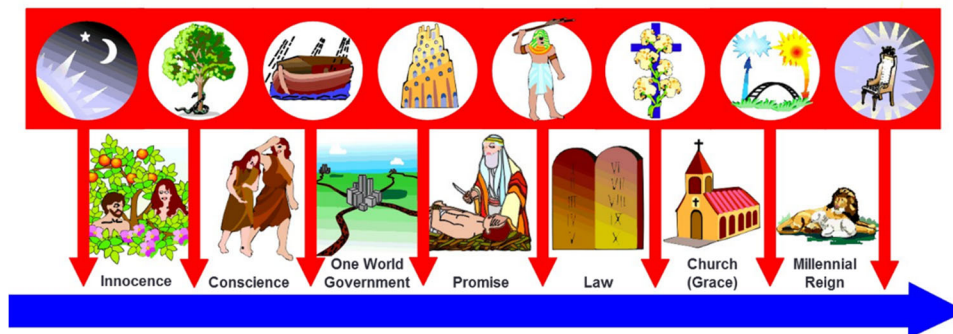


# Overview of the Bible (Lesson #1)

Today's topic: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible  
Recommended Reading: Chapters 1-3 of Ryrie's *Basic Theology*

- To get things started, let's look at the books of the Bible as shown on the following page. The Bible is broken into the following:
  - Old Testament / New Testament
  - Divisions based on similar events
  - How God was at work in a group of people or a period of time (i.e., dispensations)
- Understanding the "divisions" makes the Bible seem less intimidating!
- Let's talk about our new study, *Overview of the Bible*, as reflected in the following lessons:
  - **Lesson #1: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible**
  - Lesson #2: A study on God and His Defining Attributes
  - Lesson #3: The Bible: Inspired Word of God
  - Lesson #4: Angels
  - Lesson #5: The Devil
  - Lesson #6: Demons
  - Lesson #7: Mankind
  - Lesson #8: Sin
  - Lesson #9: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World
  - Lesson #10: Salvation overview (Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification)
  - Lesson #11: The Holy Spirit
  - Lesson #12: The Church
  - Lesson #13: End Time Prophecy
  - Lesson #14: Wrapping it all up and putting it all together...
- Below is a graphical representation of major Bible periods (called *Dispensations*<sup>1</sup>)



- What do we learn in reading each of the following Bible passages? Genesis 2:1-9; Psalm 1; Ephesians 5:22-33; Revelation 22:12-21.

<sup>1</sup> A *dispensation* is a time period during which God evaluates man's obedience according to a specific level of revelation or standards. The pattern is that man fails each dispensation which then results in God's judgment.



## THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE BIBLE

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Number
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### THE OLD TESTAMENT

1 <b>Gn</b> GENESIS 51	2 <b>Ex</b> EXODUS 41	3 <b>Lv</b> LEVITICUS 27	4 <b>Nm</b> NUMBERS 36	5 <b>Dt</b> DEUTERONOMY 34	6 <b>Jo</b> JOSHUA 24	7 <b>Jg</b> JUDGES 21	8 <b>Ru</b> RUTH 4	9 <b>1Sm</b> 1 SAMUEL 31	10 <b>2Sm</b> 2 SAMUEL 24		
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23 <b>Is</b> ISAIAH 66	24 <b>Je</b> JEREMIAH 52	25 <b>Lm</b> LAMENTATIONS 3	26 <b>Ez</b> EZEKIEL 48	27 <b>Dn</b> DANIEL 12	28 <b>Hs</b> HOSEA 14	29 <b>Jl</b> JOEL 3	30 <b>Am</b> AMOS 9	31 <b>Ob</b> OBADIAH 1	32 <b>Jo</b> JONAH 4	33 <b>Mi</b> MICAH 7	34 <b>Na</b> NAHUM 3
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