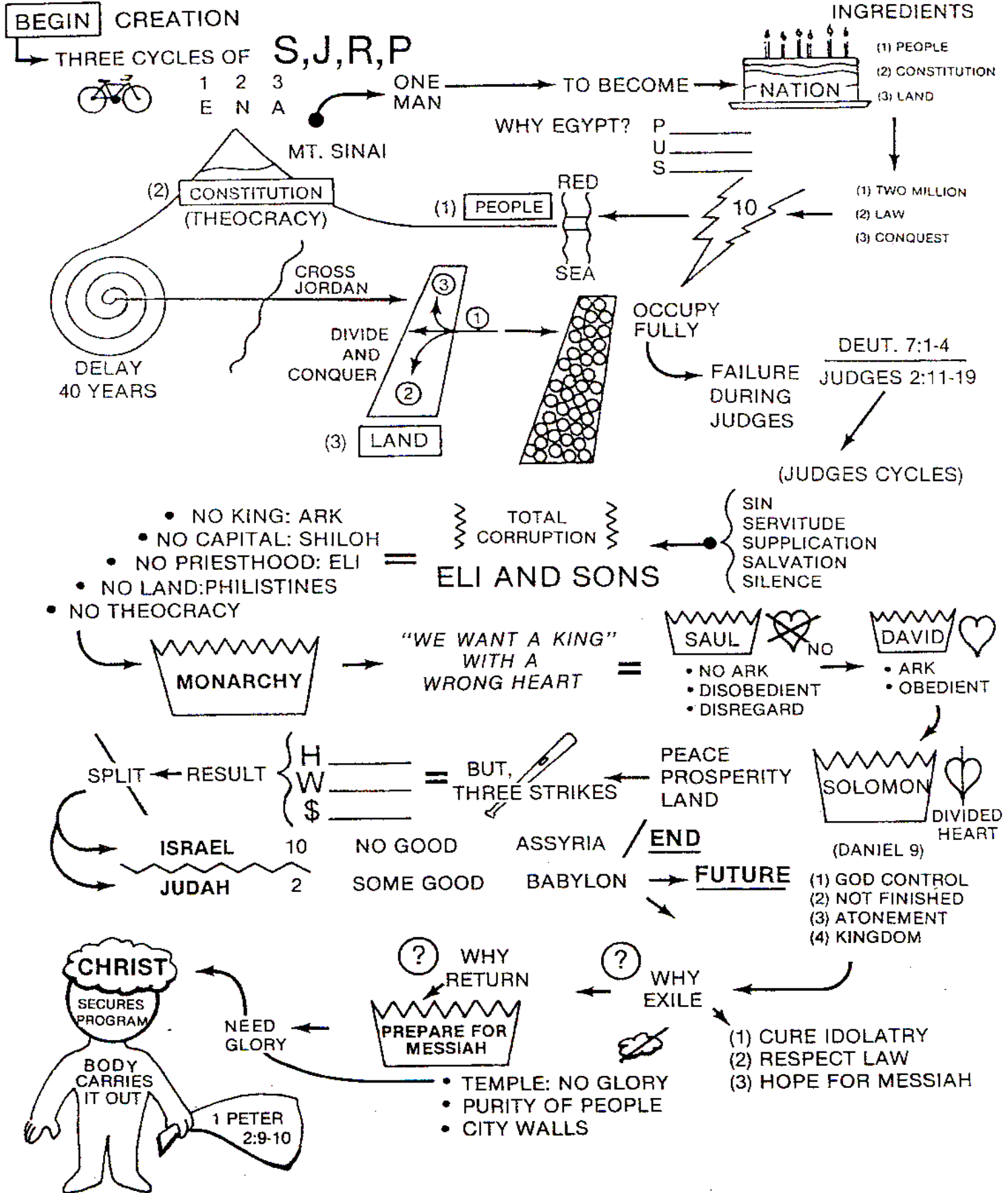


# ISRAEL'S REDEPTIVE HISTORY



## MINISTRY PASSAGES - PENTATEUCH

### GENESIS

**1:1 OVERVIEW OF CREATION** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**1:27 MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE** And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**1:28 MAN'S PURPOSE** "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**1:31 CREATION WAS VERY GOOD** God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

#### 2 CREATION FOCUS ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY

**2:24 PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE** For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

#### 3 TEMPTATION, SIN, FALL, CURSE

**3:15 FIRST GOSPEL** I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.

#### 6:1 THE SONS OF GOD

**12:1 ABRAHAMIC COVENANT** Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; 2 and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; 3 and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

**15:6 RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH** Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**15:16 WHY EGYPT** "Then in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

#### 22 ISAAC IS OFFERED UP

**34:30 WHY THEY MUST LEAVE ALSO** Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me, by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites...and my men being few in number, they will gather together against me and attack me and I shall be destroyed, I and my household."

**50:20 GOD'S SOVERIGN PURPOSES** As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

### EXODUS

**3:14-15 GOD'S NAME** - God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" "This is My name forever, and this is My memorial name to all generations.

**4:11 GOD CREATED THE HANDICAPPED** "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

#### 12 THE PASSOVER

**18:11 JETHRO BELIEVES** "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all the gods; indeed, it was proven when they dealt proudly against the people."

**18:21 DELEGATION ADVICE FROM JETHRO** You shall select out of all the people able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them, as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

**19:5-6 GOD'S SPECIAL PEOPLE** 5If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel. " [1 Peter 2:9-10 ]

## **20 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**21:22-24 LIFE IN THE WOMB** Life for life if unborn dies.

## **LEVITICUS**

**10:1-3 NADAB and ABIHU OFFER STRANGE FIRE** 1The sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. 2And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. 3Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the Lord spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.'" So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

**17:11 BLOOD ATONEMENT** 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'

**18 CONDEMNING IMPROPER SEXUAL CONDUCT** Incest, homosexuality and bestiality.

**19:2 LIVE HOLY** Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

## **NUMBERS**

**13 THE SPIES FAIL TO BELIEVE GOD** "We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. Amalek is living in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan." 30Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it." 31But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

**15:30-31 DEFIANT SIN** 30But the person who does anything defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the Lord; and that person shall be cut off from among his people. 31Because he has despised the word of the Lord and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be on him.

**19+20 Between chapters 19+20 is a 37 year gap**

**21:4-9 THE SERPENTS AND THE LOOK OF FAITH** the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he shall live." And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived. [JOHN 3:14]

**23:19 GOD DOES NOT LIE** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

**22-24 THE FOUR PROPHECIES OF BALAAM** (2Peter\$2:15) - forsaking the right way they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness (Jude 1:11) Woe to them For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

(Revelation 2:14) 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of

Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality.

## DEUTERONOMY

**4:2 DON'T ALTER THE WORD** You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

**6:4-5 THE SHEMA: GOD IS ONE; THE GREAT COMMANDMENT** Hear, O Israel The Lord is our God, the Lord is one And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**6:6-9 BIBLICAL PARENTING** These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; 7and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**13:1-5 TEST and PURPOSE FOR FALSE PROPHETS** 3You shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you to find out if you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

**17 INSTRUCTIONS FOR A KING OVER ISRAEL** 17"Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.18... he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll 19 ... and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord.

**18:10-12 AGAINST WITCHCRAFT** There shall not be found among you anyone who ... uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord.

**18:15 THE PROPHET TO COME** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

**24:1-4 DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE**

**29:29 THE SECRET THINGS** belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

**32:39 SOVERIEGN OVER WOUNDS & DEATH** 'See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; it is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal; and there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

# TRAINING CENTER (TC) COURSE OVERVIEW

Dear brother in Christ.

Welcome to TC1.1 (Training Center year one, first semester). You are about to begin a most extraordinary journey that has already been traveled by many men. If these men could talk to you directly, they would readily tell you that God has greatly blessed you with this life-transforming opportunity, and they would encourage you to *give your very best* effort to every aspect of this endeavor.

To help you succeed in this undertaking, you will be assigned a TC graduate to *mentor* you. He will be your best source for help, information, encouragement, and support. Therefore, we *strongly encourage* you to take every opportunity to get to know, confide in, and turn to him for insight and help throughout the course.

## Overview

Just like a medical doctor must know the science of medicine in order to do the work that a doctor must do, all true pastors, elders, ministry directors, church planters, and godly laymen must know the Scripture in order to do the work that God calls them to do. In other words, they must become *doctors of the Book*.

Your first semester, therefore, is designed to give you this solid biblical foundation. You will study the Bible from start to finish, take weekly quizzes to increase your retention, be exposed to the geography of the Holy Land, and submit a semester term paper. All of this is designed to help you become a *doctor of the Book*.

In addition to gaining knowledge you, like a medical doctor, must learn the significance and application of that knowledge. Consequently, the focus of this semester is to help you to become more fruitful in your use of the knowledge you acquire.

## The Bible

*Contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.*

*Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.*

*It is read to be wise, believed to be safe, and practiced to be holy.*

*It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.*

*It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.*

*Here heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.*

*Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.*

*It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.*

*Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully.*

*It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure.*

*It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the Judgment, and is established forever.*

*It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its contents.* (Author Unknown)



## MENTOR TIPS for TC1.1

Dear TC1.1 student<sup>1</sup>,

You are about to start down a road that will change your life in more ways than you can know. Your greatest rewards will not come from your distant destination, but rather from the journey—the process of TC. To help you get off to a great start, we offer you the following “TIPS.”

**TIP #1 – MEMORIZATION...** The verses you will be learning will be critical to your ministry for the rest of your life. A lot of care and thought has gone into selecting them. So, we encourage you to learn them well enough to stick with you for more than a few months. To do this, you **MUST** have a system that allows you to continually review all of them (especially in the years to come).

To help you in this process, we will soon be offering a ‘memorization help’ class, during a Sunday service (specific information to follow in a separate email). We will also be sharing more helps to memorize during the TC process.

**TIP #2 – GET A READING REVIEW SYSTEM...** If you read from paper books, we highly recommend that you read with a marker or highlighter. If you’re a *digital guy*, we suggest you put in place a system for highlighting—now!

If you are going digital, download from Amazon (or Vyrso or wherever) everything you can. Only purchase paper if it is the only option. Then use the four Kindle highlighters colors to help you... one suggestion is this: Blue = Critical info... Orange = Important info.... Yellow = Bible verses you want to memorize... Red = Things with which you disagree or need clarification.

This way (if you are a Kindle user you already know this) you can filter your highlights for review. This effort will be **VERY HELPFUL** when you are called upon to answer questions about everything you read (you will be especially thankful you developed this habit if you continue into year two and three).

If you are a paper guy, I suggest you come up with a color system from the get-go that follows the same idea.

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<sup>1</sup> (a.k.a., beginner, fledgling, greenhorn, neophyte, novice, tenderfoot, rookie)

**TIP #3 – OUTSIDE READING...** We do not recommend reading anything outside the TC material. We do suggest, however, that you read and re-read the TC material as often and as well as you can. Each time you do, you will highlight and remember more things—repetition will be so beneficial to you.

**TIP #4 – WIFE...** Chris Mueller has been asked, more than a few times, what the #1 reason guys drop TC or do poorly in their first year. Without taking a moment to consider, he will say it is losing the support of the wife. If your spouse starts regretting your participation, you will have a HUGE PROBLEM. So... communicate with her... Share what you are learning. Talk together about homework... Study the verses with her... Tell her often about the future benefits of the time the two of you are investing into the training. In other words, start shepherding your wife at a higher level now.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL THIS..... Let God, through your commitment to TC process, change your life in such a way that she sees the transformation through the coming years—especially how you treat her. When your teachers send you home after each TC night, the last and most important thing you will often hear is *not*... 'Don't forget your homework' ... Instead it will be, "Do not forget to love your wives!"

Remember, life for a woman of God is often hard in today's world. Life with a man committed to serving God is often harder... Life with a man determined to serve God and going through the TC process is even harder still. Therefore, she ABSOLUTELY needs to have you by her side, as often as you can physically, and always emotionally... DO NOT MESS THIS UP or you WILL be history!

**TIP #5 – SCRIPTURE APPLICATION...** Semester one will FLY BY quickly... You will, during this very short period, deal with over 500 verses. The Big Question that needs to be answered is, "**So what?**"

Yes, you will be able to impress the typical 'Christian' with your abilities, but what real transforming difference will all the memorization be to the lives of other (as well as yourself and your family)? How will simply knowing that the 'leave and cleave' verse is in Genesis 2 transform, shepherd, or change a life? How will memorizing this fact make any real difference in people's lives? The answer is, "*It's up to you.*" Here is what we mean—

To make *any* real difference in your ministry, and your usefulness, you **must learn the application of the verses as you learn the verse location** (This is vital, so please re-read this first sentence again).

If you are asked where one finds the scripture about a man leaving and cleaving, knowing it is Genesis 2:24 is beneficial (so you can go there or direct someone there to



read it for themselves). However, real 'Scripture-on-Life' happens ONLY when someone asks you about marriage, and you know that Genesis 2:24 is critical, and you can **articulate why** it is key to a successful marriage. Therefore, it is not just knowing where it is, but knowing its APPLICATION to one's life is what makes the TC memorization process so critical.

(Be forewarned... we will be drilling you on these verses over, and over, and over..... and over!)

**TIP #6 - HOMEWORK...** You MUST have the diligence to not only get the work done but to not wait until the last minute. Since every man's life is different, **YOU** must find a way for the homework to have the most positive effect on your family. Do not allow TC work to overshadow time with wife, kids, weekends, events, and other important occasions. At the same time, help your family to see the importance of your reading and study.

For some, it may mean setting artificial deadlines or setting aside a certain number of hours and not exceeding it. For others, it may mean sacrificing TV or sports time. TC, like life, requires balance and communication. Talk with your wife and see what will work best for your family and do not be surprised when it requires **YOU** to sacrifice your comfort, and perhaps your sleep. If you are faithful to do this, homework should not become a burden to the family and the time that you need to, or minister in a unique way, will become a time of joy rather than a time of strain.

Whatever it is, know that TC will require sacrifice. Our encouragement is to make it as much yours, and as little your families, as possible.

#### **TIP #7 - CLASS...**

**Before** - As often as you can, be disciplined to arrive a little early for class. Spend part of the time in your car praying for the leaders, mentors, your fellow students, and for yourself. Use this time to direct your heart and mind to God before you go into class. Remember, it is the Spirit of God at work in you that will make all that you are learning meaningful—if you do this, your evening's experience will be more Christ-centered and beneficial. Then spend the rest of the time (before class starts) intentionally talking with *Mentor* and fellow students. Work to avoid talking only to those you know... Get to know everyone as soon as you can. (Remember, everything in TC has a reason!)

**During** - Imagine yourself sitting class with all the mentors standing around. Now imagine them all yelling at you, "Take Notes!"... Get it?! Jot down everything of significance (either digitally or on paper). Have a system of initials that identify where each entry fits (i.e., "P" = Personal, "D"=-Discipling helps, "B"=Bible helps, "S"=good sayings, etc.). Why it



this so important? Because you *will* forget, usually very quickly, what you have been taught. Taking notes will allow you to retain the information in reference form (This is so important that we will be monitoring this activity and encouraging you as needed ☺ )

**After** – Review your notes as soon as you can. Maybe enter/copy them into a central resource you are developing. Also, the class PowerPoint presentation for each week will be posted on Canvas after that week's class. So, when there is a lot of information in a PowerPoint, know that you will be able to copy it at a more relaxed pace after the class.

**TIP #8 – MEALS...BIG Tip...** Do not make this a burden for your wife. Let her know the meal schedule as soon as you can so the two of you can plan. Help her prepare your meal assignment if you can. Do all you can to lighten this load on her. If you are single—get help (with the meals ☺).

**TIP #9 – WISDOM...** If you implement these eight tips, this life-transforming journey will be more enjoyable, and the rewards will be much greater.

*Well, there you have it. Wisdom from those who have traveled (many times) the road you are about to travel.*

***So what now?*** Take a moment NOW to print these pages, highlight key words, review these tips several times before classes start, and commit to following them. You will be so glad you did!

*Committed to your success,*

*TC Mentors*

# Old Testament Introduction

## Why study the Old Testament?

- It is the words of the God we love (2 Timothy 3:16)
- It reveals who God is and what He is like (Hebrews 1:1-2)
- It was written to be an example for us to learn from (1 Corinthians 10:11)
- It describes and prophesies of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (Luke 24:27)
- It looks forward to the Cross of our Lord (Psalm 22 - Isaiah 53)
- It is the beginning of the Revelation of God to us (1 Peter 1:10-12)

## What is the Old Testament?

### THE JEWISH CANON [24 books]

(This reflects the 3-fold division Christ used to describe the OT in Luke 24)

**TORAH:** 5 books – Genesis through Deuteronomy

**PROPHETS:** 8 books – Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Minor Prophets

**WRITINGS:** 11 books – Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Chronicles

### THE CHRISTIAN OLD TESTAMENT [39 books]

**THE LAW** [Pentateuch]: 5 books – Genesis through Deuteronomy

**HISTORY:** 12 books – Joshua through Esther

**POETRY:** 5 books – Job through Song of Solomon

**MAJOR PROPHETS:** 5 Books – Isaiah through Daniel

**MINOR PROPHETS:** 12 books – Hosea through Malachi

*Note: There is a difference of 15 books between the Jewish Canon and the Christian Old Testament. The 12 Minor Prophets are one book. Samuel, Kings, Chronicles are one book each. Ezra and Nehemiah are combined as one book.*

## What are the divisions in the Old Testament?

**Creation Stage:** Genesis 1-11

**Patriarchal Stage:** Job and Genesis 12-50

**Exodus Stage:** Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy

**Conquest Stage:** Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel 1-7

**United Kingdom Stage:** 1 Samuel 8-31, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles 1-9, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

**Chaotic Kingdom Stage:** 1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings 1-17, 2 Chronicles 10-29, Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Isaiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations

**Captivity Stage:** Daniel, Ezekiel

**Return Stage:** Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

## What are the Old Testament Themes?

1. Genesis - Beginnings
2. Exodus - Redemption [and deliverance]
3. Leviticus - Holiness [and worship]
4. Numbers - Wanderings [and disbelief]
5. Deuteronomy - Second Law [renewed covenant]
6. Joshua - Conquer and Divide
7. Judges - Cycles [disobedience and defeat]
8. Ruth - Kinsman Redeemer
9. 1 Samuel - Judges to Kings [Samuel to Saul]
10. 2 Samuel - David's Reign as King
11. 1 Kings - United Divided Kingdom
12. 2 Kings - Captivities [Israel then Judah falls]
13. 1 Chronicles - God's view on David
14. 2 Chronicles - God's view on Judah's Kings
15. Ezra - Rebuild the Temple
16. Nehemiah - Rebuild the Walls
17. Esther - Providence and Preservation
18. Job - Suffering and Sovereignty
19. Psalms - Worship
20. Proverbs - Wisdom
21. Ecclesiastes - Vanity
22. Song of Solomon Romance [God's view of marriage & sex]
23. Isaiah - Salvation
24. Jeremiah - Warning [The last hour]
25. Lamentations - Mourning [A lament]
26. Ezekiel - Restoration [Condemnation & Consolation]
27. Daniel - Destiny [God's sovereign plan for Israel]
28. Hosea - Loyal Love [Faithfulness]
29. Joel - The day of the Lord
30. Amos - Social injustice of Israel
31. Obadiah - Edom's Judgment
32. Jonah - God's mercy on the repentant
33. Micah - The Justice of God
34. Nahum Ninevah's judgment
35. Habakkuk - Judgment on Judah through deportation [Faith]
36. Zephaniah - Future Global Judgment
37. Haggai - Construct the Temple
38. Zechariah - Preparation for the Messiah [Israel's comfort and glory]
39. Malachi - True Worship of the Lord