

# THE BIBLE

From Pre-History to Pentecost

Story  
 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..." (**Genesis 1:1**) Creation or Evolution?

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God made Adam and Eve in God's \_\_\_\_\_, but Eve and Adam disobeyed God. Their disobedience set up a wall between them and the Garden of Eden, a wall between them and the \_\_\_\_\_ within. Today, we still have this wall in ourselves, keeping us disconnected from God. This disconnection is called \_\_\_\_\_. The rest of the Bible is about God trying to reconnect with us. Do you know what the word *religion* means? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we reconnect with God? How do we live according to the image of God? These are the questions the Bible seeks to answer.

God tries different ways to reconnect with us...  
 Tries with Noah and the flood, but he messes up.  
 Tower of Babel

Then with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob... Jacob wrestles with God and changes his name to \_\_\_\_\_. Jacob then has twelve sons, including Joseph.

Israelites become enslaved in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 After God frees them with the help of Moses, God wants to teach them how to reconnect. He does this by giving them the \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you remember the ten commandments?  
**(Exodus 20:1-17)**

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate  
Timeline

4,550,000,000 BCE

2,500,000 BCE

1800 BCE

1400 BCE

Books of Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament)  
**Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy**  
 The Torah: God's teaching on how to reconnect with Him.  
 The Torah is very important to the JEWISH PEOPLE.

**Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, (Job)**  
 (These books are about the Israelites fighting the Canaanites and trying to establish a kingdom). King David made some serious mistakes, but was a man after God's own heart. He really tried to reconnect with God through prayers: **Psalms**. King Solomon is considered the wisest man in the world: **Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs**. The Prophets were always trying to help the Israelites reconnect with God, mostly by reminding them to take care of the \_\_\_\_\_ and to stop worshipping idols. The Prophets include **Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**.

Books of Christian Scripture (New Testament)  
 God finally decided to send a Prophet who was so perfectly connected to God and the image of God within that those around him insisted that he was God. They called him the Son of God. He went around teaching, healing, loving and telling others about the image of God within them. He taught others to reconnect with God through \_\_\_\_\_. And we responded to his message by *killing him*. But because he was so connected to God and wanted us to be connected, he came back from the dead to forgive us and say, "I love you and still want to teach you how to connect with God": **Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**.  
 After Jesus ascended, the Holy Spirit descended to help us \_\_\_\_\_ and establish the Church: **Acts**.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul became the founding theologian of the church and wrote **Romans, I Corinthians, II Cor, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thes, I Timothy, II Tim, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II Jn, III Jn, Jude, Revelation**.

Approximate  
Timeline

1400 BCE

1200 BCE

1000 BCE

600 BCE

500 BCE

400 BCE

300

200

4-0 BCE

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30-33 CE

PENTECOST

60 CE

70 CE

80 CE

90 CE