

# THE BIBLE SUMMARIZED IN TWO PAGES

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On the sixth day of creation God created man (**Genesis 1:23-27; 2:7**) and placed man in a garden in a land called Eden (**Genesis 2:16**). God deemed that it was not good for man to be alone; thus, God created woman as a suitable helper for man (**Genesis 2:18-24**). When Adam and Eve sinned by rebelling against the commandment of God (**Genesis 2:15-16; 3:1-7**), God drove them away from the garden (**Genesis 3:8-24**). The descendants of Adam and Eve eventually became so wicked that God destroyed the world via a global flood (**Genesis 6:5-7; 7:1-24**).

Noah, his wife, their three sons and the wives of those three boys were the only survivors of the flood due to their safety in the ark (**Genesis 7:7; 1 Peter 3:20**). After the flood these people were to replenish the earth (**Genesis 9:1**). However, when those post-flood people disobeyed God, He scattered them into the entire world by the events surrounding the tower of Babel (**Genesis 11:1-9**).

God began to narrow in on His plan for man's redemption in that He began to work with and through the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers who were jealous of him (**Genesis 37:4**). As a result of this, Joseph eventually ended up in the land of Egypt (**Genesis 37:18-36**). After God allowed Joseph to interpret some of pharaoh's (the ruler in Egypt) dreams, Pharaoh elevated Joseph to a high governmental position in Egypt (**Genesis 41:38-43**). Joseph eventually reconciled with his brothers and moved his family - 75 persons in all (**cf. Acts 7:14**) to Egypt to sustain them during a fierce famine (**Genesis 45:9-11**). While down in Egypt, the Israelites grew in numbers and prospered (**Exodus 1:7**).

After Joseph died a new pharaoh came to power in Egypt. This new ruler was not familiar with all the good Joseph had done for the people of Egypt. Thus, because of his fear concerning the number and strength of the Israelites, this pharaoh afflicted the sons of Israel and placed them in bondage (**Exodus 1:8-14**). It was from this bondage that God delivered the Israelites via Moses and Aaron (**Exodus 3:1-10; 4:14-17**). After 10 plagues, pharaoh finally let the Israelites go (**Exodus 5-13**).

God delivered the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai (**Exodus 20-31**). After receiving the Law, the children of Israel traveled on toward the land that God had promised to give them; a land referred to as a "land of milk and honey." The Israelites were not always thankful on their way to their new home. They grumbled and doubted God's goodness many times. One such instance occurred when they were on the border of their promised land (**Numbers 13:1-14:1-10**). They failed to trust God in a major way. As a result God made them wander in the wilderness for forty years (**Numbers 14:11-38; Hebrews 3:8-9**).

After these forty years were complete, one of Moses' trusted helpers, Joshua, took command of Israel; leading them across the Jordan River (**Joshua 3:1-4:18**) and into the promised land. Joshua bravely commanded the Israelites in battle after battle as they conquered the land of Canaan (**Numbers 27:18-23; Deut 1:34-38; 3:28; 31:3, 7, 23**).

Following the conquest of Canaan, and after Joshua's death, Israel fell into idolatry (**Judges 2:11-12**). This caused them to be oppressed at the hand of the Lord via the king of Mesopotamia (**Judges 3:7-8**). Finally, God raised up men known as judges to redeem and rule the nation of Israel.

It was during the rule of a leader named Samuel that Israel rejected the judicial form of government and requested to be ruled by a king (**1 Samuel 8:4-5**). This request was granted by God. The first three kings to rule the nation were (in order): Saul, David, and Solomon. Each of those men ruled for 40 years (**2 Samuel 5:4; 2 Chronicles 9:30; Acts 13:21**).

After Solomon died, his son, Rehoboam, became king. He was very unwise and caused the kingdom to split in two. The ten northern tribes rebelled and established their own kingdom (**1 Kings 12:1-19**). These ten northern tribes became known as the nation of Israel, while the two southern tribes became known as the nation of Judah. It was during this period of the divided kingdom that the prophets (one who spoke the words of God) really started to go to work.

The Northern Kingdom quickly turned against God. As a result, those people were led away into captivity at the hands of a mighty nation known as Assyria. The southern kingdom (Judah) continued alone for a while longer. However, because of their wickedness, God used a brutal and cruel nation, known as Babylon, to punish Judah. As a result of rebelling against God, Judah was sacked by those brutish people and were carried away from their homeland, into Babylonian captivity for 70 years (**Jeremiah 25:11**).

After these 70 years were completed, the people were restored to their homeland. It was then that the walls of the city (Jerusalem) and the temple were rebuilt. This may be read about in the book of **Ezra** and **Nehemiah**. Following this work, there were roughly 400 “silent” years in which God was not communicating with His people through prophets.

In the fullness of time (**Galatians 4:4**), Christ was born to redeem mankind from their sins (**Matthew 1:21**). Christ was the long awaited “seed” that God—all the way back in the garden of Eden—announced was coming to redeem mankind (**Genesis 3:15; Galatians 3:16**). We have some of the events of Jesus’ life and work recorded in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

According to the predetermined plan of God, Jesus was put to death on a cross (**Acts 2:23**). This had to have been the saddest day in all of history.

However, there was simply no way the grave could contain Jesus, and He rose from the dead (**cf. Acts 2:24; Romans 1:4; Matthew 16:18; et al**). Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and others over a period of 40 days; teaching them (**Acts 1:3**). Christ then ascended back to heaven (**Acts 1:9-11**). On the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1**) the twelve apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:2-4**).

They then began to preach; some responded and the church was established that day. It continued to grow at a fantastic pace (**Acts 4:4; 5:28; 6:1**) and soon went into the whole world (**Colossians 1:5, 23**).

Following the book of Acts, the rest of the New Testament was written by various leaders in the church to encourage their fellow Christians and/or deal with church problems.

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So there you have it! The whole Bible boiled down to just three pages. Much more could have been included, but this should give you a pretty good broad view of the Bible.