# Chapter 1 – The Bible

## Video SS-HOJ-Chapter1.1

Welcome. This Bible study is intended to cover the information from the beginning of time to the point where the last trumpet sounds. The focus of this study to learn and know who Jesus is, by looking at the history we have in our hand…the Bible.

A few disclaimers: As you work your way through this material, we're going to be studying the Bible and what the Bible has to say. We are not studying a specific religion or denominational teaching. We are not attempting to prove anybody right or anybody wrong. We're going to study the Bible and learn how to let the Bible interpret itself.

There are few rules for Bible studies in general but Home Bible studies in this instance. Number one we will not argue about anything. If you are studying this material as group don’t allow arguing to begin. Open discussion and questions are welcome but arguing is not.

2 Timothy 2:22-26 Flee also youthful lusts: but **follow righteousness**, faith, charity, **peace**, with them that call on the Lord out of a **pure heart**.
23 But foolish and **unlearned** **questions avoid**, knowing that **they do gender strifes**.
24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructi ng those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1. Follow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, faith, charity, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with them that call on the Lord.
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g3164. μάχομαι machomai; middle voice of an apparently primary verb; to war, i.e. (figuratively) to quarrel, dispute: — fight, strive. AV (4) - strive 3, fight 1; to fight of armed combatants, or those who engage in a hand to hand struggleof those who engage in a war of words, to quarrel, wrangle, disputeof those who contend at law for property and privileges

Number 2 there is no such thing as a stupid question. If you don't fully understand something, ask someone else for help. Go to your pastor, Sunday School teacher or someone else you trust and ask. It is a good idea to ask more than one person. If you can’t find someone to ask send an email to info@BibleStudy2Go.com and we will answer you. Whoever you ask, make sure they can back up what they are telling you with “real” Bible verses. You would be surprised how many people believe stuff is in the Bible that is not really there.

Ecclesiastes 7:12 12 For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

*Ecclesiastes 7:12 (ESV) For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,*

*and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.*

Number 3 tradition does not mean truth. Just because you were taught “this” doesn't mean “this” is true. No matter if it was handed down from your great, great, great, great grandfather. If it cannot be found and proven in the Bible, it cannot be considered truth. Remember that God doesn’t honor traditions of men. God said for not to add to or take away from His word. Make sure what you believe in is based out of real Bible scriptures not what someone else believes to be true.

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### Points to Remember

You don't have to know every scripture there is on Salvation to be a good witness. But you do need to settle your questions about the Bible in your own mind.

Because if you walk around with doubts in your mind, you're transferring those doubts to whoever you’re talking to. If they can't see that you believe and are comfortable with every word of the Bible, why should they believe Jesus’ gospel is true coming from you.

The objectives are:

* To understand that the Bible truly is the Word of God
	+ You need to know a group of good writers didn’t make this book. God did.
* To understand that the Bible's purpose is to teach us who Jesus is
	+ Why did God give us this wonderful gift? To teach us about Himself.
* To be able to demonstrate to others we have confidence the Bible is truth
	+ You need a solid foundation to stand on. If you can’t be sure the Bible is really the word of God how can trust the plan of salvation?

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The day may come when you are forced to stand in a court of law and testify that you believe the Bible is true. If you cannot stand firm **on what** you believe… you can be convinced you're wrong. In a court of law could you be found guilty for what you believe? Would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Every day we talk to people, who can tell by our words, if we have faith that what we believe is true. You can’t take someone else’s word for it. We must know within our own heart what YOU believe. We can't answer “my church teaches” we have to be able to answer, “I believe.”

**ROMANS** 1:16-20 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because **that which may be known of God** is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For **the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse**:

God gave us His word and He gave us the Holy Ghost to teach us. When we stand before the throne, we will not have a valid excuse to offer as to why we were not a firm witness to the truth of God's word.

1. In a court of law could you be found guilty for what you believe? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As we walk through the Bible reading the stories of the real-life men and women following their lives as they succeeded or as they failed, we begin to see the nature and the personality of God and how He interacts with those who please him and those who fail him.

We will now begin our walk through the Bible with a discussion of the structure and the breakdown of the Bible.

### The Old Testament

The Old Testament is the history of God’s dealings with humans from the dawn of creation until the time of Christ.

The Old Testament has 39 books It was mostly written in the language of Hebrew.
Daniel and Ezra were written in Biblical Aramaic.

* Genesis to Deuteronomy is traditionally considered the books of Moses; also called the Law or the Pentateuch.
* From Joshua to Esther are the Historical books
* From Job to the Song of Solomon are the Poetical books
* The Prophetical books contain the major and minor Prophets
* The 5 Major Prophets are from Isaiah to Daniel
* The 12 Minor Prophets from Hosea to Malachi

For the first 2500 years there was no written word of God. God spoke to man in different ways. He used angels, dreams, prophets, or donkeys if He had to.

From the garden to the Exodus. During this study we will talk about the major points of the Bible Timeline.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

### Moses Writing

The first person we see in the story of the written word is Moses. The first 5 books of the Bible were written by Moses.

1. **Often missed fact:** There were witnesses that Moses talked to God!

Moses took the elders of Israel up on the mountain to see God and to eat and drink with Him. These men were witness that God spoke to Moses face to face and that the Law was the words of God.

Exodus 24:9-11a Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and **seventy of the elders of Israel**: 10 And they saw the God of Israel: and there was **under his feet** as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel **he laid not his hand**: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

What they saw was a manifestation of the spirit of God. Notice it says they saw His feet and not His face. Notice the writer points out God didn’t kill them.

In Exodus 31 God wrote His Law on the stone tablets Himself.

Exodus 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

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2. Who wrote the Ten Commandment first? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

But when Moses came down off the mountain the children of Israel had made a molten calf and worshiped it. Moses threw down the tablets and broke them.

In chapter 32 God decides to kill all of the Israelites and make a people out of Moses. Then Moses goes into the Tabernacle to talk with God. Moses says if you blot them out blot me out too.

Exodus 33:10-11a And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. 11 And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.

# Lesson 2

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During this time with God, Moses asks God to show him His Glory. God tells him that no man can see my face and live. **PERSONALLY**, **I believe** God means no man can see His full plan for mankind to understand the Gospel. Not at that point. If He showed it ALL to a man, the devil would know and try to stop Him. Thus, we have prophecy.

EXODUS 33:18-23 And he said, I beseech thee, **shew me thy glory**. 19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. 20 And he said, **Thou canst not see my face**: for there shall no **man see me, and live**. 21 And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

1. What did God show Moses while he was in the cleft of the rock? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Moses returns to the mountain to write the Ten Commandments on the tablets of stone.

**Exodus** 34:28 And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Moses wrote down all the law and the words of the Lord and told them to the priests and the 70 elders. The tablets of stone where placed in the ark of the covenant.

**Deuteronomy** 31:9-11 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel. 10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 11 When all Israel is come to appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

1. How often did God say to read the books of the Law? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

At this time God began to establish a written covenant that could be passed on from generation to generation.

The priest, rabies and scribe wrote on leather, clay and wood. Later they wrote scrolled paper. The Jewish priest are still writing the history today.

The Bible was not written in the order the books appear in the Bible today. It was divided by the translators and placed in an order that made sense to them.

**There** are 40 different human writers of the books of the Bible. The Bible was “actually” written over a period of 1500 years.

The Old Testament covers a human lifetime period of 4000 years… after Adam and Eve left the garden. We are not actually told how long they were in the garden before they sinned.

### The New Testament

The New Testament will cover 3000 years. 2000 years for the church age and 1000 years for the millennium.
*2 Peter 3:8* - *Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

The titles of the **OLD and NEW** testaments came from the translators of the Bible. They also broke the books into chapters and verses. It was their way of helping us understand the Bible.

HOWEVER, the first 4 books of the New belong in the Old. The NEW covenant did not begin until after Jesus rose from the dead.

Never let anyone tell you the Old Testament isn’t important. God teaches us by physical or touchable things in the Old and what He wants us to see, be and do… in the Spiritual in the New.

1. The Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Old Testament informs, and the New Testament interprets.

In other words, God showed us in the Old Testament who He is and what He expects. What His expectations are of people that He wants to put His name on.

The Israelites failed time and time again BUT so have "WE".

The New Testament interprets, in the spiritual realm those natural teachings, those natural lessons, that God taught us through the Old Testament.

You cannot understand the full totality of what you're reading in the New Testament without understanding the Old. They go together. Always!

# Lesson 3

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The New Testament contains 27 books ~~and it was originally written in Greek~~. (update) For years we've been told that the New Testament was written in Greek. This information came through the Roman Catholic church who wanted the New Testament Christians to be Greek and gentiles and not Jews. It has come to light recently with the digitizing of old manuscripts that the New Testament was actually written in Hebrew by the followers of Jesus. Believers who are Jewish. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all of those that we read about were Jews and if a Jew was going to write something... it would be in Hebrew.

The first four books are the gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These books describe what happened in Jesus’ life, what He cared about, what He preached, and the miracles He performed. Each book ends with the details of how He died and rose again on the third day.

**The four Gospels of the New Testament sum up the Old Testament.** The Old Testament contained all of the types & shadows, the foretelling visions and the prophecies of the Messiah to come. The Gospels contain the proofs, to the Jews and the world, that Jesus absolutely was the Messiah.

**Jesus and the Apostles used the 39 books of the Old Testament** to prove and preach Jesus is the Messiah, our Lord and Savior.

The book of Acts is the history of what happened after Jesus died and the beginning of the church. The NEW TESTAMENT, the New Covenant, that Jesus made with His church, begins with the book of Acts.

ACTS 28:30-31 (KJV) And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

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2. What is missing at the end of the booPrayk of Acts? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The majority of the New Testament was written by the Apostle Paul, to the various churches, he was the Bishop or overseer of. Most of Paul’s letters where written while he was in prison.

Next, we have the general letters written by James, Peter, John and Jude. Personally, I believe Hebrews was written by Paul also.

The last book of the Bible is the book of Revelations.

REVELATION 1:9-11 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia;

(From Wikipedia)

John was banished (presumably to Patmos) after being plunged into boiling oil in Rome and suffering nothing from it. It is said that all in the audience of Colosseum were converted to Christianity upon witnessing this miracle. This event would have occurred in the **late 1st century**, **(96AD)** during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, who was known for his persecution of Christians.

John had a servant who requested to go with him. As John was having the vision, the servant wrote what he was saying.

1. Where did John receive the book of Revelations? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Lesson 4

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### What about Jesus?

The entire Bible from “In the Beginning” to the last Amen of Revelations has all been about Jesus.

In the Old Testament we are given the foundation of physical examples of what God expects of His children and His Bride. In the New Testament we are introduced to how to accomplish the things God expects from us in the spiritual.

All scripture came to us by the inspiration of God. It may have been penned by humans, but it was ordained by God. Over 3,800 times the Bible uses the terms the Lord said, the Lord spoke, and God said.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for **instruction** in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

1 Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you **are the commandments of the Lord**.

Jeremiah 30:1-2 ​The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the Lord God of Israel, saying, **Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book**.

You cannot separate God from His Word and you cannot know God without His Word. There are many who know the Word but don’t know God!

To study the Bible is not enough. You must study the Bible with a desire to know who God is. What was His plan? Why did He do all of this?

The more you desire to the know the more He will show you. God will reveal Himself to you.

The Bible is the living Word…not a dead book.

# Lesson 5

## Video SS-HOJ-Chapter1.6

### Bible and Science

Just consider these facts that took science 1000’s of years to figure out. If they had read their Bible, they would know.

The brightest men of science all said the earth was flat. If you have ever looked at the horizon you can understand why they thought that.

Isaiah 40:21-22 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning?

have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,

and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain,and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Isaiah lived around--700-681 B.C. How does a man who has never seen a telescope or flown in plane know the earth is round? He doesn’t, but God did.

Job 26:7-8 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

**He** hung the earth on nothing. How could Job know the clouds were made of water? How could he know that earth hung on nothing?

Jeremiah 33:22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

For years man thought he could count the stars. Now science knows the universe is forever growing.

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

The Life is in the blood! George Washington died because the treatment of the day, for his illness was to bleed a person. They took 5 pints in less than 16 hours and he of course he died.

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Human blood is the living manifestation of the breath of God breathed into Adam.

It is impossible for humans to recreate or replace blood.

New England Medical Journal has determined that blood is an intelligent being.

* Blood can locate a wound.
* Blood can determine what to do about a wound.
* Blood can fix the wound and solve the problem.

When the blood goes to a wound and determines what is necessary to fix it, the blood has to die to fix it.

Some more facts about the Bible: Over and over science has proven that the flood did happen.+

# Lesson 6

## Video SS-HOJ-Chapter1.7

###  Archaeology

The lost civilization of the Hittites has been found.

Sodom and Gomorrah have been identified. They found 90% sulfur. That doesn’t exist anywhere else in the world.

The remains of the city of Jericho have been found and the time of the Israelites attack match its destruction.

The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the spring of 1947 by a young sheepherder who lost one of his sheep. He chased the sheep down but instead of entering the caves he threw a rock to scare it. But instead of the sheep he heard a crash.

When he investigated, he found a multitude of clay pots containing scrolls. Several scrolls were intact, but most were fragmented. Many different people have spent years piecing together the fragments have as many scrolls as possible.

This is a list of how many complete books of the Hebrew Bible were found in the 12 different caves. All of the books of the Hebrew Bible were found except for Esther. There were also many non-biblical books found. Such as the book of Enoch and the A-po-cry-pha.

They found a 95% accuracy in the scrolls to match word for word as it appears in our Bible today. The 5% difference was due to a slip of pen or a difference in the spelling or translation of a word. One example is the book of Isaiah 53 where they found out of 166 words only 17 letters were in question.

This proves without a shadow of a doubt for the past 2000 years God's hand has been on His word. Keeping it intact to say exactly what He wanted it to say. You can Google and look for the scroll’s contents in read a majority of them for free online.