

Way of Life Bible College

Course Syllabus

Course: The Bird's-Eye View of the Bible

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Videos for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Class Description: This is an introductory course to the Bible. It is designed to give an overview of the Bible, which is the beginning point to understand it; to make the student familiar with the major people and events of the Bible; to establish a foundation on which the student can build for the rest of his life; and to encourage churches and families to take Bible study much more seriously.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

The Bird's-Eye View of the Bible by David W. Cloud, 277 pages, October 2021 Edition

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

1. Understand an overview of the Bible.
2. Gain a stronger understanding of people and events in the Bible.
3. Establish a strong foundation of the Bible to build upon for their life.
4. Have a deeper passion for serious Bible study.

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

Tests (8) – 80%

Quizzes (5) – 10%

Project – 10%

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

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *The Bird's-Eye View of the Bible* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students take diligent notes during class over major events and themes covered in the Bible.

Outcome 3. Students memorize a foundational passage in Ephesians.

Outcome 4. Students take tests over the material covered in class and read outside of class.

Outcome 5. Students write a Bible lesson and practice teaching someone else about the Bible from that lesson.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Most days, the student must complete two days' worth of material from the slower paced option in order to complete the course in one month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Some Fundamental Facts and the Bible's Purpose
- 2 Events of Old Testament History/ Book of Beginnings
- 3 Book of Beginnings/ **Test 1**
- 4 The Exodus
- 5 The Exodus/ **Test 2**/ Conquering of Canaan
- 6 The Judges/ **Test 3**/ Israel's Kingdom
- 7 Israel's Kingdom/ **Test 4**/ The Prophets
- 8 The Prophets/ The Poetical Books
- 9 The Poetical Books/ **Test 5**/ Babylonian Captivity and the Return
- 10 The Silent Years/ **Test 6**/ Conclusion to Old Testament
- 11 Christ's First Coming/ Book of Acts
- 12 The Book of Acts
- 13 **Test 7**/ The New Testament Epistles
- 14 The New Testament Epistles/ Revelation
- 15 Final Word to the Students/ **Test 8**

Weeks **Assignment (these are to be completed *before* the video each day)**

**The pages read each day will not always correspond with the videos watched. In many cases the student will read ahead of the videos.

Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	No assignments Video 1	Pages 1-8 Video 2	Pages 9-17 Video 3
2	Pages 18-26 Quiz 1—Ephesians 1:7 Video 4	Pages 26-33 Video 5	Pages 33-40 Video 6
3	Pages 40-49 Video 7	Pages 49-54 Video 8	Test 1-Purpose-Book of Beginnings
4	Pages 55-63 Quiz 2—Ephesians 1:8-9 Video 9	Pages 63-70 Video 10	Pages 70-75
5	Pages 75-83	Test 2-Exodus	Pages 84-89 Video 11
6	Pages 90-95 Video 12	Test 3- Joshua and Judges	Pages 96-101 Video 13
7	Pages 101-108	Test 4- Israel's Kingdom	Pages 109-115 Video 14
8	Pages 116-123 Quiz 3—Ephesians 1:10 Video 15	Pages 123-133 Video 16	Pages 134-139
9	Pages 139-147	Test 5- Prophets/Poetical Books	Pages 148-153 Video 17
10	Pages 154-158	Test 6- Return/Silent Years	Page 159-163 Video 18
11	Page 163-170 Quiz 4—Ephesians 1:11 Video 19	Page 170-174 Video 20	Page 175-181 Video 21
12	Pages 182-185 Quiz 5—Ephesians 1:12 Video 22	Pages 185-191 Video 23	Page 191-197 Video 24
13	Test 7-Gospels and Acts	Page 198-205 Video 25	Page 205-211 Video 26
14	Pages 212-218 Video 27	Pages 219-226 Video 28	Pages 227-234 Video 29
15	Pages 235-239 Video 30	Video 31 Bible Lesson Project	Test 8- NT Epistles and Revelation

-----Advanced-One Month Option-----

Course Outline:**Week Topics**

- 1 The Bible's Purpose/ Events of OT/ Book of Beginnings/ **Test 1**/ Exodus
- 2 Exodus/ **Test 2**/ Conquering of Canaan/ Judges/ **Test 3**/ Israel's Kingdom/ **Test 4**/ Prophets
- 3 Prophets/ Poetical Books/ **Test 5**/ Babylonian Captivity/ The Silent Years/ **Test 6**/ Conclusion to OT/ Christ's First Coming
- 4 Acts/ **Test 7**/ The NT Epistles/ Revelation/ Final Word to the Students/ **Test 8**

Weeks**Assignment**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Pages 1-8 Video 1 Video 2	Pages 9-26 Quiz 1— Eph. 1:7 Video 3 Video 4	Pages 26-33 Video 5	Pages 33-40 Video 6	Pages 40-54 Video 7 Video 8	Test 1 Pages 55-63 Quiz 2— Eph. 1:8-9 Video 9
2	Pages 63-83 Video 10	Test 2 Pages 84-89 Video 11	Pages 90-95 Video 12	Test 3 Pages 96-101	Pages 101-108 Video 13	Test 4 Pages 109-115 Video 14
3	Pages 116-123 Quiz 3— Eph. 1:10 Video 15	Pages 123-147 Video 16	Test 5 Pages 148-153	Pages 154-158 Video 17	Test 6 Page 159-163 Video 18	Page 163-174 Quiz 4— Eph. 1:11 Video 19 Video 20
4	Page 175-185 Quiz 5— Eph. 1:12 Video 21 Video 22	Pages 185-197 Video 23 Video 24	Test 7 Page 198-205 Video 25	Page 205-226 Video 26 Video 27 Video 28	Pages 227-239 Video 29 Video 30 Video 31	Test 8 Bible Lesson Project

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

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

- **Quizzes (5)**

Quizzes will be given on five Mondays (*for the slower-paced option*) scattered throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes.

- **Bible Lesson Project**

The student will select one important book of the Bible covered in the course and write a Bible Lesson on that particular book. He must include important facts about the book such as: the author, the context of the book, the purpose of the book, a summary of important events and themes covered in the book, and at least one key memory verse found within that book. The Bible Lesson must close with at least two important applications to take away from that specific book of the Bible. Once the lesson has been written, the student must find at least one person to teach the lesson to. The goal of this project is to allow the student to become more comfortable teaching other people about the Word of God.

- **Tests (8)**

There will be a total of eight tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and additional important information in the reading, the tests will be short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Each test will cover a specific topic (named in the calendar provided above) and will not cover previously tested 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.