Panorama of the Bible
“A Broad Overview to the Scriptures”
Preface

Welcome to a unique, innovative approach to grasping the broad overview of the Scriptures. “Panorama of the Bible” is designed to bring breadth (not depth) to one’s comprehensive grasp of the whole of the Bible.

The key to the study is the “Panorama Timeline”. If the student will invest time in the mastery of this basic flow, all future Biblical studies (of any depth or breadth) will easily fit into this hardy, scriptural framework. It is unquestionably the “glue” that holds this study together.

It has been my pleasure to teach “Panorama” for over thirty years. It began as a thesis, became an academic course and now has been revised to a twelve session overview to the whole of Scripture. Former students have appreciated the approach and the end-value of this class. I trust you will also join their number.

For me this class is further application to my “life-verse” from Ezra 7:10:

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

Study.
Practice.
Teach.

May we all “set our hearts” to such a pursuit as this.

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“Panorama 1.0”…………. 12 one-hour sessions
“Panorama 2.0”…………. 12 two-hour sessions
How To Maximize the Greatest Value of “Panorama”

1. **Attend** all 12 sessions; do as many of the readings as you can.

2. **Focus** on the mastery of the “Timeline”; it is the key to this study.

3. **Teach** another person the basic “Timeline” each week. This suggested assignment will reinforce and establish your understanding of the Bible’s basic flow (i.e. the “Timeline”)

4. **Review** the material as often as you can. Let the “Timeline” become your skeletal framework for a lifetime of studying the Scriptures.
# 12 Key Movements

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#1 PROLOGUE (Genesis 1-11)

God | Universe | Angels | Man | Fall | Flood | Tower
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
“Psalm 90:2” | “Genesis 1:1” | “Unfallen/Fallen” | “Adam/Eve” | “Serpent” | “Noah” | “Nimrod”

#2 PATRIARCHS (Genesis 12-50; Job)

Abram/Abraham | Isaac | Jacob/Israel | Joseph
---|---|---|---
“Faith” | “Peace” | “Cunning” | “Character”

#3 REDEMPTION (Exodus, Leviticus)

Bondage | Moses | Pharaoh | 10 Plagues | Exodus Event | Sinai Event | Tabernacle Event
---|---|---|---|---|---|---

AND WANDERING (Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Preparation | Departure | Rebellion | Wandering | Plains of Moab
---|---|---|---|---
“Census” | “Numbers 10:11” | “Kadesh-Bamea” | “40 Years” | “Moses dies”

#4 CONQUEST (Joshua)

Joshua | Rahab | Enter | Conquer | Possess | Joshua’s Address
---|---|---|---|---|---
“Strong” | “Spies” | “Gilgal” | “Central” | “Tribal Allotments” | “Choose Today”

“Courageous” | “Jericho” | “Southern” • “Northern”

#5 APOSTASY (Judges, Ruth)

Incomplete Conquest | Sin Cycle | Major (6) | Book of Ruth
---|---|---|---
“did not drive out” | “Judges 2” | “Rest”, “Rebellion”, “Retribution”, “Repentance”, “Restoration”, “Rest” | “in the days of the judges”

Minor (6)
#6 KINGSHIP: UNITED MONARCHY (1-2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-11)

- Eli
- Samuel
- Saul
- David
- Solomon
- 931 BC

Eli, Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon

- "Wicked Sons"
- "Prophet"
- "Priest"
- "Judge"
- "Jonathon"
- "Bathsheba"
- "Wisdom"
- "Death of Solomon"

(Pss., Prov., Eccl., S. of S.)

#7 KINGSHIP: DIVIDED MONARCHY (1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings)

- 931 BC
- Death of Solomon

931 BC

Jeroboam I

19 Kings (all bad)

eg. "Ahab", "Joram"

ISRAEL

722 BC

Assyrian Captivity

JUDAH

Rehoboam (Solomon’s Son)

586 BC

Babylonian Captivity

eg

"Hezekiah", "Manasseh"

19 Kings

1 Queen

(most bad, some good)

#8 EXILE

- 605, 597, 586, 581 BC
- Babylonian deportations

Exile

Length = 70 Years (Jer. 25, 29)

Empires = Babylon, Medo-Persian

Prophets = Ezekiel & Daniel (Jeremiah)

539 BC

Cyrus captures Babylon

515 BC (516)

Rebuilding the Temple
#9 RETURN + 400 SILENT YEARS (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)

- Zerubbabel
- Ezra
- Nehemiah

"Rebuild Temple"  "Rebuild People"  "Rebuild Walls"

Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

... (End of Old Testament)

Persians  Greeks  Hebrew Independence  Romans  ...

... (Between the Testaments)

#10 LIFE OF CHRIST (Gospels)

- Zechariah
- Joseph
- Baptism
- Temptations
- Elizabeth
- Mary
- (= 30)
- "Satan"

3-4 yrs.

(Triumphal Entry)

(Upper Room)

(Betrayal, Arrest, Trials)

(Popularity)

(Obscurity)

(Trials)

(1 Cor. 15)

(Matt. 28)

Resurrection

Appearances

Great Commission

Ascension

(1 Cor. 15)

(Matt. 28)
#11 CHURCH AGE (Acts, Epistles)

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**Paul**
- Missionary Journey #1 (13-14)
- Jerusalem Council (15)
- Missionary Journey #2 (15-18)
- Missionary Journey #3 (18-21)

**Epistles (Letters)**
- 13.........................Paul
- 8.............................General
- 1..................Apocalyptic

#12 FINAL CONSUMMATION (Revelation / Daniel)

**OR...**

Compare other views:
- Pre-millennial views (3 others)
- Amillennial
- Post-millennial