

## ***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) or English Standard Version (ESV)
- 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 19:10

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 kind of book is the Bible?

What the Bible is not:

What the Bible is:

The Main Focus of the Bible: Luke 24:44

The Bible's Four-Act Drama:

Creation:

Fall:

Redemption:

Restoration:

### Key Events in God's Story

*Creation*

Genesis 1:1

Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 2:16, 17

*The Fall*

Genesis 3:1-5

The Serpent's goal:

*Problem 1:* \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 3:8,9

Genesis 3:24

*Problem 2:* \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 1:26, 3:17-19

1 John 5:19

*Redemption**God's plan foreshadowed*

Genesis 3:15

John 12:32 "If I be lifted up, the ruler of this world shall be cast down."

*The rebellion spreads*

Genesis 6:5

Genesis 11:4a

Babel: the “city of man”

Its aim:

God scatters them into “nations’ (vs.8)

### *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 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced **the gospel** in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’” (Galatians 3:8)

### *The Patriarchs*

#### *Moses leads the Jews out of Egypt*

#### *The Law*

*The lesson of the Law:* \_\_\_\_\_ pays the penalty for human sin.

“you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold... but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world...” (1 Peter 1:18-20)

Exodus 29:45,46 “I will dwell”

The “Veil” in the tabernacle

*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*

Matt. 1:1 Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_, son of \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:14-18

Jesus is the eternal “Word” who came to “dwell” (like Exodus 29:45,46 )

Mark 1:14, 15 Jesus announces His kingdom  
However, Jesus is not a normal king:

Mark 10:45

John 1:29

*The death of Christ*

Luke 19:37,38 Jesus is hailed as King

Luke 23:38,39 The irony in the sign and the mocking

Luke 23:44-46 **Problem 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross. (Colossians 1:19,20)

*After the resurrection*

Luke 24:47,48 To the nations of Genesis 12

*The Church Age*

Acts 2:1-4 People from many nations gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost

Paul's Mission and Message: take the "Gospel" to the nations

Romans 1:14-17

Romans 1:16-8:39 the content of the gospel

*Jesus' second coming*

Matt. 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

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!

Recall Exodus 29:45,46 & John 1:14 (“Dwell”)

Revelation 22:1-5 Problems of Genesis resolved!

The tree of life restored!

The nations blessed!

The curse removed!

Revelation 22:16 Fulfillment of the Davidic Promise (2 Samuel 7, as we saw earlier)

Restored Dominion (“*Shalom*”)

Revelation 22:17 The Personal Invitation

### **Assignment**

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