

How well do you know the Bible?

A Biblical Time line teaching series

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Prelude: WCCC Studio Band Music Track 2 "Everyone Arise"

Welcome:

I-Worship:

All Creation Worships You
God of Wonders

Opening prayer:

Message:

The bible is the best selling book in all of history. It comes in various translations to bring its message throughout the world. Some own one and never read it. Some people think it is a good book but do not believe its content. Believers should read it but statistics indicate that a lot do not thus leading to bible illiteracy. Lord of Hope Ministries firmly believes in the bible to the point that we teach it in our services. Today we are going to teach you some basics in remembering important events of the bible so that you can intelligently explain in brief what the bible is about.

If some of you were ask to draw out a timeline of biblical event leading to present day can you do it? It is my goal that after today you will practice drawing biblical time-lines to re-enforce these facts in your mind.

To lighten things up a bit watch the video regarding large bibles while I prepare to teach you.

Video: Baby Got Bible

Very interesting video... For those of you wondering, I have large, small, software, mp3 and CD version bibles.

Brief Biblical time line

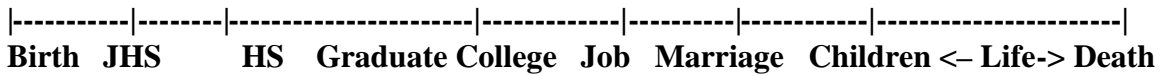
What is a timeline?

A timeline is a graphical representation of a chronology or events in time.

It has a past tense, present tense and a future.

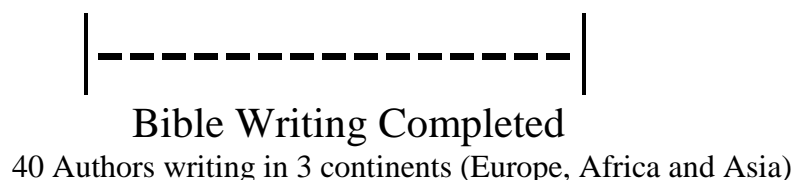
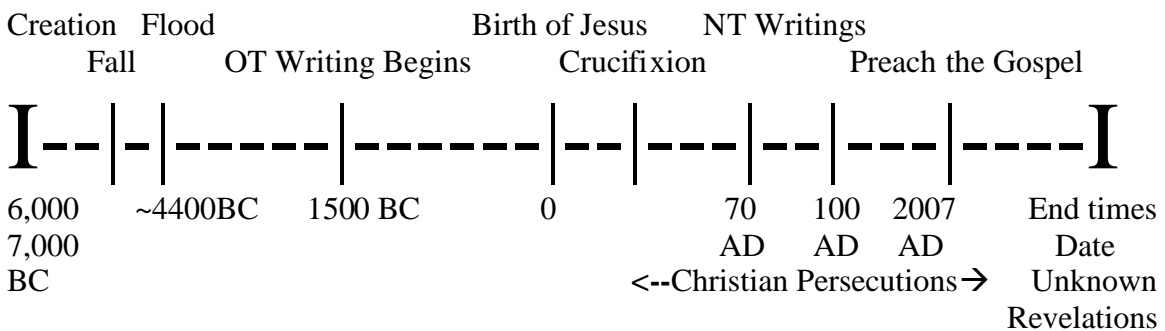
Using time lines are very helpful in understanding the big picture.

You have a time line. You were born thus starting your time line. Stuff will happen to you as you go through life with many moments marking periods in time. Eventually you will reach your end point which stops your timeline.



I want to preface my teaching by informing you that I am a young earth teacher and do not believe nor trust the various ways scientist use to measure the age of the earth.

You will see by my drawing where I stand on this. You can disagree, but let's not divide over it.



2 Timothy 3:16, 17 NIV

16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17**so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Congregants to Apply the Teaching

Please take some time now to sketch out what I have drawn so you can begin processing the teaching at a deeper level. If you need paper and a pencil please put your hand up and you will receive the items you need.

Note that this is just one of many timelines that can be drawn. There is a lot of history that is omitted in this sample. This one was just to highlight some crucial points in history.

By practice you make yourself more confident in telling others about the bible.

2 Timothy 2:15 puts it this way. Check it out...

15Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

From Genesis to Revelation scripture is perfect. It contains no errors!

There are some things that are different now but all is essential.

Example:

Do we tithe today? A lot of churches do this. What does 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7 say regarding this?

2 Corinthians 9:6, 7

Sowing Generously

6Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **7**Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

This is different then the past. Giving should be of a cheerful heart not under the law. Christ paid it all. We are living in a different time in history.

Keep your perspective when you read the Bible. Now I am not saying do not give to the church. You are just not under law. Give joyfully!

Another example:

There are some people who take the bible passage Mark 16:17, 18 about picking up a poisonous serpent and you won't get harmed yet they are dying. This scripture verse was not meant for us. So please study the bible keeping in mind the context of the scripture. Jesus was speaking about the people the disciples lead to Christ.

Mark 16:14 -18 The Great Commission

14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. **15** And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. **16** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

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New Story

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Lady Sprouts Wings after Serpent Snap in Kentucky Church

A lady has passed on Sunday while reportedly handling a snake at a Kentucky church. The practice is based on a passage in the Bible that says a true believer has the power to "take up serpents" without being harmed.

The church leader stated that 48-year-old Linda Long was bitten Sunday at the East London Holiness Church. She died at a hospital four hours later.

The handling of reptiles as part of religious practices is illegal in Kentucky. However, police stated that they had received no reports of snake-handling prior to the incident at the church.

The bible also says: You should not put the Lord your God to the test... Hello?

Conclusion:

Taking the time to create timelines for various periods of history in the bible it will help you in understanding the bible. Give a try and see what happens to your learning.

We will continue to include timelines in our teaching from time to time. May the teaching today and your practicing be beneficial to you as you learn the word of God now and in the future.

As you leave remember the timeline your life is on. Make it count for the kingdom of God. In the future, you will be glad you did.

Let's stand for closing prayer.

Postlude:

WCCC Studio Band Live CD Track 5 "All I can do is love you"