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<u>WELCOME TO</u> THE BIBLE OVERVIEW!

The Bible Overview was created to provide a better understanding of the storyline of the Bible. Its purpose is to take the individual stories of the Bible that many of us have heard and show how they point to Jesus, and how they fit in the context of God's bigger story. The Bible is God's direct message to us. Beginning in Genesis and through Revelation, the Bible reveals to us who God is and how He longs to be in relationship with us through His Son, Jesus.

The format for the Bible Overview is simple. The Old Testament and New Testament are each divided into six eras, with key points and connections to Jesus. We will use maps to guide us through each time period so that we have a visual picture of the whole storyline.

You might have a small group in your home or a larger group in a classroom setting. Either way, the overview is set up like a workshop, where you will take breaks between each era and retell that section with a partner. There will be two opportunities within each session to retell what you have learned about each era with your partner. This method has proven to be instrumental in understanding and retaining the material.

This study is for someone who has never opened the Bible as well as someone who has had many years of Bible training. I know it can seem overwhelming to think about covering the entire Bible in six weeks. However, I want to encourage you that with the help of others and the Holy Spirit, you can do this! This study has transformed the way I interact with God through His Word and I am so excited to be sharing it with you. It is my prayer that your life will be transformed in the process as well. May God bless your endeavor to know Him more through His Word.

Carry Hadden

Teacher of the Bible Overview Material

<u>old testament</u> <u>overview</u>

- The Bible is ______ inspired by God Himself. (2 Timothy 3:1)
- The Bible is without ______.
- The Bible carries the very _____ of God Himself.
- The Bible was written over a period of _____ years.
- It was written by over _____ different authors.
- It was written in ______ languages. The Old Testament was written in Aramaic and Hebrew.
- The New Testament was written in Greek.
- It was written across ______ different continents—Asia, Africa and Europe.
- With all this diversity, the Bible is ______ with a beginning,

middle and end. It is one book indicating it is written by one author, ______.

- God inspired human authors to record ______ what He desired.
- The entire Bible is made up of _____ books.

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The Bible is divided into two parts: The ______ and the ______

The Old Testament consists of books written before the birth of Jesus Christ.

- The 39 books are divided into 17 _____ books,
 - 5 _____ books and 17 _____ books.
- To understand the Old Testament one must realize the 17 historic books cover the

______ of the Old Testament.

The six eras of the Old Testament: ______, _____,

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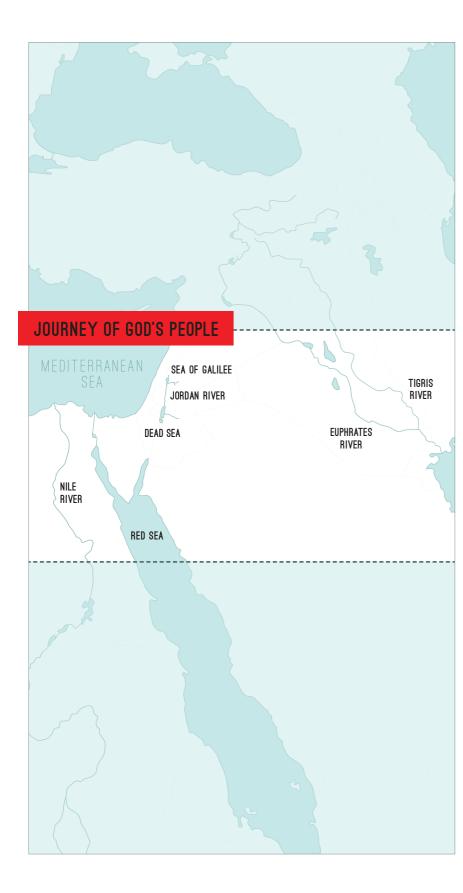
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map l JOURNEY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leave this map open for the following eras: Creation, Nation, Conquest, Kings





CREATION

GOSPEL CONNECTION • Man's first home was in a special garden called Eden. LIGHT:

Genesis 1:3 John 1:1-14 2 Corinthians 4:6

 God _______ Adam and Eve in His ______, but they chose their own way and

 ______ entered the world, beginning God's pursuit to ______ His people.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	FALL
SACRIFICE/GRACE: Hebrews 13:11-12 Genesis 3:15 Romans 16:20	 Adam and Eve chose their own way over God's way and sin entered the world.
	 Consequences followed the first sin; spiritual death immediately (broken relationship between God and man) and eventually physical death.



FLOOD COSPEL CONNECTION • Sin had become so prevalent that God decided to wipe all living things from the face of the earth. JUDGMENT/RESCUE: 1 Peter 3:20

GOSPEL CONNECTION	TOWER
GOD PROVIDES: John 14:6	 The Lord then scattered the new generation of people over the face of the earth according to their language and this was the birth of the nations.



ABRAHAM/ISAAC/JACOB	GOSPEL CONNECTION
 God continued with His plan to pursue and redeem His people through a man named Abraham. 	PROVISION: Genesis 22:14
 God made a covenant with Abraham promising him three things: land, seed or descendants, and blessing. 	
 The nation of Israel began with the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 	DESCENDANT:
	Genesis 3:15 Galatians 3:16

God created the _____ of Israel to share

His plan of ______with all people.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	JOSEPH
FORGIVENESS: Genesis 45:1-28 Ephesians 1:7	 Joseph's interpretation of the dream was trustworthy, and Pharaoh elevated him to second in command in all of Egypt.
	 Joseph was given permission by Pharaoh to bring his entire family (approximately 70 people) from Canaan to Egypt.
	 The current Pharaoh, who did not remember Joseph, enslaved the Hebrew people and treated them harshly.



MOSES

• In order to be saved from certain death, the people were told to take an unblemished lamb, kill it, and cover their doorposts with its blood.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT:

l Corinthians 5:7 John 1:29

GOSPEL CONNECTION	EXODUS
FREEDOM: Exodus 3:7-10 John 8:34-36	The family that started with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had indeed become a nation.
TRUST: Joshua 1:1-4 Revelation 21:1-3	 Moses reminded the people of all God's laws and gave them three commands for when they took the Promised Land: kill all the Canaanites, do not marry their women, and do not worship their gods.



JERICHO

• To defeat Jericho was critical. It was a strong, fortified city and the gateway to the rest of the Promised Land.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

BELIEF:

Joshua 2:8-12 Romans 3:21-26

• As expected, the walls came tumbling down on the seventh day and they took the city of Jericho. They took the plunder for the treasury of the Lord.

God brought His people into the _____

and appointed ______ to govern.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	PROMISED LAND
PROMISED LAND: Joshua 11:23 Revelation 21:1-3	 The people of God remembered that God was all-knowing, and He took sin very seriously.
	 The strategy used to conquer the Promised Land was to divide and conquer.



RULING THE LAND

• Once the land was completely conquered, the people began to settle the nation by dividing the land among the twelve tribes.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

DISCIPLESHIP:

Matthew 28:16-20

GOSPEL CONNECTION	JUDGES CYCLE
REDEEMER: Acts 2:38	 The Judges Cycle was this: Sin – Conquest (servitude) – Repentance (cry out) – Deliverance (salvation) – Freedom (peace).



SAUL

• In 1051 BC, Samuel appointed a man named Saul to become the first king of Israel.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

KING OF KINGS:

Ephesians 1:18-23 Revelation 19:16

 Saul had a strong start as king and brought stability and unity to the nation of Israel. God gave the people their desire to have a human _____,

and eventually conflict in Israel led to a ______ kingdom.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	DAVID
REPENTANCE:	 After Saul's death, David became king. (1011 BC)
Psalm 51 Isaiah 1:18	 His reign was characterized by expansion as he was a mighty warrior.
DWELLING: Acts 2:1-4 1 Corinthians 6:19	 The Bible says David was "a man after God's own heart." (Acts 13:22)
	 Once David understood the weight of his sin, he cried out to God and asked to be forgiven. God did forgive him and He restored David.
DESCENDANT:	
Luke 2:3-5 Matthew 1:1-17	



SOLOMON

 After David's death, his son Solomon became king. His reign was marked by glory.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

GOD WITH US:

Isaiah 7:14 Matthew 1:23 John 1:14

GOSPEL CONNECTION

KINGDOM DIVIDED

KINGDOM:

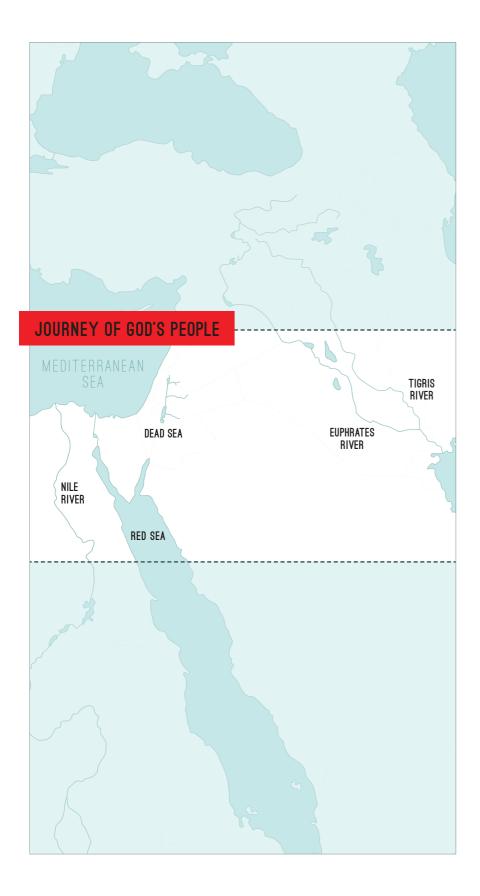
Matthew 12:25 Revelation 21:22-27 At Solomon's death, (931 BC) his son Rehoboam was expected to become Israel's next king.

- The people, which consisted of ten of the 12 tribes, renounced him as their king, and the result was a divided kingdom.
- Those ten tribes formed the Northern Kingdom and kept the name Israel, and was ruled by a man named Jeroboam.
- Rehoboam remained the king of the Southern Kingdom that was now called Judah.
- Judah consisted of two tribes: Judah and Benjamin.

map 2

JOURNEY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leave this map open for the following eras: Exile, Return



EXILE

NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)	GOSPEL CONNECTION
 The Northern Kingdom had 20 different kings and of them, not one was righteous or God-fearing. 	LOST: John 3:16 Luke 19:10
 The Assyrians attacked the Northern Kingdom, Israel. They scattered the people of Israel across the Assyrian Empire. 	
 This nation of people, in the Northern Kingdom, never again emerged in world history. 	

GOSPEL CONNECTION	SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)
DANIEL: Daniel 1:8 Luke 9:58	 The Southern Kingdom of Judah had 20 kings. Eight out of the twenty were righteous and followed God at least during part of their reign.
	 During this time, the world leadership changed when the Assyrians were defeated by the Babylonians.
	 The Babylonians defeated Judah and took many of their people into exile.



PROPHETS TO ISRAEL

• These prophets to Israel are known as pre-exilic prophets: Amos and Hosea.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

UNFAITHFUL:

Hosea 1:2 1 Corinthians 1:9

GOSPEL CONNECTION	PROPHETS TO JUDAH
HOPE: 2 Corinthians 5:18-19	 Pre-exilic prophets to Judah: Joel, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Habakkuk and Jeremiah
	 Exilic prophets to Judah: Lamentations (written by Jeremiah), Ezekiel, Daniel
	 Other prophets: Prophet to the Edomites: Obadiah Prophets to the Ninevites - (Ninevah was the capital of Assyria): Jonah and Nahum.
	 The world leadership changed again when the Babylonians were conquered by the Persians, and the Persian King was Cyrus. True to prophecy, not only did Cyrus allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem to reestablish their temple and religious practices, he funded it.



ZERUBBABEL (TEMPLE)

 Zerubbabel's primary job upon return to Jerusalem was to rebuild the temple of God.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

PRESENCE OF GOD:

Isaiah 7:14 John 1:14

 God sent two post-exilic prophets, Haggai and Zechariah to tell him to complete the temple. The ______ people were released from exile, and some returned to

______ Jerusalem while they ______ for the coming ______.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	EZRA (PEOPLE)
SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE: Leviticus 1:3-5 Romans 8:1-4	 Ezra's job was to reteach the people about spiritual things and sacrificial worship.



NEHEMIAH (WALL)

• Nehemiah asked the Persian king for permission to return and rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

CONTINUE THE WORK:

Nehemiah 13:6, 30-31 Mark 16:19 Matthew 28:18-20

• The final prophet in the Old Testament was Malachi.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS
PREPARE THE WAY: Jeremiah 29:11	• World Leadership: Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome
	 The political leaders during this time were the Maccabees and the Zealots.
	 The religious leaders were the Pharisees and the Sadducees.
	 The people were oppressed and were looking for the Promised Messiah. The Old Testament ends with the high hope of redemption that the arrival of the Messiah would bring.

NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

The New Testament is made up of _____ books.

These 27 books are divided into ______ types of books:

_____, and _____.

Of the Historic books the first four are called The ______ and they

record the birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ from

_____ different authors. Each author has a unique perspective and is writing to

a different audience.

In the 21 Epistles/Letters the first 13 books are referred to as the ______

Epistles because they were written by Paul.

The next eight books are referred to as ______ Epistles because they

were addressing more of a general audience.

____, ____

_____, _____

The final book of the Bible is the Prophetic book of _____. It teaches

what will take place in the future and of Christ's second coming when He returns to

earth again.

The six eras of the New Testament are ______,

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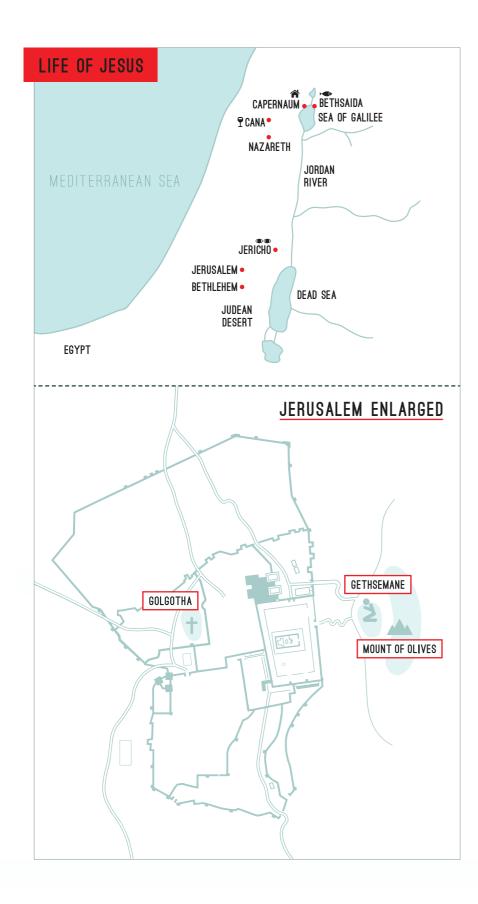
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books of the NEW TESTAMENT

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map 3

Leave this map open for the following eras: Jesus' Early Years, Jesus' Ministry, Jesus' Triumph, The Church



JESUS' EARLY YEARS

PROMISED BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

 John's life would be specifically purposed for making a way for the Messiah.



FORERUNNER:

Isaiah 40:3

_____, God in flesh, was born in _____

as was foretold by the prophets.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	MARY AND THE ANGEL
GOSPEL CONNECTION ROYAL LINEAGE: Jeremiah 23:5 Romans 1:3 Isaiah 7:14 John 1:1-14	MARY ANU THE ANGEL • The angel told Mary that the power of the Most High will overshadow you. The Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. You will give Him the name Jesus.

JESUS' EARLY YEARS

JESUS' BIRTH

• Jesus Christ came into the world in the humblest of circumstances.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

BETHLEHEM:

Micah 5:2

• There were also Magi (wise men) from the east, who had seen a star in the east and had come to Jerusalem to find and worship the King of the Jews.

PRINCE OF PEACE:

Isaiah 9:6

GOSPEL CONNECTION	YOUNG JESUS AT THE TEMPLE
PASSOVER LAMB: 1 Corinthians 5:7	 Here was Jesus, a 12-year-old boy joining thousands of people to celebrate the Passover, which is simply a dress rehearsal for the Passover in the future where Jesus Himself will be the Passover Lamb.



JOHN PREPARES WAY FOR LORD

• John, the baptizer, had been preaching repentance and had followers of his own.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

PROCLAMATION:

Isaiah 40:3

At age 30, _____ began His _____ and fulfilled God's _____ of bringing hope to our broken _____.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	BAPTISM OF JESUS
GOD'S APPROVAL:	 Heaven was opened, and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and God's voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is My Son in whom
Luke 3:21-22	I am well pleased."



TEMPTATION OF JESUS

- Immediately following His baptism, Jesus, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, was led (by the Spirit) to the desert to be tempted by Satan.
- Satan tempted Jesus in some of the same ways he tempts us today:
 - 1. Physical Comfort
 - 2. Power and Success
 - 3. Worldly Influence/Self-Reliance
- Jesus teaches us to fight temptation with the sword of the Word of God.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

VICTORY:

Romans 5:12 1 Corinthians 15:21

GOSPEL CONNECTION	TEACHING/MIRACLES
MIRACLES: Isaiah 35:5-6	 Jesus went on to teach the people and perform miracles, but He did not do it alone.
	 The 12 Disciples were: Andrew, Bartholomew or Nathanael, James the Elder, James the Lesser or Younger, John, Judas, Jude or Thaddeus, Matthew or Levi, Peter or Simon Peter, Philip, Simon the Zealot, and Thomas.
	 Jesus invested His life in them, He invested truth about His Father, God, and He did this in the context of a relationship.
	 Jesus spoke with authority as He taught, and many people came to know God through Jesus' teachings. He also performed miracles, and this confirmed that He truly was the Messiah.

🕑 JESUS' TRIUMPH

LAST SUPPER **GOSPEL CONNECTION** Jesus was going to celebrate the Passover dinner or His Last FULFILLMENT: Supper with His disciples. Zechariah 9:9 COMMUNION: Exodus 12:34 John 3:16 Jesus was arrested and taken to trial that night. The disciples became afraid and scattered. I AM: Exodus 3:14 Psalm 41:9 **INNOCENT:** Luke 23:4 Matthew 27:12

Jesus became the	of the	Lamb
in His death, burial and	·	

GOSPEL CONNECTION	DEATH/BURIAL/RESURRECTION
GREAT EXCHANGE: Isaiah 53:5 Luke 23:18-19	 Jesus was hung on a cross, with nails driven into His hands and feet.
SCORNED: Psalm 22:16 Psalm 22:6-7 Psalm 22:18	 As He breathed His last breath, the curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom.
FORSAKEN: Psalm 22:1 Matthew 27:46	 Jesus was placed in a tomb cut in rock, in which no one had been laid before.
EYEWITNESS: Matthew 27:54	 Two angels appeared and said, Jesus has risen! "He is not here,
RESURRECTION:	He has risen!"
Matthew 24:7	
PROPHECY:	
Isaiah 53:2-12	

🕑 JESUS' TRIUMPH

POST RESURRECTION APPEARANCES

• His post-resurrection appearances confirmed He was dead and rose again fully ALIVE!

GOSPEL CONNECTION

IMMANUEL:

Isaiah 7:14 Luke 24:27

GOSPEL CONNECTION	ASCENSION				
ASCENSION:	 "This same Jesus who was taken into Heaven will come again in the same way you have seen Him go. He will return." 				
Acts 1:11					

THE CHURCH

GOSPEL CONNECTION
HOLY SPIRIT: Joel 2:28-32

As Jesus promised, the _____ came

to empower His people and unite the Church.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	EARLY CHURCH/GROWTH
PERSECUTION: Psalm 119:86	 Now every day the people of God met in the temple courts. They shared everything; they ate together with glad and sincere hearts. They praised God, and enjoyed the favor of all people.
	 Stephen was the first martyr.



PERSECUTION/SCATTERING

Immediately following Stephen's murder, a great persecution arose.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

CHURCH GROWTH:

Acts 1:8 Genesis 50:20

• All of the other believers fled for their lives and went in different directions, some to Judea, some to Samaria, and other places as well.

 But now, instead of adding to the number of believers, we read that "the Word of God grew and was multiplied."

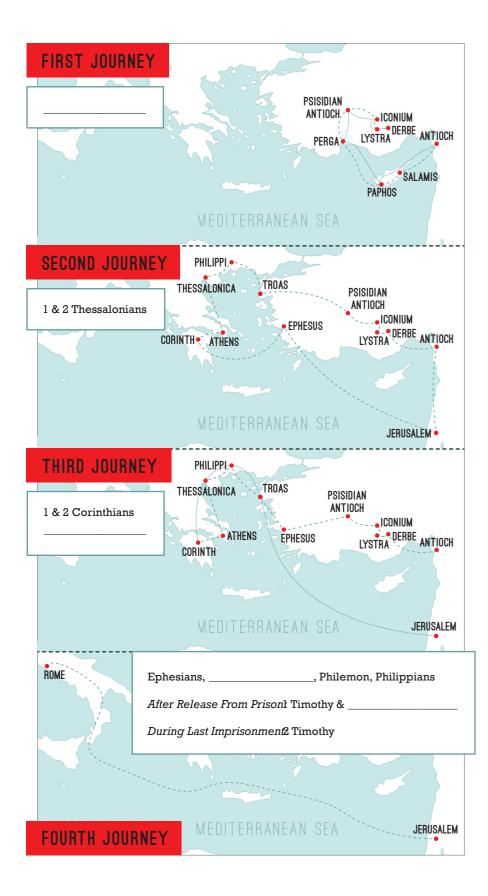
GOSPEL CONNECTION

PETER'S MINISTRY

CHURCH GROWTH CONTINUES: Acts 1:8 Peter immediately began to lead the early church in Jerusalem. As the people scattered during the persecution, Peter continued to provide leadership to those who had gone to Judea and Samaria to preach the Gospel there.

map 4 THE GOSPEL SPREADS

Leave this map open for the following era: The Gospel Spreads



THE GOSPEL SPREADS

PAUL'S LIFE/CONVERSION **GOSPEL CONNECTION** • Saul breathed out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. LIGHT: Isaiah 42:5-7 • Saul began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Christ.

The Church formed and began to fulfill Jesus' command

to make ______ of all nations.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	PAUL'S MINISTRY
ENDS OF THE EARTH: Acts 1:8	 Paul took the story to the Gentiles, as well as the Jews, and to all the known parts of the world.

THE GOSPEL SPREADS

PAUL'S FIRST/SECOND JOURNEY

GOSPEL CONNECTION

IMITATE:

l Corinthians 11:1

GOSPEL CONNECTION	PAUL'S THIRD JOURNEY/IMPRISONMENT
PERSECUTED:	
Matthew 24:9	

NOW AND TO COME

GOD'S GRACE

• God's grace is His unmerited, undeserved favor or blessing.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

THE WAY:

John 14:6

 To believe that you are a sinner and the consequences for your sin is eternal separation from God and receive the gift of His life for yours – this is the criteria for eternal life. As promised, _____ will come again as

the _____, conquering _____.

GOSPEL CONNECTION	OUR MISSION		
AUTHORITY:	 Jesus' heart is to reach the entire world. 		
Daniel 7:13-14			
	 His strategy for reaching the world is shocking – the mission started with Jesus investing His life and truth in 12 men and then commissioning them to do the same. Now, over 2,000 years later, His mission continues through us to the entire world. 		
	 Four words: Go, make(disciples), baptizeand teach 		

NOW AND TO COME

PERSEVERANCE

• Life will be difficult, even for believers.

 He wants us to spend our earthly life living for Him and His glory, and growing in depth of character each day. This perspective of believing that what we do today matters for eternity is called an eternal perspective.

• This is how Jesus lived: temporary suffering did not compare to the eternal impact His death and resurrection has had.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

INCOMPARABLE:

1 Peter 2:21

GOSPEL CONNECTION	ANTICIPATE THE KING'S RETURN
THRONE: Isaiah 9:6-7	 This story, the Bible, has always been and forever will be, all about Jesus.
KING: Isaiah 33:17,22 Jeremiah 23:5 Daniel 7:14 Philippians 2:9-11	 Now we see this restoration — God began the pursuit of restoring His people, and now we are seeing it come to fruition.
	 We have seen that the Old Testament prophecies that point towards the birth and life of Jesus Christ have come to pass with 100% accuracy. Just as the prophecy of Jesus' second coming will come to pass exactly as it is written and His Kingdom will last forever.

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Abraham's Gate is located in the Ancient City of Dan at the base of Mount Hermon. It is over 5,000 years old and Abraham would have passed through this gate to enter the city.

Shiloh, an ancient city in Samaria, was where the Israelites worshipped in the tabernacle before the first temple was built in Jerusalem.

Engedi is an oasis and natural reserve in Israel where King David and his men hid as they were being pursued by King Saul.



The Eastern Gate to the Temple Mount where the Jewish Temple once stood, now home of the Dome of the Rock.





Modern-day Bethlehem, called the "House of Bread," is the city where Jesus was born.

Nazareth is the town where Jesus spent his childhood.



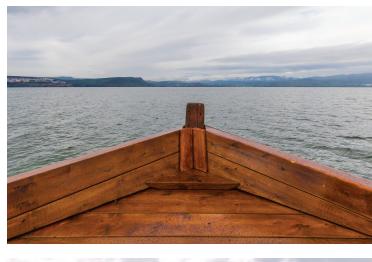
The Jordan River is where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. At His baptism, the Spirit of God descended like a dove and God spoke, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)



Immediately following Jesus' baptism he was led by the Spirit into the Judean Desert for 40 days and was tempted by Satan.



The town of Capernaum was Jesus' home base during his three year ministry.







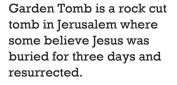
Sea of Galilee is where Jesus and His disciples spent much of their time together.

The Southern Temple steps (which were carved out of Mount Moriah)were the main steps leading to the Temple Mount where Jesus taught his disciples.



The Garden of Gethsemane is located on the Mount of Olives and is where Jesus prayed before he was arrested.







View of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem from Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended and will one day return.

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