

**KEYS TO PROPER DIVISION IN THE BIBLE**

Introduction

- I. MEMORY VERSE: **Romans 15:4; John 5:39**
- II. As we apply the rules of proper reading and proper study to our Bible work, certain facts ought to begin to take shape in our minds. Among these facts include:
  - A. Key families mentioned in the Bible.
  - B. Key individuals noted by God.
- III. These folks may be in the Bible (whether Old or New Testaments) for any number of reasons, but behind it all, their mention will be to help develop the Bible's theme of \_\_\_\_\_.
- IV. While an obvious figure mentioned in the Bible is Jesus the Christ, this lesson will focus on other key figures, so that we can devote the entire lesson next week to Christ!

Discussion

**I. ADAM AND EVE:**

- A. What position do these two people hold in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. There are many good things we could say about this first couple. However, these two have the dubious "honor" of being responsible for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(See: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:3-6, 16-19)
- C. Though our next lesson will focus on Christ, we would be remiss if we did not mention that in the midst of the tragedy of the sin Adam and Eve committed, God promised \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 3:15).
- D. Paul describes Adam as the "first Adam." Who is the "last" or "second" Adam? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. NOAH:**

- A. The account of Noah's life is found in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Who was Noah's father? Who was his grandfather? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Name Noah's children. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What great character trait did Noah possess? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. He is only one of two Bible characters specifically noted for walking with God (Genesis 6:9).
  - 2. Name the other Bible character so described. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Besides building the ark, Peter describes him as "\_\_\_\_\_ " (II Peter 2:5).

**III. ABRAHAM AND SARAH:**

- A. Before he was known as "Abraham," he was called \_\_\_\_\_. What does that name mean? What does "Abraham" mean? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Abraham was a father to \_\_\_\_\_, and a great-grandfather to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. It is said three times in the Bible that Abraham was God's "\_\_\_\_\_" (\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; James 2:23).
- D. These two hold a special place in the Bible, for those who are Christians are not only considered children of God (Romans 8:16-17), but also "Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_" (Galatians 3:29), and Sarah's "daughters" (I Peter \_\_\_\_\_).
- E. Saying that Christians are children of Abraham and Sarah fulfills what prophecy? \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. MOSES:**

- A. Moses came from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_, Abraham's great-grandson.
- B. He led the \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_, and finally to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(See: Exodus-Deuteronomy)
- C. Like Noah, he was called God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 33:11).
- D. Moses was considered the great leader of God's people, and a "type" of \_\_\_\_\_.

# Bible Basics Curriculum

## V. THE PROPHETS:

- A. You would do well to familiarize yourself with the prophets found in the Bible. (You should be aware of 16 prophets already.)
1. The word “prophet” literally means “mouth.” Those called “prophets” were considered the “mouth” of God. Why is this? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. While, in a very real sense, we could say such men as Enoch, Noah, and others were “prophets,” as they spoke God’s word, usually we think of prophets as being people like \_\_\_\_\_
- B. These prophets had a responsibility to call folks back to God. Once the Israelites had a king, we see the prophet and king are linked together by God. Name the king(s) that would be associated with the following prophet(s).
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| 1. Prophet: Elijah   | linked with | King(s): _____ |
| 2. Prophet: Jeremiah | linked with | King(s): _____ |
| 3. Prophet: Micaiah  | linked with | King(s): _____ |
| 4. Prophet: Nathan   | linked with | King(s): _____ |

## VI. THE APOSTLES:

- A. The word apostle means: \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, Christ was called \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 3:1).
- B. These men were trained and sent by Christ to do what work? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. In the space of one generation, what did Paul say had happened (Colossians 1:5-6, 23)? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Name some things these men suffered for the cause of Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

## VII. THE EARLY PREACHERS AND TEACHERS:

- A. In the first century, we find that almost every Christian had their part in teaching folks the gospel.
- B. What contribution did the following people make in the spreading of the gospel?
1. Ananias (Acts 9) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:24-28; Romans 16:3-5) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Philip (Acts 8, 21:8) \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Lois and Eunice (Acts 16:1-2; II Timothy 1:5, 3:15) \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSIGNMENT:** (Hint: Assignments increase in difficulty. While some may not be able to answer each question, please challenge yourself and do the best you can!)

1. Do you know the books of the Bible? (You should know Genesis-Amos. Memorize the next 10 books of the Bible.) Do you know the Apostles? Do you know the sons of Israel?
2. Which characters above were found in the Old Testament? In the New Testament?
3. Choose from the following prophets (Isaiah; Ezekiel; Malachi; Micah; Zechariah) and name a “Messianic” prophecy proclaimed.
  - a. Show how that prophecy was fulfilled in Christ.
  - b. **Extra credit:** Choose a prophecy from all the other prophets and do the same.
4. Name the apostle:
  - a. “Whom Jesus loved” \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. “Born out of due time” \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Named by Christ (“Cephas”) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Who was a tax collector \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Who was a “Zealot” (a sect of the Jews) \_\_\_\_\_

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