THE BIBLE STORY AT A GLANCE

Major Events of the Old Testament

This handout traces the major people, events, covenants, and turning points of the Old Testament. Use it as a simple map for seeing how the individual books fit together into one unfolding story.

1. THE BEGINNING | *Genesis 1-11*

☐	God Creates the Heavens and the Earth	**Genesis 1-2**
☐	Sin Enters the World	**Genesis 3**
☐	Sin Spreads Through Humanity	**Genesis 4-6:9**
☐	Noah and the Great Flood	**Genesis 6:10-9:17**
☐	The Nations Scatter at Babel	**Genesis 11**

2. THE PATRIARCHS | *Genesis 12-50*

☐	God Calls Abram	**Genesis 12-14**
☐	God Establishes His Covenant with Abram	**Genesis 15**
☐	Abram Becomes Abraham	**Genesis 17**
☐	The Birth and Life of Isaac	**Genesis 21-24**
☐	Jacob and the Beginning of the Twelve Tribes	**Genesis 25-35**
☐	Jacob Is Renamed Israel	**Genesis 32:22-32**
☐	Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers	**Genesis 37**
☐	Joseph Rises to Power in Egypt	**Genesis 39-41**
☐	Joseph's Family Comes to Egypt	**Genesis 42-50**

3. GOD DELIVERS ISRAEL | *Exodus*

☐	Moses Is Called by God	**Exodus 2-4**
☐	God Confronts Pharaoh Through the Plagues	**Exodus 5-11**
☐	The First Passover	**Exodus 12**
☐	Israel Leaves Egypt	**Exodus 12-14**
☐	God Leads Israel Through the Wilderness	**Exodus 15-18**
☐	God Establishes His Covenant with Israel at Sinai	**Exodus 19**
☐	The Ten Commandments Are Given	**Exodus 20**
☐	God Gives Instructions for the Tabernacle	**Exodus 25-31**
☐	The Tabernacle Is Completed and God's Glory Fills It	**Exodus 35-40**

4. ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS | *Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy*

☐	God Establishes Israel's Sacrificial System	**Leviticus 1-7**
☐	The Day of Atonement	**Leviticus 16**
☐	Israel Refuses to Enter the Promised Land	**Numbers 13-14**
☐	Israel Wanders in the Wilderness	**Numbers 14-36**
☐	Moses Reviews God's Covenant and Law	**Deuteronomy 1-30**
☐	Joshua Is Commissioned to Lead Israel	**Deuteronomy 31**
☐	Moses Gives His Final Blessing	**Deuteronomy 33**
☐	The Death of Moses	**Deuteronomy 34**

5. ISRAEL ENTERS THE PROMISED LAND | *Joshua, Judges & Ruth*

☐	Israel Crosses the Jordan River	**Joshua 3-4**
☐	The Fall of Jericho	**Joshua 5-6**
☐	Israel Takes Possession of the Land	**Joshua 7-21**
☐	Joshua Challenges Israel to Remain Faithful	**Joshua 23-24**
☐	Israel Enters the Period of the Judges	**Judges 2**
☐	Ehud Delivers Israel	**Judges 3:12-30**
☐	Deborah and Barak Lead Israel	**Judges 4-5**
☐	Gideon Delivers Israel from Midian	**Judges 6-8**
☐	Jephthah Serves as Judge	**Judges 11**
☐	Samson Battles the Philistines	**Judges 13-16**
☐	Israel Falls into Moral and Spiritual Chaos	**Judges 17-21**
☐	Ruth Demonstrates Faithfulness and Redemption	**Ruth 1-4**

6. THE RISE OF THE MONARCHY | *Samuel, Saul & David*

☐	Samuel Is Born and Called by God	**1 Samuel 1-3**
☐	Israel Demands a King	**1 Samuel 8**
☐	Saul Becomes Israel's First King	**1 Samuel 9-10**
☐	Saul Is Rejected Because of His Disobedience	**1 Samuel 13-15**
☐	David Is Anointed as Israel's Future King	**1 Samuel 16**
☐	David Defeats Goliath	**1 Samuel 17**
☐	David Flees from Saul	**1 Samuel 18-31**
☐	David Becomes King over Israel	**2 Samuel 2-5**
☐	Jerusalem Becomes David's Capital	**2 Samuel 5; 1 Chr. 11**
☐	The Ark Is Brought to Jerusalem	**2 Samuel 6**
☐	God Establishes His Covenant with David	**2 Samuel 7; 1 Chr. 17**
☐	David Sins with Bathsheba	**2 Samuel 11-12**
☐	David Prepares Solomon to Build the Temple	**1 Chronicles 22; 28-29**

7. SOLOMON AND THE UNITED KINGDOM | *1 Kings & 2 Chronicles*

☐ Solomon Becomes King	**1 Kings 1-2**
☐ Solomon Asks God for Wisdom	**1 Kings 3; 2 Chr. 1**
☐ Solomon Builds the Temple	**1 Kings 5-7; 2 Chr. 2-5**
☐ The Temple Is Dedicated to God	**1 Kings 8; 2 Chr. 6-7**
☐ Solomon's Heart Turns Away from God	**1 Kings 11:1-40**
☐ Solomon Dies and Rehoboam Becomes King	**1 Kings 11:41-43**

8. THE DIVIDED KINGDOM | *Israel & Judah*

☐ The Kingdom Divides	**1 Kings 12; 2 Chr. 10**
☐ Elijah Confronts Ahab and the Prophets of Baal	**1 Kings 17-19**
☐ Elisha Is Called to Follow Elijah	**1 Kings 19:19-21**
☐ Elijah Is Taken Up and Elisha Continues His Ministry	**2 Kings 2**
☐ Elisha Ministers Throughout Israel	**2 Kings 2-13**
☐ Jonah Is Sent to Nineveh	**Jonah 1-4**
☐ The Northern Kingdom of Israel Falls to Assyria	**2 Kings 17**
☐ King Josiah Leads Reform in Judah	**2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chr. 34-35**
☐ Babylon Begins Deporting the People of Judah	**2 Kings 24**
☐ Jerusalem and the Temple Are Destroyed	**2 Kings 25; 2 Chr. 36**

9. THE BABYLONIAN EXILE | *Daniel*

☐	Daniel and His Friends Remain Faithful in Babylon	**Daniel 1**
☐	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego Face the Fiery Furnace	**Daniel 3**
☐	Daniel Is Thrown into the Lions' Den	**Daniel 6**
☐	Daniel Sees the Vision of the Son of Man	**Daniel 7:9-14**
☐	Daniel Receives Prophecies Concerning Israel's Future	**Daniel 8-12**

10. THE RETURN FROM EXILE | *Ezra, Nehemiah & Esther*

☐	Cyrus Allows the Jewish Exiles to Return	**2 Chr. 36:22-23; Ezra 1**
☐	The First Group Returns to Jerusalem	**Ezra 1-2**
☐	The Temple Is Rebuilt	**Ezra 3-6**
☐	Esther Helps Preserve the Jewish People in Persia	**Esther 1-10**
☐	Ezra Returns and Teaches God's Law	**Ezra 7-10**
☐	Nehemiah Returns to Rebuild Jerusalem's Walls	**Nehemiah 1-7**
☐	The People Hear the Word of God and Renew the Covenant	**Nehemiah 8-10**
☐	Jerusalem Is Reestablished Following the Exile	**Nehemiah 11-13**

THE BIG PICTURE

CREATION > FALL > FLOOD > PATRIARCHS > EXODUS > LAW > PROMISED LAND > JUDGES > KINGDOM > DIVIDED KINGDOM > EXILE > RETURN

Through all of it, God is moving His plan of redemption forward, ultimately preparing the way for Jesus Christ. The Bible is not merely a collection of disconnected stories; it is one unfolding story of God's work to redeem fallen humanity.