



exploring the big picture

over

of the bible

view

from genesis to revelation

Why a Bible overview/survey?

1. The OT was the Bible of Jesus, the apostles, and the early church while the NT was still being written
2. Much of our doctrine is assumed or elaborated on in the NT is from the OT

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3. There are many quotes from and allusions to the OT in the NT
4. Some NT things don't even make sense without understanding the OT

Introduction to the Bible

- **Written between 1400 BC and AD 100**
- **Approx 40 different authors**
- **Written from Africa, Asia, and Europe**
- **Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek**
- **One common theme, no contradictions**

Bible timespans

- ~2100 years (Genesis 1-11)
- ~1700 years (Genesis 12 - Malachi 4)
- ~400 years (Malachi - Matthew)
- ~70 years (Matthew - Jude)
- ~1900 - eternity (Revelation)

OT chronology, 11 books

1. Genesis

beginnings of everything; Abrahamic Covenant
Job (time of the patriarchs, long life, pre-Israel)

2. Exodus

Israel becomes a nation; Mosaic Covenant
Leviticus (giving and explanation of Mosaic Law)

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3. Numbers

Two censuses; multiple rebellions; 40 years in the desert

Deuteronomy (Israel's second generation; Land Covenant)

4. Joshua

Israel enters the land of Canaan and divides the land

5. Judges

300 years of rebellious cycle; dozens of temporary leaders

Ruth (history of David's family; concept of Kinsman-Redeemer)

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6-7. 1-2 Samuel

Samuel as the last judge; beginning of Israel's monarchy; reigns of Saul and David; Davidic Covenant

1 Chronicles (spiritual focus of Israel's history and David's reign)

Psalms (1/3 by David)

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8-9. **1-2 Kings**

Solomon's reign; divided kingdom; Assyrian and Babylonian exiles

2 Chronicles (spiritual focus of Israel's fall)

Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs

Isaiah, Jeremiah (New Covenant), Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah (pre-exilic prophets)

Ezekiel, Daniel (exilic prophets)

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10. Ezra


Two returns from Persia; spiritual restoration

Esther (between Ezra 6-7; deliverance of Israel in Persia)

11. Nehemiah

Third return from Persia; political restoration

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi (post-exilic prophets)

An aerial photograph of a dense, green forest. A winding river or stream flows through the center of the forest, creating a path that curves and branches. The water is a light, silty color, contrasting with the dark green of the trees. The forest appears thick and continuous, with some small clearings or meadows visible. The overall scene is a natural, undisturbed landscape.

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