

# BREAKING BREAD

Lesson 03: Overview of the Bible

Known unto God are  
all his works from the  
beginning of the world.

- James (Acts 15:18)

# The Story of the Bible

1. Covers from the beginning of Creation until the beginning of the new Creation
  - *“Declaring the end from the beginning...”* - Isaiah 46:10
2. Primarily shows God’s dealings with man and man’s dealings with God & each other
  - *“Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man.”*  
- Job 33:29; (Psalm 90:3)
3. Ultimate Purpose is to Reveal Jesus Christ (so that man can be reconciled to God)
  - *“Search the scriptures... they are they which testify of ME.”* -  
John 5:39; (2 Timothy 3:15)

# The Book: "The Bible"

## 1. A compilation of 66 books.

- About 43 different human authors (all men of Israel except Luke)
- 39 books in the Old Testament; 27 books in the New Testament
- 1189 chapters (929 in OT; 260 in NT) (Psalm 117 = Middle Chapter)
- 31102 Verses (Psalm 103:1-2 = 2 Middle Verses)

## 2. Written over a period of about 2000 years

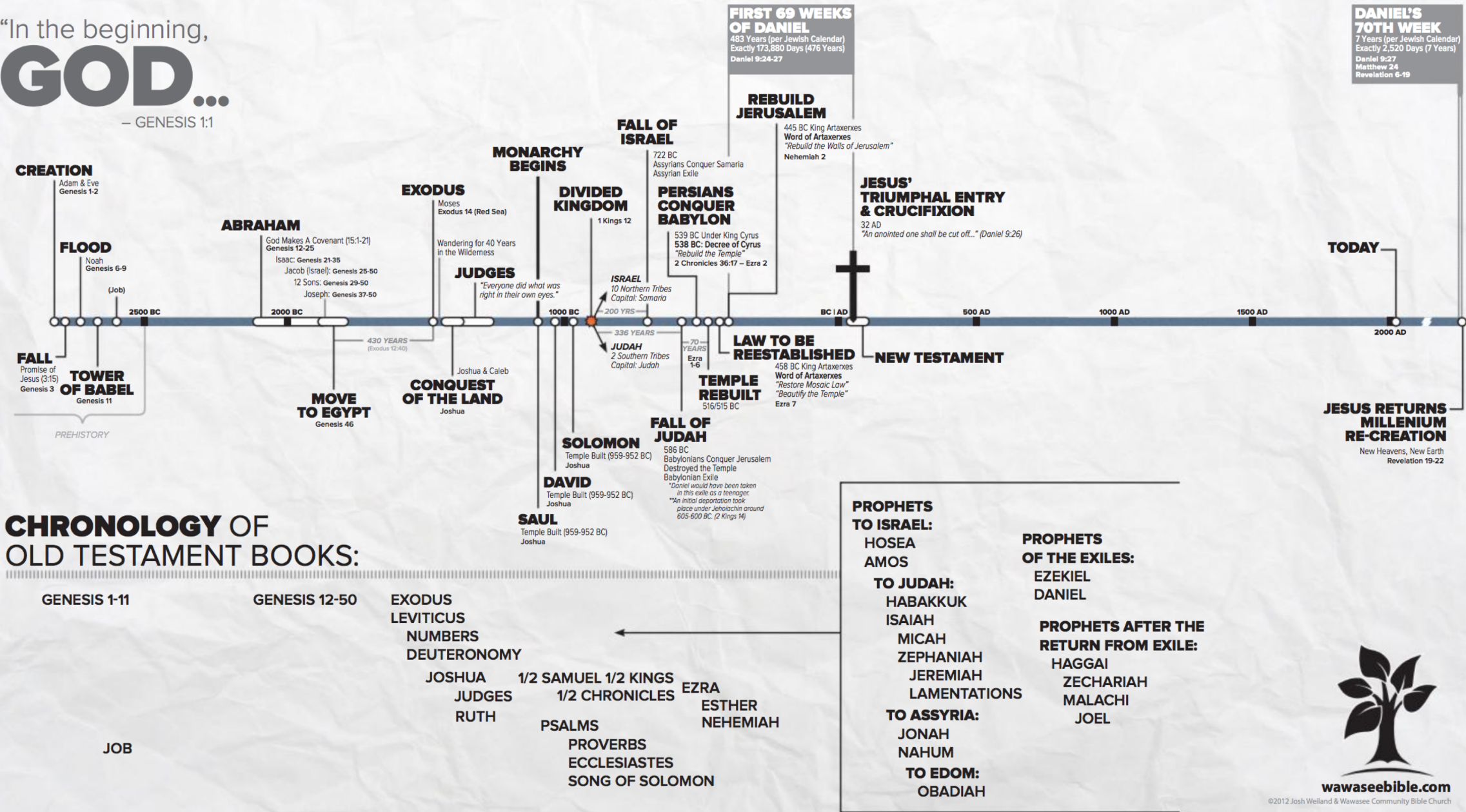
- First book written was Job, written around 1900 BC
- Last book written was Revelation, written around 95AD

## 3. Covers about 7000 years of Man on Earth

- Creation begins around 4000 BC. (Skips 400 years before Christ)
- Then, about 2000 years of Church Age. (Skips about 1900 years)
- When Jesus Comes back then another 1000 years until the final judgment; and then the new heaven and new earth.

# BASIC TIMELINE OF BIBLICAL HISTORY

“In the beginning,  
**GOD...**  
— GENESIS 1:1



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# Breakdown of the Bible

## 1. Old Testament

- I. 5 Books of Law: Genesis – Deuteronomy
- II. 12 Books of History of Israel: Joshua – Esther
- III. 5 Books of Wisdom: Job – Song of Solomon
- IV. 17 Books of Prophets:
  - a) 5 Major Prophets: Isaiah – Daniel
  - b) 12 Minor Prophets: Hosea - Malachi

## 2. New Testament

- I. 4 Books of the Gospel: Matthew – John
- II. 1 Book of Church History: Acts
- III. 21 Letters/Epistles:
  - a) Paul's Epistles: Romans – Hebrews
  - b) Other Epistles: James – Jude
- IV. 1 Book of Prophecy: Revelation“

# A Few Last Important Things:

## 1. The Bible is both SIMPLE & COMPLEX

- Shallow & Deep (Ezekiel 47:1-5; ankles, knees, loins, over your head)
- Main things are simple and straightforward enough for a child to get; God's not trying to trick us...
- Deep things are deep and can take years of digging and growing until God unveils.

## 2. Truth is Knowable

- *“But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”  
- John 20:31*
- *“But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” - 1 Corinthians 2:10*