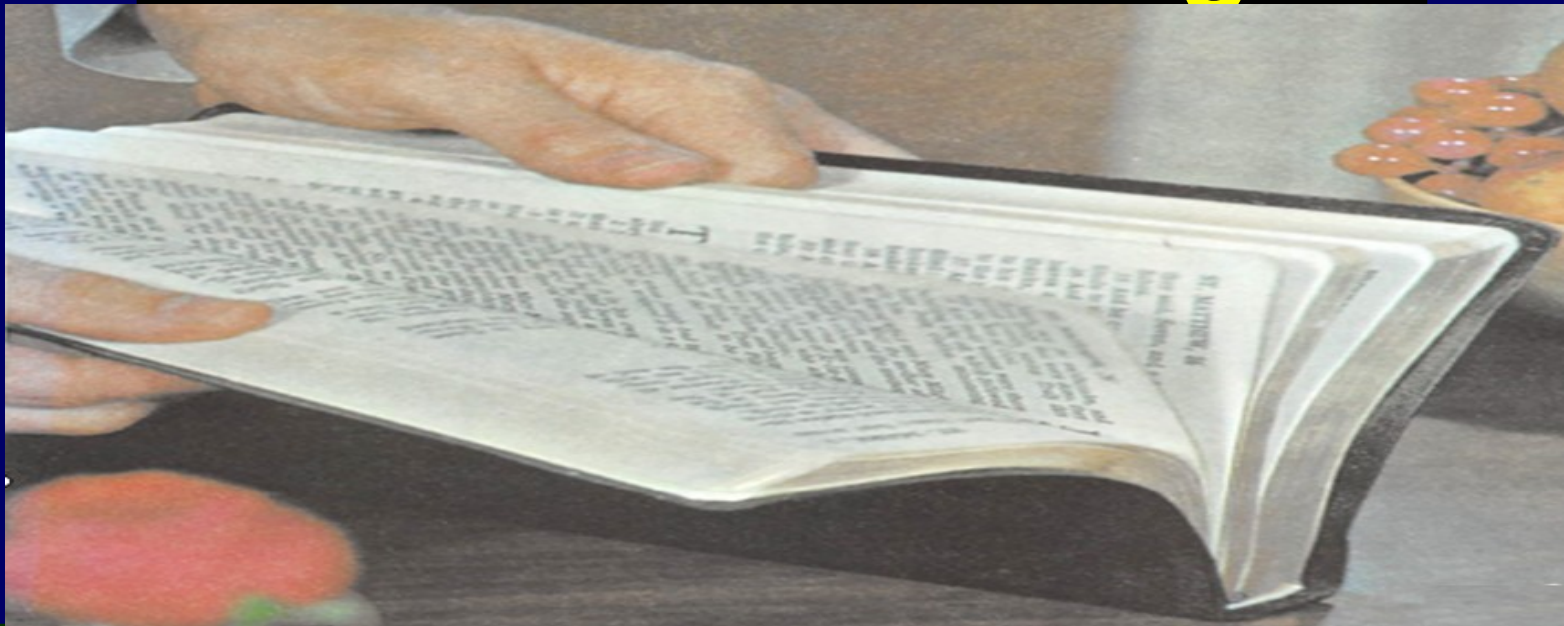


Visualized Bible Study Series Part 1-a The Patriarchal Age.



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PURPOSE OF THIS LESSON

To present **basic Bible stories** which took place during **the first period of Bible history** and to help the Bible student develop a better concept of our Heavenly Father, and **to lay a foundation of faith in the Bible** as the **all sufficient Word of God**.

SYNOPSIS

This is the story of the creation, the first people, the first children, and the first sin.

We see how God provided sacrifice for sin.

As people multiplied on the earth, they became exceedingly wicked and because they would not repent, they were destroyed by a great flood except for eight people who believed and obeyed God.

The story **continues** with the lives of **Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph**, and finally ends with the deliverance of God's people from Egyptian slavery.



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WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

This is the **first of 10 lessons** which will help you in your study of the world's most wonderful book, **God's Word - the Scriptures.**

We welcome you into the ever-widening circle of people who are **earnestly seeking a fuller understanding of God's Word.**

We congratulate you upon your decision to take this study. This may well be one of the most important decisions of your life.

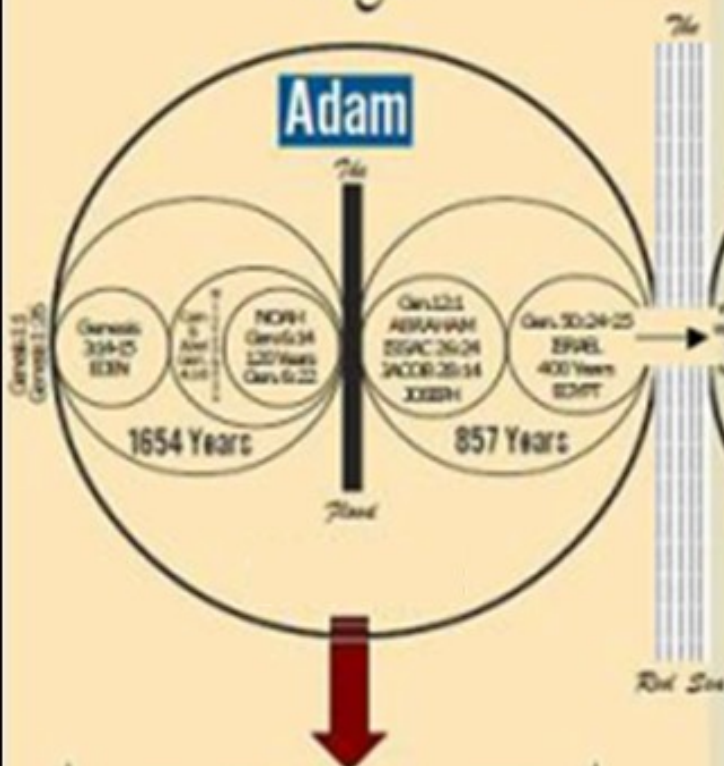
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**We recommend that you complete
one lesson per week.**

**Each lesson will mean more
if you will read the Bible passages
mentioned through the lesson
taking the time to study it more in detail.**

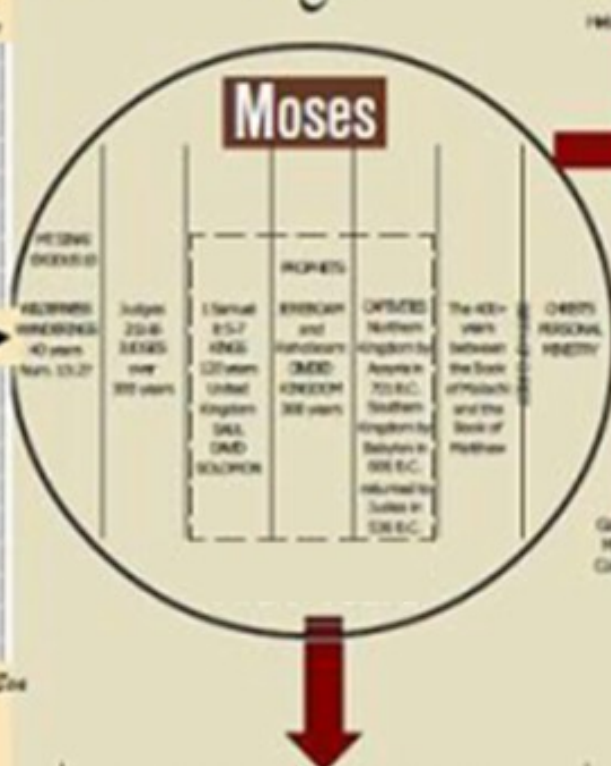
**Scripture references follow many of the paragraphs
so that you as the student may read
the truths of the Bible for yourself, try to read
before and after to understand the context
to be able to get the best results.**

Age



- Hebrews 11:1
- Family Religion
- Animal Sacrifices
 - Family Altar
- No Written Law

Age



- Jewish Age
- Was Abolished
- Was Schoolmaster
- Animal Sacrifices
- Sabbath Day Observed
- Passover Feast

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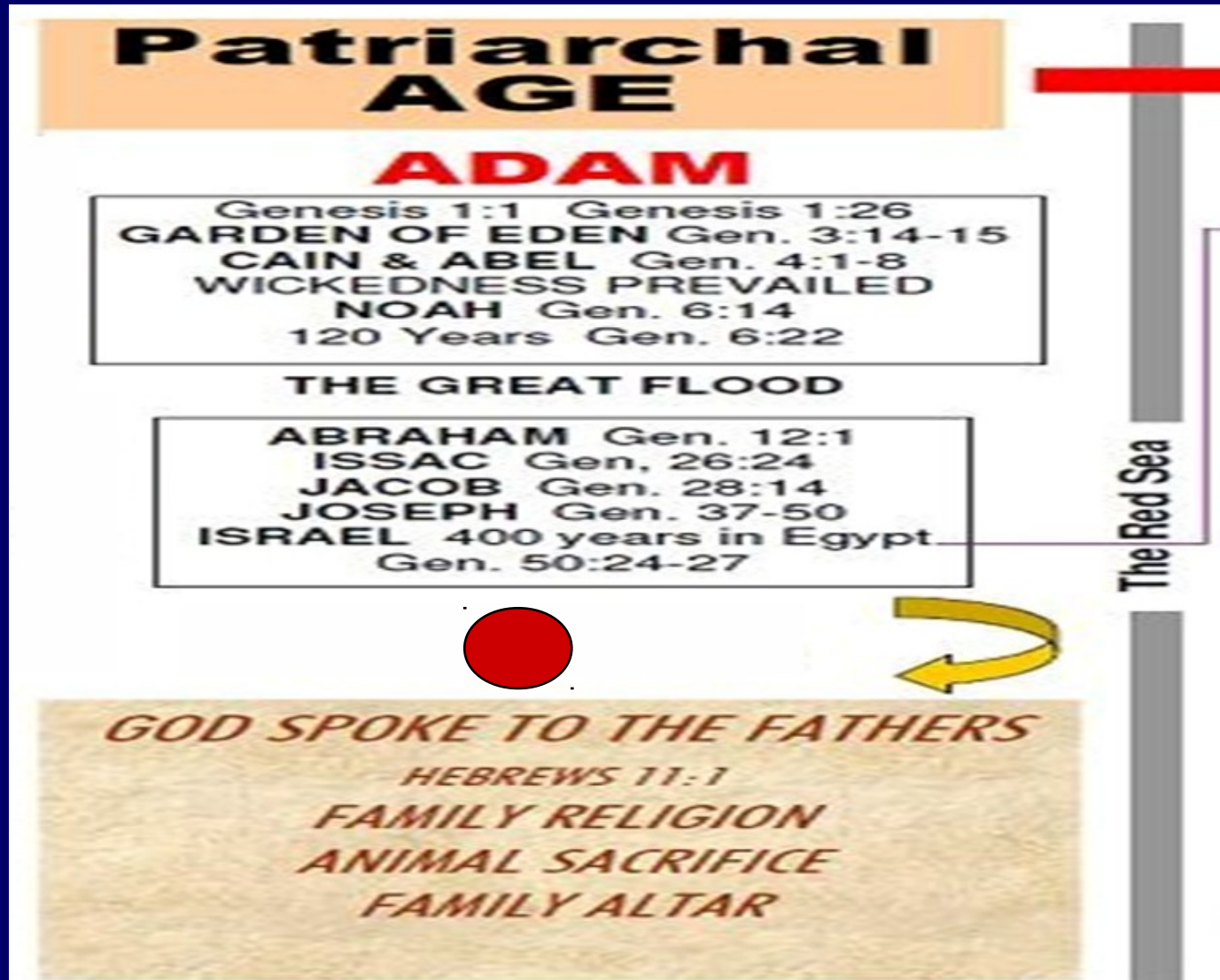


John 1:17
Gospel Preached

Rom. 1:16	1 Cor. 14:1-4
The Church	Lord's Day
Lord's Supper	Christian

THE PATRIARCHAL AGE

From the Creation to Moses.



**PART ONE a and b
of this Bible Study Series
is entitled “The Patriarchal Age.”**

During this first period of Bible History God ruled men through family heads called “Patriarchs.”

Beginning with the Creation this Bible age reaches all the way to the time of Moses and the Exodus of God's people from the land of Egypt.

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Christian families can enjoy
reading **the Bible** together daily because
it contains **the greatest message** of the ages.



God's Word is the most **important**
Book on earth because
it is **God's only written revelation** to us.

We owe it to ourselves
to study the Bible daily,
for, when Jesus comes again,
each of us will be judged by the word of God.
(John 12:48; Revelation 20:12;)



**Christians know that they will live forever,
even after death.**

**They know also that the Bible is the only book
which reveals where man came from,
Man's purpose on the earth and what he is
to believe and do to live with God eternally.**

**They can also know as they read that every event
and every person referred to in the Bible is
in perfect harmony with all known secular history.**

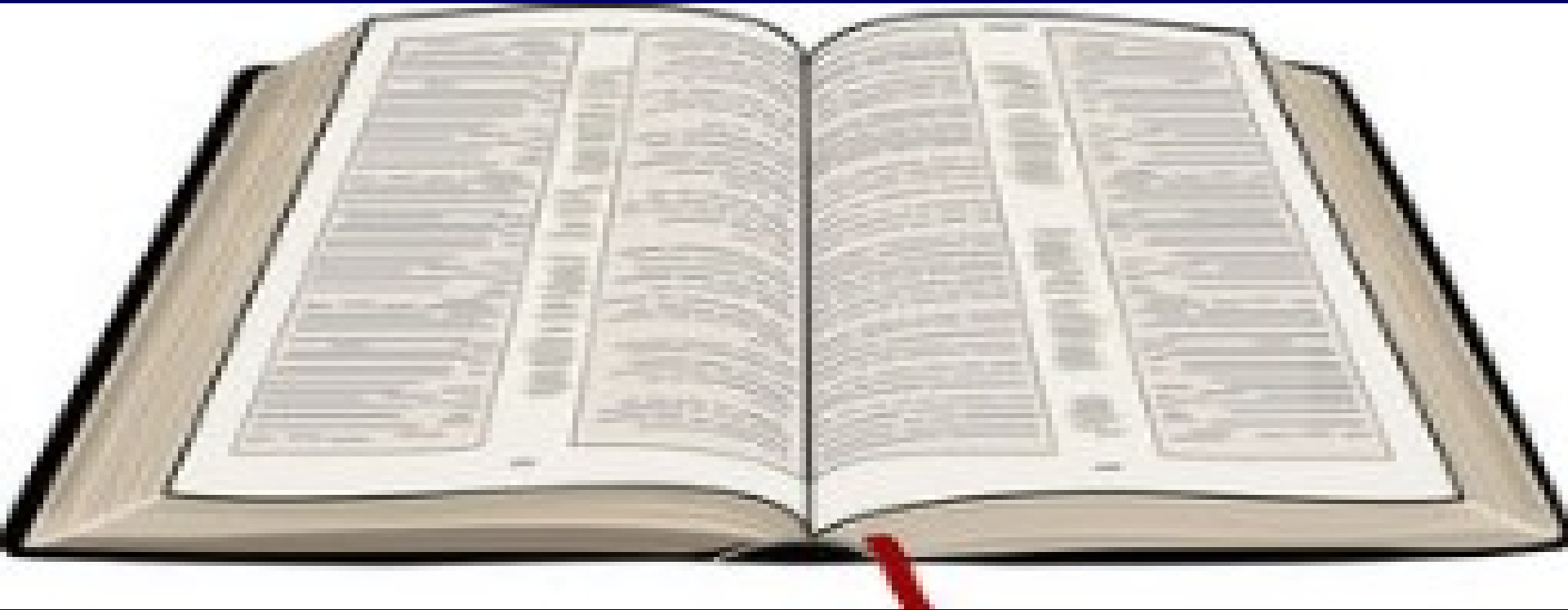
**Even the geographical references to rivers, lakes,
physical terrain, and distances, are absolutely
correct. Give yourself the opportunity to know
this Book of Life. John 5:28-29; 2 Tim 3:16-17;**

PICTURES PAINTED BY GREAT ARTISTS are used throughout this series to help acquaint you with **the world's only divinely inspired book, the Bible.**



Although about **forty different men** of varying backgrounds, castes, and cultures had a part in writing the Bible **over a period of 1600 years**, it contains a remarkable **unity of message and harmony of purpose.**

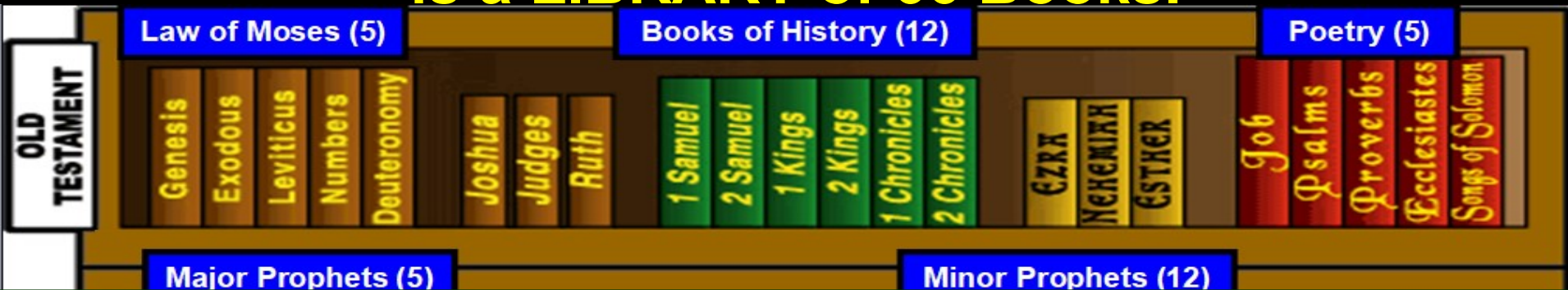
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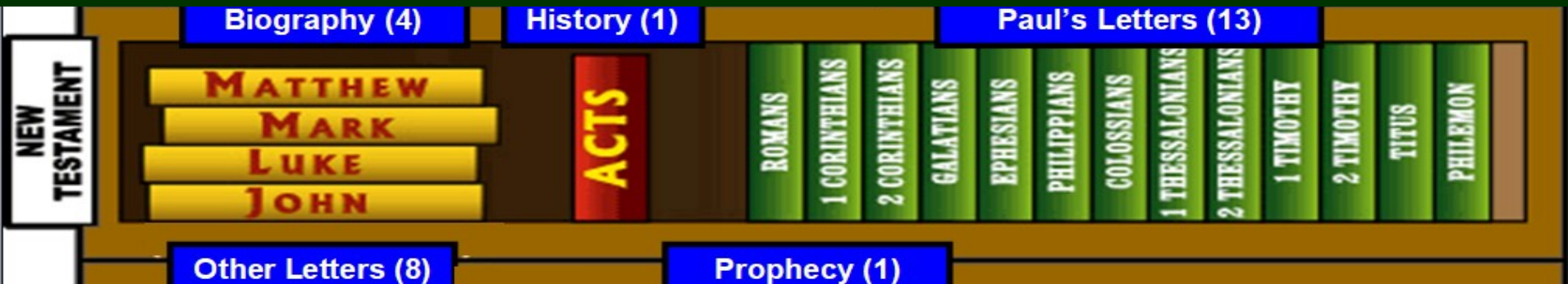
The apostle Peter said, “For the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of men; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit...”

2 Peter 1:21; Galatians 1:11-12; I Corinthians 1:12-13;

This Chart shows the BIBLE is a LIBRARY of 66 Books.



The top shelves represent **the 39 books of the Old Testament** and the bottom shelves represents **the 27 books of the New Testament**.

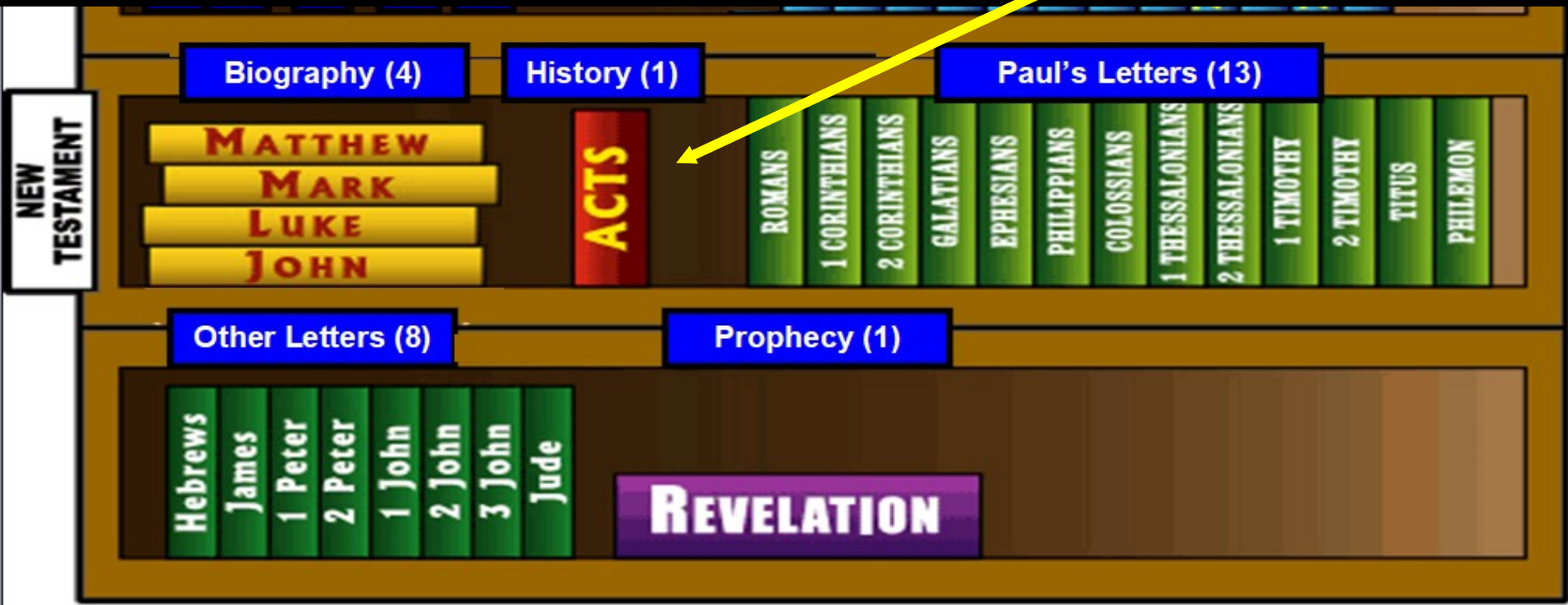


Both testaments are very important to the Christian, but the New Testament books are the Christian's guide for today.

Remember The BIBLE is a LIBRARY of 66 Books.



For instance, **when a person desires to become a Christian, he can read the New Testament Book of Acts** which gives examples of conversions.



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ADAM



Mosaic Age
MOSES



Christian Age
CHRIST



**WE SHALL CONSIDER THE BIBLE from the
standpoint of its **THREE PERIODS** of HISTORY.**

**God Spoke to the
Fathers Heb 1:1-3;**

**Law Came by
Moses John 1:17;**

**Gospel came by
Christ Rom 1:16;**

Notice at the bottom of the chart that God spoke in **the first period** of time to the fathers of the households such as **Adam**.

In the **second period** God gave His **law** through **Moses**. In the **third period** in which we now live **the gospel** came by **Jesus Christ**.

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Once a person sees **the overall picture** of **the Bible**,
he is able to understand, appreciate and study it
more intelligently. John 1:17;

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God Spoke To the Fathers



THE PATRIACHAL AGE the first period of Bible History, **begins with the Creation.**

This period contains events which are well known to many people.

After creation these events follow in order:-

The Garden of Eden	Sacrifice for Sin
How the World became	Filled with Wickedness
The Great Flood	Abraham and Isaac
Jacob and Joseph	Joseph in Egypt
The Birth of Moses	Moses Frees Israel

Now we begin the account of God's creation

In the Beginning God Created Gen 1:1;



*In the beginning
God created the
heavens and the
earth.*

Genesis 1:1

In the Beginning God Created Gen 1:1;

This first verse of the Bible tells
that **God is the Creator.**

The time of the creation was **“in the beginning.”**

Scientists now recognize **five components**
which make up the world: **time, energy, force,**
space and matter. All these components
are in the very first words of the Bible:

“In the beginning (time), God (force) created (energy)
the heaven (space) and the earth (matter).”

1 John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16;
1 Corinthians 8:6; Hebrews 11:3;

At FIRST the EARTH was a shapeless mass

The Bible says,

"And the earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon
the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2;)

**Some versions say the Spirit was brooding
(as a mother bird on her egg.)**

The Spirit is the generator of life.



AT GODS WORD LIGHT CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

Then God commanded,

"Let there be light."

This was the first recorded command of God.



We know today that light is necessary to sustain life.

The creation of light before life illustrates the fact that God created all things in logical order.

Day 1

God
separated
Light

from
Darkness

There was evening
and morning

Day 2

God
separated
the waters
above

from
the waters
below

There was evening
and morning

Day 3

God
gathered the
Sea together
and caused
dry land to
appear. He
caused seed
bearing
vegetation
to appear too

There was evening
and morning

Day 4

He made the
sun and
the moon
to be SIGNS
for Sacred
Times

There was evening
and morning

Day 5

God created
the birds of
the air
and the
fish of
the sea

There was evening
and morning

Day 6

God created
the land
creatures
and last
He made
mankind

There was evening
and morning

Day 7

God rested
on the
seventh day
He Blessed
this day and
He Sanctified
the seventh
day too !

And God saw every thing
He had made, and,
behold, it was very good.

GOD SAID: "Let the waters under the heavens
be gathered together unto one place,
and **let the dry land appear;"** (Genesis 1:9;)

God called the dry land **"Earth";**
and the bodies of waters **"Seas."**

The earth was now prepared for plant life.

1 Genesis 1:10;



Let the Earth bring forth grass, Gen 1:11;

**NEXT, GOD SPOKE, "Let the Earth
bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed,
and the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind,
whose seed is in itself."**



Let the Earth bring forth grass, Gen 1:11;

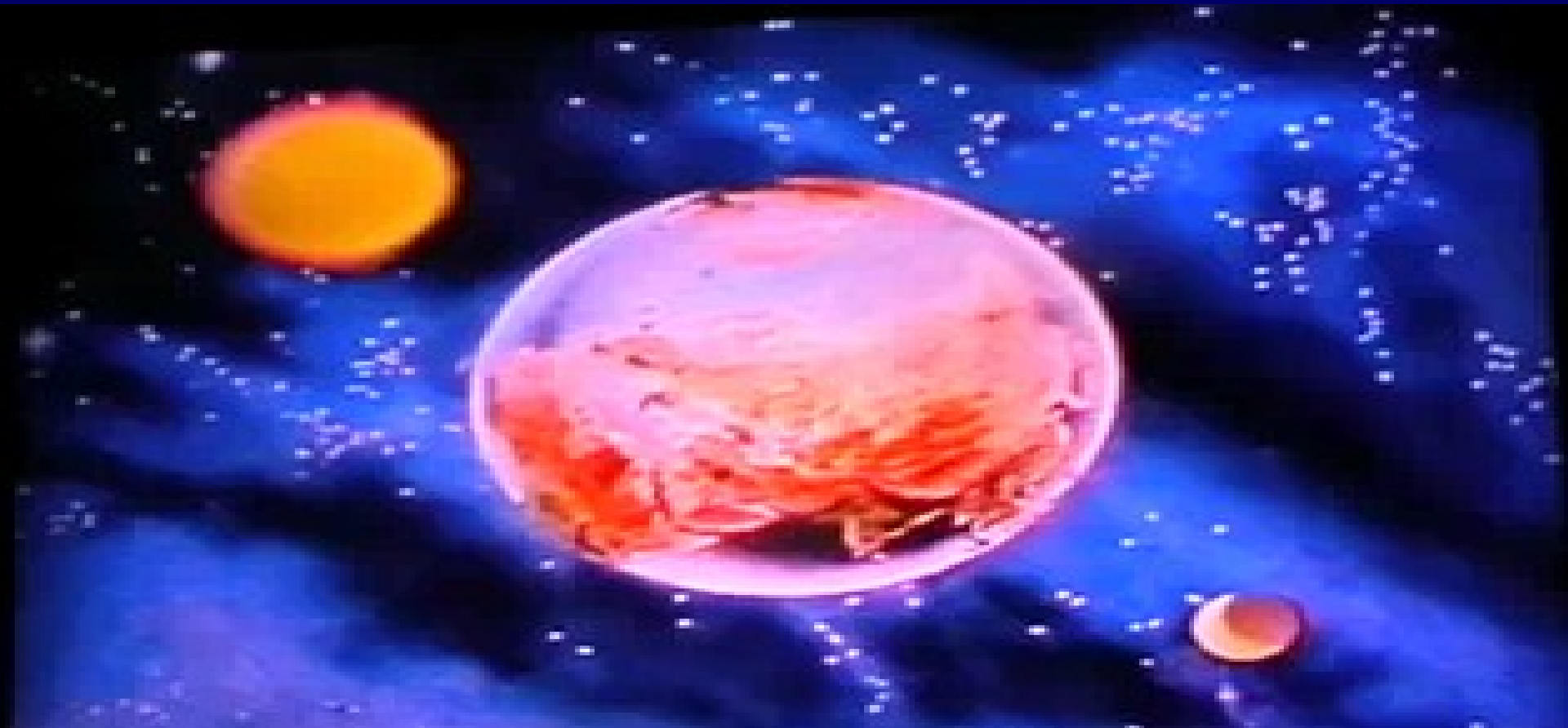
Every living thing was created first by miracle, full-grown and able to reproduce after its kind.

But after the miracle creation, reproduction followed according to God's natural law.

Though begun by miracle, God's creation is sustained by constant natural laws.

1 Genesis 1:11; 2 Genesis 8:22;

God made two great lights; Gen 1:16-17;
THE BIBLE SAYS, "And God made two great
lights; the greater light to rule the day and the
lesser light to rule the night;
He made the stars also" (Genesis 1:16,17).



God made two great lights; Gen 1:16-17;

**The stars include many galaxies
other than our own.**

**The Bible refers to several constellations
of stars such as Orion and the Pleiades.
Job 38:31;**



**God created great whales. Gen 1:21;
FISH, OTHER SEA CREATURES and fowls
were next in order of creation.**



***The Bible says, "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that it was good."
(Genesis 1:21;)***

Land animals were created next. Gen 1:24;

God ordered,

**“Let the earth bring forth the living creature
after their kind, cattle, and creeping thing,
and beast of the earth after their kind.**

And God saw that it was good”

(Genesis 1:24;)



Let us make man in our image. Gen 1:26;
HAVING PREPARED THE EARTH for man's home
with plant and animal life to sustain him,
God then said, "Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness."



Let us make man in our image. Gen 1:26;

Since **God is Spirit**, His offspring is also a spirit being. **Man's fleshly body is only the temporary house of the spiritual man or soul which is destined to live forever.**

Therefore, man, made in God's image, was God's highest creation on earth. He is far different from all other creatures.

Let us make man in our image. Gen 1:26;

**When God, the Father, said, "Let us make man . .
He was speaking to the other two personalities
of the Godhead:**

**The Word- Christ, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
who were coexistent with Him from eternity.**

***God made man ruler over all His creation when He
said, "... let them have dominion over the fish of the
sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle,
and over all the earth . . ."* (Genesis 1:26;)**

Genesis 1:26; - Hebrews 12:9; - 2 Corinthians 5:6;

Therefore, God made Eve. Gen 2:22;

**AT FIRST ADAM WAS THE ONLY HUMAN BEING,
but God said,**

**"It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him an help meet for him."**

**Therefore, God made Eve,
a wife and companion**

**for Adam. Adam said, "This is now
bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh."**



Therefore, God made Eve. Gen 2:22;

**Therefore shall a man leave his father
and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife:
and **the two shall be one flesh.**" (Genesis 2:23-24;)**



Later, **Jesus taught that this original marriage
and home is **God's ideal arrangement** for all time.**

'Genesis 2:18; a Matthew 19:3-6;

"The Garden of Eden." Gen 3;

AS WE RETURN TO THE CHART

the arrow points out **"The Garden of Eden."**

God showed His deep love by providing a special home for Adam and Eve. **It was a paradise on earth!**



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"The Garden of Eden." Gen 3;

So that **Adam and Eve could exercise the power of choice**, God placed among all the trees, **one tree they were not to touch.**



God said, "... But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you are not to eat; for, the day you eat of that, you are doomed to die." (Genesis 2:17;)

The word death means "separation."

God's children enjoyed a perfect home. Gen 2:17;

WHILE IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

God's children enjoyed a perfect home.

**In addition, they could eat of the "Tree of Life"
and all the other trees in the garden
except the one forbidden tree.**



God's children enjoyed a perfect home. Gen 2:17;

But Satan appealed to Eve's vanity and insisted that God had unduly restricted them. Satan further insisted that she would not die as God had warned, but promised she would become wise like God.



So Eve yielded to the temptation and ate the forbidden fruit.

Eve yielded to the temptation. Gen 3:7;

Then Eve shared it with her husband.

Instead of becoming wise, they became ashamed and tried to hide from God because they knew they had sinned.



Eve yielded to the temptation. Gen 3:7;

In the Bible the word "sin"
means disobedience to God's will.

Gen 2:16, 17; 3:1-7; 1 John 3:4;



Adam and Eve lost their paradise home. Gen 3:24;
BECAUSE OF THEIR SIN Adam and Eve lost
their paradise home, their close fellowship
with God and their right to the "Tree of Life."



Adam and Eve lost their paradise home. Gen 3:24;

**We recall that God had warned them
of death, a word meaning "separation."
Separation from God meant spiritual death
and eternal doom to their souls.**

**Separation from the "Tree of Life"
means the beginning of physical death.
But the loving Heavenly Father did not leave
His wayward children without hope.
1 Genesis 3:24; : Romans 5:12;**

bruise your head, you shall bruise His heel. Gen 3:15;
PRONOUNCING A CURSE upon Satan,
God said, "And I will put enmity between you and
the woman, and **between your seed and her seed;**
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise His heel"



bruise your head, you shall bruise His heel. Gen 3:15;
Centuries later, Jesus, "the seed of woman"
(Galatians 4:4;) was crucified for our sins.
In this way the Devil bruised Jesus' heel;
that is, gave Him a minor injury.



But in rising from the dead, Jesus bruised
the serpent's head. That is, He gave the Devil
a crushing blow from which he can never recover.'

Jesus proved that we, too, may overcome death
through Him.' Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14-15;

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SACRIFICE FOR SIN now became necessary!

Adam and Eve had turned their backs on their Father, and they of themselves could never pay the price for their sin.

Mankind was forever doomed. But God again showed His compassion for man by providing that animals could be sacrificed to atone for sin.

God was just in making this arrangement for He knew that **Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice,** would eventually be offered to **pay the full price** for all sin. Romans 3:23; Hebrews 9:13-14;

"multiply and replenish the earth." Gen 4:1;

**IN KEEPING WITH GOD'S EARLIER Command
to "multiply and replenish the earth,"
Adam and Eve began their family.**



"multiply and replenish the earth." Gen 4:1;

**They had many children,
two of whom were Cain and Abel.**

Cain grew up to be **a farmer**,
and **Abel** became **a shepherd**.

Genesis 1:28; Genesis 4:1-8;

IN THE COURSE OF TIME Cain and Abel
had offered sacrifices to God.
Through faith Abel offered a lamb
and received God's approval.
(it must have been
what God had asked for.)



**But Cain disobeyed
and offered a sacrifice
(his offering of the fruit of the ground,)
which God rejected**

**Instead of being sorry and repenting,
Cain became very angry
and ultimately killed his own brother.**



Cain and Abel are examples of two kinds of worshippers:

- (1) ABEL, Those who worship by faith according to God's instructions, and**
- (2) CAIN, Those who substitute their own worship, so not in keeping with God's will.**

God approves of worship only when man worships as He directs.

God will not accept man's substitutes or wrong attitudes For God's Commands.

Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:1-8;

The same system of **propitiatory (suitable/ acceptable) sacrifice** that God had given to Adam and Eve was **continued** under the covenant God made with all flesh through Noah but was **modified under the Mosaic covenant to fit a national worship.**

The **effectiveness of animal sacrifice** was **dependent** on the coming of the Perfect Sacrifice, **Jesus, the Lamb of God.**

WICKEDNESS soon began to fill the earth.
*As the population grew,
wickedness rapidly spread.*

The Devil (Satan) was **dominating** the lives
of practically all the people. Genesis 6:1-6;

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JUSTICE, LOVE AND MERCY
soon disappeared.

**From ruler to peasant the people
became so corrupt that even
their thoughts and imaginations
were dominated by sin and violence.**

**As God saw those who were made
in His image now under the control of Satan,
it grieved Him in His heart. Genesis 6:5-6;**



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THE FLOOD was the means that God devised to ***cleanse the earth of all wicked people*** and to give mankind another opportunity to serve Him in righteousness." Genesis 6:7-8;

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NOAH AND HIS FAMILY were the only people who still obeyed God. God chose Noah to build a giant boat or 'ark' of gopher wood and to warn the people of their impending doom.

Since the life span of early Bible characters was long, for nearly 120 years **Noah** had the opportunity **to preach** to his generation while building the ark.



God was showing love and mercy
even to these wicked people by **allowing them time**
to change their lives before the flood came.
Genesis 6:9-18; 2 Peter 2:5;



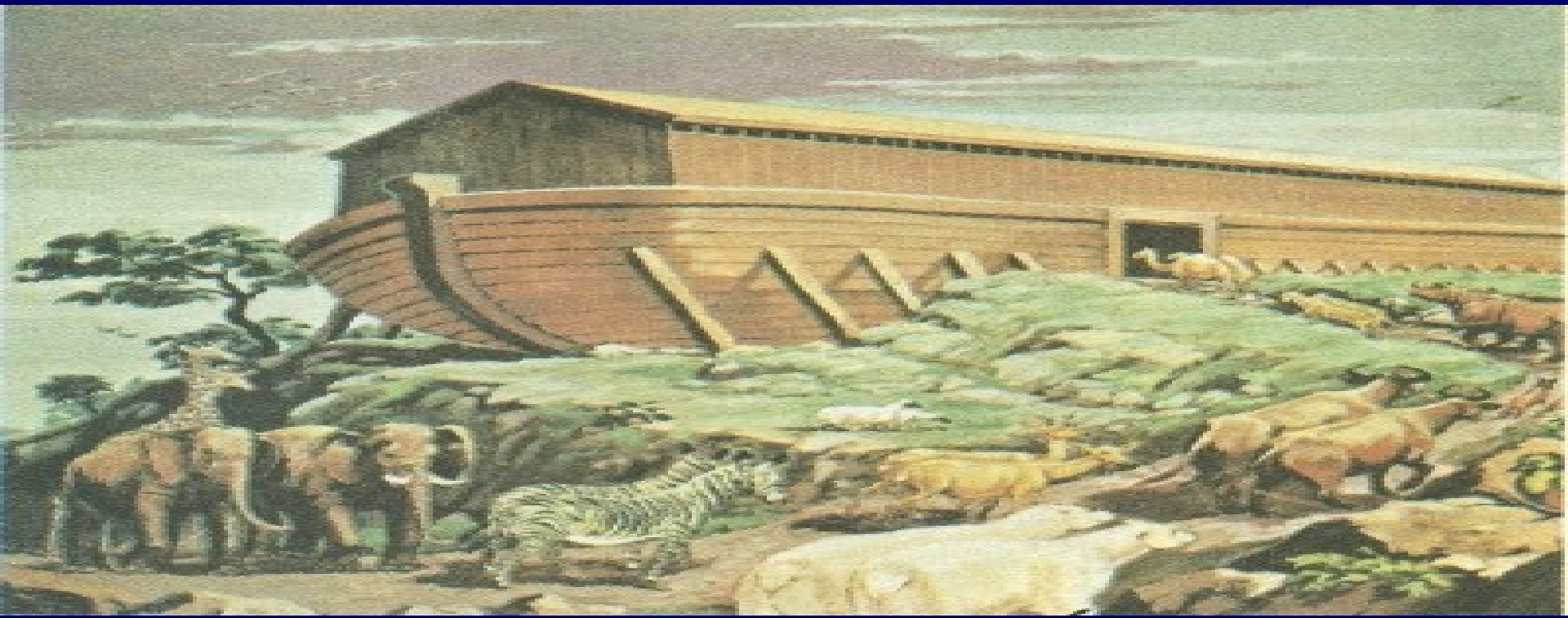
THE APOSTLE PETER later
referred to **God's patience and mercy**
in I Peter 3:20-21;

**“those who disobeyed God long ago
when God waited patiently while Noah
was building his boat. Only eight people were
saved from drowning in that terrible flood.”**

**“And this is a picture of baptism, which now
saves you by the power of Jesus Christ's
resurrection. Baptism is not a removal
of dirt from your body; it is an appeal to God
from a clean conscience.”**

WHEN THE TIME CAME to board the ark,
Noah followed God's command
to bring his family and pairs
of the various kinds of animals into the ark.

He had previously stored provisions for them
in the ark just as God had told him to do.



EVERYONE ELSE HAD REJECTED
Noah's warnings. In rejecting these warnings
they were also rejecting God's love.



Therefore when **God shut the door**
of the giant boat no man could open it.
'The flood rose to the tops of the mountains.'
The day of God's mercy was gone!

**The wickedness of the wicked
had sealed their own fate. Those who were
not saved could blame only themselves.**

**In this same way men are disregarding
God's warnings of today that He will destroy
the earth by fire. Genesis 7:16; 2 Genesis 7:18-20;**

**When the people were rejecting
Noah's warning,
they also were rejecting
God's LOVE**

*“The Lord isn't really being slow
about His promise to return, as some people think.
No, He is being patient for your sake.
He does not want anyone to perish,
so He is giving more time for everyone to repent.”*

*“But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly
as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away
with a terrible noise, and everything in them
will disappear in fire, and the earth
and everything on it will be exposed to judgment.*

As Noah warned his generation
that the earth would be **destroyed by water,**
so **the Bible warns us today**
that the earth shall be **destroyed by fire.**

***NOAH'S ARK WAS LIFTED
high above the land
by the waters of the flood.'***



The **same waters** which **destroyed** the wicked
and cleansed the earth also served
to **save** those who were in the ark.

Just as those who were **saved then were**
in God's ark, today those who are **saved**
are in GOD'S SPIRITUAL FAMILY, THE CHURCH.

God used the same waters
which destroyed the wicked
to SAVE those
who were in the ark.

After 150 days the waters began slowly
to subside. Finally the waters receded
and **the ark rested on Mt. Ararat.**

***HAVING SPENT MORE THAN A YEAR
in the ark, Noah, his family and all the animals
stepped out on dry ground.***



Noah offered an animal sacrifice in worship to God. God placed the rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise that never again would He destroy the earth with water.



However, we remember that Peter says the earth will be destroyed by fire at the end of time.
Genesis 8:13-9:17; 2 Peter 3:9-10;

IN RECENT YEARS excavations by archaeologists
in various regions of the earth
have revealed evidences of a great flood.

In two separate excavations **an eight foot layer of
clean, water-laid clay** has been found with artefacts
of an **older civilization buried underneath.**

In other places marine fossils
have been discovered on the tops of mountains.



There are also references to a great flood among the historical legends of Egyptians, Chaldeans, Greeks, and among present day Mexicans and South Sea Islanders.

All this information points to the truthfulness of the Bible record of the great flood.



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ABRAHAM AND ISAAC enter **Bible history**
nine generations **after** the flood.

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During those intervening years **Noah's descendants lost faith in God** and defied Him in attempting to build **the Tower of Babel**.

After God scattered the people,
the population kept expanding.
With the increase in the earth's population
came also an increase in sin again.

Genesis 11:1-9;



DURING THIS CONFUSED AND SINFULL TIME

God chose **Abraham**
who, **like Noah** centuries before,
stood above his generation
because **he wanted to please God.**



**Because of his unquestioning faith,
Abraham loved and obeyed God.**

**God directed Abraham to leave his country
and relatives when He said, “Leave your country,
your relatives, and your father's house,
and go to the land that I will show you.”**

**God promised that
through Abraham's descendants
Jesus would be born.**

(Galatians 3:16;) Genesis 12:1;

GOD RENEWED HIS PROMISE
to Abraham on several occasions.

He promised that **Abraham's children** would be **numberless** as the sand on the sea shore and the stars of the sky.

But at the time of this promise
Abraham was childless and growing old.

Genesis 15:7-6; 22:15-18; Romans 4:18-20;



***GOD SENT three men with good news
to Abraham who at that time
was in the Plains of Mamre.***

**They revealed to Abraham
that he and Sarah would have a son.**

**God was now beginning to fulfill
His promise to Abraham.**

Genesis 18:1-10;



WHEN SARAH OVERHEARD their conversation **she laughed** to herself because she and Abraham were almost a hundred years old, far too old to become parents.

But later **Abraham** could thank God time and again for his son, **Isaac**, who was born **according to God's promise** within a year after **Sarah** laughed.

Genesis 18:11-15; Genesis 21:1-5;



Isaac and Rebecca. Gen 25:20-26; WHEN ISAAC GREW UP

Abraham sent back to his own people and brought **Rebecca** to be **Isaac's wife**.



For a long time
like Sarah, Isaac's mother,
Rebecca was unable to bear children.

However, when Isaac pleaded
with God for children,
He blessed them with the birth
of twin sons, Jacob and Esau.

Genesis 24:1-67; 2 Genesis 25:20-26;



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