

Introduction to the Bible – Week 1

See the detailed materials for this class on the web: <http://www.xenos.org/classes/introbible/index.htm>

Useful materials for this course

- A good study Bible – Life Application Study Bible: New Living Translation (NLT); Zondervan Study Bible: New International Version (NIV) or New American Standard (NASB).
- How to Read *the Bible Book By Book*, by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart.
- Xenos Study Center
- Websites: BibleGateway.com; Xenos.org

Introduction

Course goal: that you would learn to *study, apply, and love* the Word of God

Psalms 1:1-3

Why believe the Bible?

The Bible's view of itself (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21; Hebrews 1:1,2; 1 Thess. 2:13)

See included paper, "Why Believe the Bible?"

Resources that may you might find helpful as you explore this issue further.

Reason for God, by Tim Keller

The Case for Christ and *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel.

The Bible itself: The best evidence that the Bible is true is the Bible itself. Read it and see what you think! We hope, as you take this course, that you'll be struck, like we are, by how powerful, meaningful, and relevant the Bible is for our lives today

THE BIG PICTURE

What the Bible is

Luke 24:44

A Four-Act Drama:

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration

The conflict, tension and drama of the Biblical story

At the macro level of the Biblical Story is the opposition of _____
to His Plan.

At each stage of the Biblical story, there is a tension between what is
_____ and what is _____.

There are dramatic _____ and _____ of how God comes
through.

Key Events in God's Story

Creation

Genesis 1:1,2

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:16, 17

The Fall

Genesis 3:1-5

Problem 1: _____

Genesis 3:8,9

Genesis 3:24

Problem 2: _____

Genesis 1:26

1 John 5:19

God's plan foreshadowed

Genesis 3:15

The rebellion spreads

Genesis 6:5

Genesis 11:4a

God's promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:1-3

1. Abraham's family will grow into a _____.
2. This nation will occupy the _____.
3. _____ the _____ of the world will be _____ through one of Abraham's descendants.

The Patriarchs

Slaves in Egypt & birth of a nation

Moses leads the Jews out of Egypt

Passover - Exodus 12

The Law

The lesson of the Law: _____ pays the penalty for human sin.

God's promise to David

2 Samuel 7:11-16

*A descendant of David will _____.**The Prophets*

Isaiah 9:6-7 – a reminder of the promise to _____

Isaiah 52:13; 53:5, 6, 9, 11 – a reminder of the promise to _____

Jesus' first coming

John 1:1-3, 14-18

Mark 1:1, 14,15

Mark 10:45

John 1:29

The death of Christ

Luke 19:38

Luke 23:38

Luke 23:44-46

Problem 1: _____

After the resurrection

Luke 24:44

Luke 24:47,48

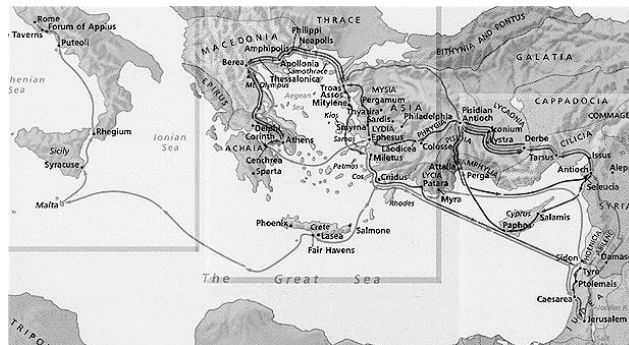
Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8

The Church Age

Acts 2:1-4

Paul's Mission and Message

Romans 1:14-17; 3:19-28



Jesus' second coming

Revelation 5:5,9,10

Problem 2: _____

Satan's rebellion destroyed

Revelation 20:10

New Heaven and New Earth

Revelation 21:1-4 The Eternal State: living in the presence of God!

Revelation 22:1-5 Problems of Genesis resolved!

Revelation 22:16 Fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant

Assignment

- Bible Reading Assignment #1– due week 2
- Read “Why Believe the Bible,” up through section II on Historical Evidence part 1