

THE BIBLE SUMMARIZED

On the sixth day of creation God created man and woman (**Gen. 1:23-27**).

From **Gen. 2:4-25** we learn several things: (1) God had prepared the garden of Eden for man and woman, (2) they were to obey certain rules, (3) the institution of marriage was founded.

The man (Adam) (**Gen. 2:19**) and his wife (Eve) (**Gen. 3:20**) sinned (**1 Jn. 3:4**) by disobeying God's rules (**Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7**).

Thus, God drove them away from the garden (**Gen. 3:23-24**).

The descendants of Adam & Eve became so wicked that God decided to flood the world (**Gen. 6:5-7; 7:1-24**).

Noah, his wife, their three sons (and their wives) were the only survivors of the flood due to their safety in an ark (**Gen. 7:7; 1 Peter 3:20**).

After the flood these people were to replenish the earth (**Gen. 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 (**Gen. 11:1-9**).

God had promised to bring a certain seed (a savior into the world) (**Gen. 3:14-15**) & He began to narrow in on His plan for man's redemption by working with and through the patriarchs: Abraham (**Gen. 12-25**), Isaac (**Gen. 25-28**), & Jacob and his twelve sons (**Gen. 28-35**).

Joseph (one of Jacob's sons) was hated by his brothers (**Gen. 37:4**).

Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery (**Gen. 37:23-28**). Joseph ended up in the land of Egypt (**Gen. 37:28-36**). There he had a hard time for a while (**Gen. 39:20**).

After God allowed Joseph to interpret some dreams for the king of Egypt (**Gen. 41:1-32**), the king elevated Joseph to a high governmental position there (**Gen. 41:38-43**).

Joseph eventually reconciled with his brothers and moved his family – 75 persons in all (**Acts 7:14**) – to Egypt to sustain them during a fierce famine (**Gen. 43-47**).

Jacob died in Egypt, but was not buried there (**Gen. 48-50:14**).

While living in Egypt, the Israelites grew in numbers and prospered (**Ex. 1:7**).

After Joseph died (**Gen. 50:26**) a new pharaoh (king) 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 (**Ex. 1:8-14**).

This king also ordered Hebrew male babies to be killed after birth (**Ex. 1:15-16**).

A baby named Moses escaped this slaughter (**Ex. 2:1-10**).

Years later God would use Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian slavery (**Ex. 3:1-10**).

After enduring 10 plagues, the King of Egypt finally let the Israelites go (**Ex. 5-13**).

God delivered the Law (God's rules for those people) to Moses on Mount Sinai (**Ex. 20-31**).

After receiving God's rules (or covenant) (The Old Testament), the children of Israel traveled on toward the land that God had promised to give them.

The Israelites were not too thankful on their way to their new home. They grumbled and doubted God many times.

One such instance occurred when they were on the border of the promised land (**Numb. 13-14**).

As a result of their rebellion, God made them wander in the wilderness for 40 years (**Numb. 14:11-38; Heb. 3:8-9**).

After these 40 years were complete, one of Moses' trusted helpers, Joshua, took command of Israel; leading them across the Jordan River and into the promised land (**Josh. 3-4**).

Joshua commanded the Israelites as they conquered the land (**Deut. 1:34-38; 3:28; 31:1-3, 7, 23; Josh. 1:1ff**).

Following the conquest of the promised land and the deaths of Joshua and his generation Israel fell into idolatry (**Jdg. 2:8-12**).

Their idolatry caused them to be oppressed at the hand of the Lord via the various nations from time to time (**Jdg. 3:7-8**, et al).

Several people rose up to deliver the Israelites during this era (Gideon, etc).

It was during the time of a leader named Samuel that Israel requested to be ruled by a king (**1 Sam. 8:4-5**).

This request was granted by God, but it would come back to bite them (**1 Sam. 8:10-18**).

The first three kings to rule the nation were: Saul, David, and Solomon.

Each of those men ruled for 40 years (**2 Sam. 5:4; 2 Chron. 9:30; Ax. 13:21**).

After Solomon died, his son, Rehoboam, became king (**1 Kgs. 11:43**).

Rehoboam was very unwise and caused the kingdom to split in two (**1 Kgs. 12:1-19**).

10 tribes of Israel became known as the nation of Israel, while the 2 southern tribes became known as the nation of Judah (**1 Kgs. 12:16-21**).

It was during this period of the divided kingdom that many prophets emerge (**1 Kgs. 12:22**, et al).

The nation of Israel quickly turned against God (**1 Kgs. 12:25-33**, et al).

As a result, those people were led away into captivity at the hands of nation called Assyria (**2 Kgs. 17:1-6**).

The southern kingdom (Judah) continued alone for a while longer. They had both good and bad kings at different times (e.g. **2 Kgs. 18:1-4; 21:1-9**).

God used a brutal nation, known as Babylonia, to punish Judah. Judah was sacked by the Babylonians and was carried away from their homeland, into captivity for 70 years (**Jer. 25:11**, et al).

After these 70 years were completed, the people were allowed to return to their homeland by a king named Cyrus (**Ezra 1:14**).

It was during this time that the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt. The temple was also rebuilt. This may be read about in the books of **Ezra** and **Nehemiah**, et al.

Following this work, there were roughly 400 “silent” years in which God was not directly communicating with His people through prophets.

In the fullness of time (**Gal. 4:4**), Christ was born so as to one day die; i.e. to be THE sin sacrifice (**Matt. 1:21**).

Christ was the long awaited “seed” that God announced was coming to redeem mankind (**Gen. 3:15; Gal. 3:16**).

Some (**Jn. 21:25**) of the events of Jesus’ life and work recorded in the books of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John**.

According to the predetermined plan of God, Jesus was put to death on a cross (**Ax. 2:23**).

However, the grave could not contain Jesus, and He rose from the dead (**Ax. 2:24; Matt. 16:18**; et al).

Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and others over a period of 40 days & taught them (**Ax. 1:3**).

Christ then ascended back to heaven (**Ax. 1:9-11**).

On the Day of Pentecost (**Ax. 2:1**) the twelve apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit (**Ax. 2:2-4**).

They worked miracles and preached (**Ax. 2:14-40**).

The church was established that day (**Ax. 2:41-47**).

The persecuted church continued to grow at a fantastic pace (**Ax. 4:4; 5:28; 6:1; 8:5-8**; et al) and soon the message of the kingdom (the church) went into the whole world (**Col. 1:5, 23**).

After the book of **Acts**, the rest of the New Testament (**Rom. – Rev.**) was written by various Christians to encourage their brothers and sisters in Christ and/or deal with problems connected with the church.