

The History of the World

Timelines

God is our Redeemer, Life and Peace

Spiritual Awareness: God is Lord and King

The Bible is often separated from the study of history. However, biblical history is real history. The Bible is a book of history, and not a book of metaphors.

This unit reminds students that the Bible creates a foundational framework for world history. History includes the creation of the universe, the fall of man, God's purpose for Israel, and the coming of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Our response to 'God is our Redeemer'

Because God is my redeemer I will...
Ask Jesus to forgive me for my sin
Invite Him to live in my life
Make Jesus Lord of my life
Live with Him forever
Thank Him for what He did on the cross
Thank Him that I am His child
Tell others that they can have eternal life

Biblical references

Genesis 1 - The creation
Genesis 6-8 - Noah's Flood
Genesis 11 - The tower of Babel
Genesis 12 - Abraham
Exodus 6-14 -The Exodus from Egypt
1 Kings 5-8 - Solomon's temple
Nehemiah - Restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem
Luke 2 -the birth of Jesus Christ
John 19-20 - The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
Acts 2 - Pentecost
Acts 1:6-10; Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24 & 25 - The second coming of Christ

Supporting devotional resource

Themes for Christian Studies 7, (Creator): Creation / Evolution
Themes for Christian Studies 6, (Creator): The Flood
Themes for Christian Studies 4, (Protector): The Exodus
Themes for Christian Studies 6, (Patient): Nehemiah

Key Questions

How did the continents form?
How do we know the earth isn't millions of years old?
Was there really a world-wide flood?
How could Noah get all the animals on the ark?
How did all the different races arise?

Why are there different languages?
How did people and animals get from the Middle East to continents like America and Australia?
Why is Israel so important in the history of the world?

(Answers to most of these questions can be found in 'The Answers Book', Ken Ham, www.creation.com)

Outcomes

Students will

- understand the importance of Genesis as a foundation for world history
- study some of the major events in biblical history
- see that biblical history is the true foundation for world history

Activities

Draw a time-line showing the major events in the history of the world. Show main biblical events, and add other major events in history.

Major events in biblical history

These dates are based on biblical information, genealogies etc., and are an approximation, since we do not have all the information.

Creation (approx. 4000 B. C.)

Research the biblical account of Genesis.

The Flood (approx. 2350 B. C.)

Research the Genesis account and explain how fossils were quickly buried in layers of sediment.

Explain how all species of land animals today originate from the genetic pool of the animals aboard the ark.

Explain how different races of people originate from the genetic pool of the sons of Noah. Refer to topic 6, *God is Pure and Holy*.

The Tower of Babel (approx. 2240 B. C.)

Research the language groups of the world. (It is commonly agreed that there are about 16 major language groups, this finding being supported by the biblical record.)

Abraham (born approx. 2130 B. C.)

Study the promise given to Abraham, and his line of descendants.

Discuss the importance of this promise and the fact that Jesus would come from the line of Abraham.

Discuss the history of Jews and Gentiles, (Abraham being the father of the Jewish nation).

The Exodus (approx. 1640 B. C.)

Research history of ancient Egypt. Identify evidence for idol worship.

Draw the plagues in sequence.

Discuss the significance of the blood over the door of the houses.

Re-enact the Passover meal.

Draw maps of the Exodus to show the route.
Discuss the importance of the exodus from Egypt and the need for their own land, (the Promised Land).

Solomon's Temple (*approx. 1000 B. C.*)

Draw or make a model of the temple. (Use NIV Study Bible for diagram).
Discuss the reason why God's temple could now be built, (1 Kings 5).
List and classify the building materials.

Nehemiah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls (*approx. 485 B. C.*)

Explain why this was so important.

Birth of Christ (*approx. 1 B. C.*); **Death of Christ** (*approx. A. D. 33*)

Look at Christmas and Easter traditions around the world. How did pagan culture become mixed with biblical truth?

Pentecost (*approx. A. D. 36*); **Works of the Apostles** (*A. D. 50-70*)

Study the impact of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the spread of the Gospel.

The second coming of Christ

Research the signs leading up to Christ's return, (Matthew 24).
Read Matthew 25 to find out how we can be ready for Christ's return.
Mark this on the time-line as a question mark, because no one knows the hour, (Matthew 24:36).

Other important events in history

Add to the time-line some examples of other important events in history, not mentioned in the Bible, e.g.

- Rise and fall of the Roman Empire 30 B. C. - A. D. 500
 - Fall of Jerusalem approx. A. D. 70.
 - Discovery of America by Europeans 1492
 - Discovery of Australia by Europeans 1770
 - Invention of the steam engine 1750
 - Invention of the telegraph 1794
 - Invention of the electric engine 1800
 - Invention of the electric light 1870
 - Invention of the telephone 1876
 - Invention of the aeroplane 1905
 - Invention of the wireless, (radio) 1909
 - First and Second world wars A. D. 1914-1918; A. D. 1939-1945
 - Invention of the television 1926
 - Invention of the commercial computer 1950s
 - First man in space 1961
 - Man on the moon 1969
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- Research the lives of famous inventors and their inventions:
James Watt, (steam engine); Elias Howe, (sewing machine); John Gutenberg, (printing press); Samuel Morse, (telegraph); Alexander Bell,

(telephone); Thomas Edison, (electric light); Orville and Wilbur Wright, (aeroplane); Guglielmo Marconi, (wireless); John Baird, (television); John Holland, (submarine); Von Braun, (space rocket)

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