



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: Genesis to the Silent Years

Credit Hours: 5

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Class Description: *MASTERING THE ENGLISH BIBLE* is our most comprehensive Bible course. It is an in-depth survey of the Old and New Testaments, covering Bible history and every book of the Bible. *Mastering the English Bible* is for beginning Bible students as well as for advanced ones. It is for youngsters (teens and above) and oldsters. It is for individuals, homes, and churches. It is nearly a complete Bible college curriculum in one course. The aim is to educate the student in Bible history, Bible times (e.g., Egypt, ancient Babylon, the Hittites, Assyria, neo-Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome), Bible interpretation, Bible doctrine, Bible terms, Bible geography, Bible typology (e.g., the Passover, the Tabernacle, the Levitical Priesthood, the Levitical offerings), Bible culture, Bible biography, Bible archaeology, and Bible prophecy. The course aims to give the student a broad comprehension of the Bible as a whole. The Bible is one Book that was planned by God in eternity before it was given to the holy prophets, and understanding the big picture is necessary to rightly understand the parts. We teach the student to see Christ everywhere in Scripture. *Mastering the English Bible* is practical throughout. Bible teaching does not accomplish God's will until it produces born again salvation and holy living (2 Ti. 3:16-17). We emphasize the believer's life as a priest (1 Pe. 2:5), pilgrim (1 Pe. 2:11), ambassador (2 Co. 5:20), builder of the New Testament church (1 Co. 3:9-15), builder of the home (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4), teacher (Heb. 5:12-14), spiritual warrior (Eph. 6:10-19), and minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 12:3-8). *Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of class videos, textbooks, PowerPoints, syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. The course is divided into 10 parts: 01 Old Testament History Genesis to the Silent Years, 02 Job and Psalms, 03 Proverbs, Song, Ecclesiastes, 05 The Gospels, 06 Acts, 07 Romans to Thessalonians, 08 The Pastoral Epistles, 09 The General Epistles, 10 Revelation. *Mastering the English Bible* is accompanied by ***THE WAY OF LIFE PICTORIAL BIBLE***, which is an extensive series of multimedia PowerPoints packed with detailed maps, historical backgrounds, treasures from archaeology, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings, video clips, and other visual aids. Many of these were captured by the author in the best archaeological and history museums in America and abroad, plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Europe, and England.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: Genesis to the Silent Years by David W. Cloud, 477 pages, August 2022.

Additional Reading Required:

Antiquity of the Jews by Flavius Josephus

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Have a thorough understanding of the history of the Old Testament.
2. Understand the chronology of Old Testament events.
3. Apply the teachings of the Old Testament to their daily lives.
4. Recount the events that took place between the testaments.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (4) – 40%	Quizzes (9) – 20%
List Project – 10%	Bible Timeline Project – 20%
Extra Reading – 10%	

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Mastering the English Bible: Genesis to the Silent Years* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students go through all of the Pictorial Bible PowerPoint slides.

Outcome 3. Students watch all videos for the course and take diligent notes.

Outcome 4. Students memorize verses, dates, and main events from the Old Testament.

Outcome 5. Students take tests over the material read and covered in class.

Outcome 6. Students make a timeline over the history in the Old and New Testaments.

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction/ OT Introduction/ *Genesis*: Introduction
- 2 Creation/ Adam and Eve/ Man's Fall/ Cain and Abel/ Christ's Genealogy/ The Flood
- 3 The Flood/ Division of the Nations/ Tower of Babel/ Abraham
- 4 Abraham/ Isaac/ Jacob/ Joseph/ Summary of Genesis/ **Test 1**
- 5 *Exodus*: Overview/ Moses' Early Life/ God's Judgments/ The Passover/ Journey from Egypt to Sinai/ The Law of Moses/ The Tabernacle
- 6 The Tabernacle/ Priesthood/ Golden Calf/ *Leviticus*: Offerings/ Strange Fire/ Clean and Unclean Animals/ Leprosy
- 7 Day of Atonement/ Feasts/ Sabbath Year and Jubilee/ Blessing and Judgment/ Vows and Dedications/ *Numbers*
- 8 *Deuteronomy*/ **Test 2 (Midterm)**/ *Joshua*
- 9 The Times of the *Judges*/ The Book of *Ruth*/ *Samuel*/ Israel's *Kings*
- 10 Saul/ David
- 11 David/ **Test 3**/ Solomon
- 12 Solomon/ Division/ Rehoboam/ Abijah/ Asa/ Jehoshaphat/ Jehoram/ Ahaziah/ Athaliah/ Joash/ Amaziah/ Azariah/ Jotham/ Ahaz/ Hezekiah/ Manasseh/ Amon
- 13 Josiah/ Jehoahaz/ Jehoiakim/ Jehoiachin/ Zedekiah/ Conclusion/ The Babylonian Captivity/ *Ezra*/ *Nehemiah*
- 14 *Nehemiah*/ *Esther*/ Between the Testaments
- 15 Between the Testaments/ **Test 4 (Final)**

**The pages read each day will not always correspond with the videos watched. In some cases, the student will read ahead of the videos; in other cases, the videos will go ahead of the reading.

Weeks**Assignment**

Wks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Pages 1-6 Video 1: <u>Series Intro</u> Video 2: The OT - Intro	Pages 7-14 Video 3: <u>Gen Outline</u> Video 4: Creation	Pages 15-22 Video 5: Adam & Eve	Pages 22-28 Video 6: Man's Fall	Pages 29-34 Video 7: Cain & Abel
2	Pages 35-40 Video 8: <u>Christ's Genealogy</u> Video 9: Noah - <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 41-48 Video 10: <u>The Flood's Aftermath</u> Video 11: Division of the Nations	Pages 49-55 Video 12: Division of the Nations – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 56-62 Video 13: Table of Nations – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 63-70 Video 14: Abraham, Pt 1 Quiz 1: Books of the Bible
3	Pages 70-77 Video 15: <u>Abraham, Pt 2</u> Video 16: Abraham, Pt 3	Pages 77-84 Video 17: <u>Abraham, Pt 4</u> Video 18: Abraham, Pt 5	Pages 85-93 Video 19: Abraham, Pt 6	Pages 93-100 Video 20: Abraham, Pt 7 - <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 101-108 Video 21: Isaac, Pt 1
4	Pages 109-117 Video 22: Abraham's Journey – <i>pictorial</i> Video 23: Isaac, Pt 2	Pages 117-124 Video 24: <u>Jacob</u> Video 25: Jacob – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 124-130 Video 26: <u>Joseph, Pt 1</u> Video 27: Joseph, Pt 2	Pages 130-138 Video 28: Joseph - <i>pictorial</i> & Exodus	Test 1— <i>Coverse pages 1-138 plus Pictorial slides</i>
5	Pages 139-146 Video 29: Moses, Pt 1 and Egypt – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 146-152 Video 30: Exodus – Egypt - <i>pictorial</i> Pt 2	Pages 153-160 Video 31: Moses, Pt 3	Pages 161-167 Video 32: Moses, Pt 4 – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 168-174 Video 33: Moses, Pt 5 Quiz 2: Events of OT History
6	Pages 175-181 Video 34: Moses, Pt 6	Pages 182-189 Video 35: Moses, Pt 7 – Tabernacle - <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 189-195 Video 36: Moses, Pt 8 – Tabernacle - <i>pictorial</i> , Pt 2	Pages 196-203 Video 37: Moses, Pt. 9 – Priesthood - <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 203-210 Video 38: Golden Calf - <i>pictorial</i> & Leviticus

7	Pages 211-216 Video 39: Levitical Offerings – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 216-222 Video 40: Leviticus – The Feasts	Pages 223-230 Video 41: Leviticus, Numbers, Wilderness- <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 230-238 Video 42: Wilderness- <i>pictorial</i> , Pt 2	Pages 238-244 Video 43: Deuteronomy: Restatement of the Law Quiz 3: Important OT Dates
8	Pages 245-253 Video 44: Deuteronomy, Pt 2 – Joshua- <i>pictorial</i>	Test 2 (Midterm) — <i>Covers pages 1-253 plus Pictorial slides</i>	Pages 254-258 Video 45: Joshua, Pt 2 – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 259-264 Video 46: Joshua, Pt 3 – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 264-268 Video 47: Judges – Introduction Quiz 4: Judges 2:10
9	Pages 269-274 Video 48: Judges – Introduction, Pt 2 Video 49: Deborah & Barak	Pages 275-280 Video 50: <u>Gideon</u> Video 51: Jephthah & Samson & Apostate Levites	Pages 280-285 Video 52: <u>Book of Ruth</u> Video 53: Book of Ruth, Pt 2 and <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 285-291 Video 54: <u>Samuel – Birth</u> Video 55: The Era of Israel's Kings	Pages 292-298 Video 56: <u>Saul</u> Video 57: Saul, Pt 2 Quiz 5: Judges 17:6
10	Pages 298-302 Video 58: David & <i>pictorial</i> Video 59: David, Pt 2	Pages 302-306 Video 60: <u>David, Pt 3</u> Video 61: David, Pt 4	Pages 306-311 Video 62: <u>David, Pt 5</u> Video 63: David, Pt 6	Pages 311-316 Video 64: David, Pt 7	Pages 316-321 Video 65: David, Pt 8 Quiz 6: 1 Sam. 15:22-23
11	Pages 321-326 Video 66: Israel's Kings David's life – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 326-331 Video 67: David's life, Pt 2 – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 331-334 Video 68: David's Life, Pt 3 – <i>pictorial</i>	Test 3 <i>Covers pages 254-334 plus Pictorial slides</i>	Pages 334-341 Video 69: Solomon's Life and Temple – <i>pictorial</i> Quiz 7: Events of the Era of the Kings
12	Page 341-346 Video 70: Solomon's Temple – <i>pictorial</i> Video 71: Division of the Kingdom	Pages 347-354 Video 72: Division of the Kingdom, Pt 2	Page 354-360 Video 73: The Divided Kingdom – <i>pictorial</i>	Page 360-366 Video 74: Elijah - <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 367-373 Video 75: Azariah – <i>pictorial</i> Quiz 8: 1 Sam. 16:7

13	Pages 374-379 Video 76: Hezekiah - <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 380-386 Video 77: Hezekiah – <i>pictorial, Pt 2</i>	Pages 386-393 Video 78: The Babylonian Captivity – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 394-400 Video 79: Daniel in Babylon – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 400-406 Video 80: Daniel & Ezekial in Babylon – <i>pictorial</i> Quiz 9: 2 Sam. 7:12-13
14	Pages 406-412 Video 81: Ezekiel's Prophecies – <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 412-417 Video 82: Ezra & Haggai & Zechariah Prophecies	Pages 418-426 Video 83: Ezra Studies – <i>pictorial</i>	Page 427-433 Video 84: Nehemiah – Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls	Pages 434-440 Video 85: Nehemiah – Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls – <i>pictorial</i>
15	Pages 441-447 Video 86: Esther's queenship in Persia – <i>pictorial</i>	Video 87: The Silent Years & <i>pictorial</i> Video 88: The Silent Years- <i>pictorial, Pt 2</i> 5 Lists due	Video 89: The Silent Years <i>pictorial</i> , Pt 3 Extra Reading due	Video 90: The Synagogue <i>pictorial</i> – Conclusion Bible Timeline Project Due	Test 4 (Final) <i>Covers everything plus all Pictorial slides</i>

Details of Course Assignments:

- Videos**

The student is required to watch the *Mastering the English Bible: Genesis to the Silent Years* videos each day. He must have the reading completed before the video is to be watched along with any quizzes submitted. He must take diligent notes during these video sessions. (Note: there are many days the student will be required to watch two videos, he must pay careful attention to the syllabus to know which videos to watch on which given day.)

- Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments each day and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- Pictorial Bible PowerPoint Slides**

The student will also be responsible to look over all of the Pictorial Bible PowerPoint slides *on his own*, in addition to watching the slides on the videos. The student should view the slides in conjunction with his daily reading. The review questions and tests will include these slides, so it is important the student look over them and study them in addition to the reading and videos.

- **Quizzes (9)**

Quizzes will be given on several Fridays scattered throughout the semester. Five of the quizzes will be over verses the student must memorize. The other quizzes will be over specific lists the student will be required to memorize. They are the following: the Books of the Bible, the “Major Events of Old Testament History” (See “Old Testament Introduction”), the “Most Important Old Testament Dates” (See “Old Testament Introduction”), and the “Major Events of the Era of the Kings” (See “Israel’s Kings”). See the calendar provided to know which days these quizzes will be taken.

- **Lists to be turned in (5)**

In the textbook, there are 11 different lists the student is assigned to work on. For the completion of this course, the student is required to complete all the lists that are in bold (a total of 5). The student is responsible to make these lists as he reads about the events in the text book and also in the Scriptures. These lists will be turned in at the end of the semester. The student should aim at working on the rest of these lists after completing this course. These projects should be things the student works on for the rest of his life, not just in these 15 weeks. The lists are the following:

- 1) List as many lessons as you can from the song of Deborah and Barak
- 2) Find as many lessons as you can from the life of Gideon
- 3) List the major events in David’s life**
- 4) List the locations where David traveled during the time he was fleeing Saul in 1 Sa. 21-30 and the main things that happened in those locations
- 5) Write the main lessons of 2 Samuel 7:1-17**
- 6) Find as many lessons as you can from the life of Elijah in 1 Kings 17-19
- 7) Write all the lessons about church music (by way of application) that you can find in 1 Ch. 15:16-28 and 25:1-8**
- 8) List the characteristics of Solomon’s kingdom found in 1 Kings 10**
- 9) List the major events of Ezra and Nehemiah**
- 10) Find as many lessons as you can from the life of Ezra
- 11) Find as many lessons as you can from the life of Nehemiah

- **Extra reading**

The student is also required to do some additional outside reading. The readings will go along with the studies on “The Babylonian Captivity” and “Between the Testaments”; however, the student may start on these reading assignments as soon as he would like. The student will be required to submit a 3x5 card stating he has read each of the following books for this class:

- Read Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, book 10
- Read Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, books 11-15

- **Bible Timeline Project**

Making your own timeline entails reading the books of the Bible that contain its history and writing down the major events. For this project, keep your focus on the one main goal of finding the major events of Bible history and enumerating them into your own timeline. You need to read the books as quickly as you can with good understanding, without getting bogged down with examining the details or studying difficulties.

There are 13 books of the Bible that contain the overall history. For the Old Testament, the history is contained in 11 books (Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1-2

Samuel, 1-2 Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah). For the New Testament, the history is found in the Gospel of Matthew and the book of Acts. (The Epistles were written during the time of Acts; and Revelation isn't a history book, it is prophecy.) There are 352 chapters in these 13 books. So, the project can be done in one month by reading and outlining *12 chapters a day*, or two months by reading and outlining *6 chapters a day*, or three months by reading and outlining *3 chapters a day*.

In each study session, first read your chapters for the day (however many you choose, depending on how fast you read and how much time you allot to the project per day). As you read, pay close attention to the main events. Then go back and write them out. Thus, you must divide your reading/study period into (1) reading with good concentration and understanding and (2) working on your timeline. This will help develop a habit whereby you not only read the Bible, but you also study it.

When you have completed the reading of the 13 books and have made a timeline, go back through the timeline and pick out the main events and list them separately. That will help you to further refine your understanding of Bible history. The main events are ones like creation, man's fall, Abraham's call, Israel in Egypt, and Israel's exodus from Egypt. This project will help strengthen the foundation of your Bible knowledge by putting the whole Bible timeline in your mind. It is like standing back and looking at a forest before you walk closer to examine individual trees and other details. Further Bible reading and study will build on this foundation. This is not a project for new Bible students only. I designed this project after observing that people can read the Bible for years and still not have a good overall picture.

- **Tests (4)**

There will be a total of four tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and questions over the Pictorial Bible PowerPoints, the tests will be short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1 and 3 will not be cumulative, while Test 2 (the Midterm) and Test 4 (the Final) will cover previously learned material as well as the new material.

Plagiarism Statement: Plagiarism is something that is not tolerated at Way of Life Bible College. Any material taken from another must be clearly documented.