

# LongStoryShort

The Bible has 66 individual books, but it's actually one book. It has hundreds of stories, yet tells one story. Discover how it all fits together, beginning to end.

## **THE BEGINNINGS \\ GENESIS 1-11**

God spoke the universe into existence and created Man in His own image. Man chose to sin and a perfect world was shattered. Man's rebellion became so great God destroyed the world with a flood and started over, promising never to destroy the world that way again.

## **THE PATRIARCHS \\ GENESIS 12-50**

God chose Abraham to birth a nation that would bless all nations. Abraham believed God and was counted righteous because of his belief. Abraham had a son Isaac, who had a son Jacob, who had 12 sons whose descendants became the 12 Tribes of Israel.

## **THE PROMISED LAND \\ EXODUS TO 1 SAMUEL 15**

Israel's Tribes became slaves in Egypt. Moses rescued them from Pharaoh in the great Exodus. Joshua took them into the Promised Land. For a few hundred years Judges led the Tribes of Israel. Rather than bless the nations, though, Israel turned away from God to worship other gods. In those days there was no king in Israel and everyone did what was right in their own eyes.

## **THE KINGS & PROPHETS \\ 1 SAMUEL 15 TO MALACHI**

Three kings, Saul, David and Solomon led Israel after the Judges. God promised David would have a descendant on the throne forever. A civil war divided the kingdom into two nations, Israel and Judah. For centuries they rejected the Prophets God sent to turn them back to Him. Finally, God destroyed both nations and exiled the survivors. A remnant, determined to follow God, eventually returned to Israel. Israel never lived up to the promise of being a blessing to the world, but the prophets spoke of a Messiah, or Savior who would one day lead them.

## **THE MESSIAH \\ THE GOSPELS & ACTS**

Jesus, God's Son, a descendant of David, came to earth as a man to demonstrate God's love. He revealed himself as God's Promised One or Messiah, the "Christ", and atoned for all Man's sin through his crucifixion. After his resurrection Jesus sent his disciples into the world to preach the Good News. The Church was given Abraham's mission to bless the nations.

## **THE LETTERS \\ ROMANS TO REVELATION**

The Church exploded in growth as Jesus' followers made disciples around the world. The Church was taught and encouraged by epistles, or letters, which were written by Paul, Peter, John, and a few other followers of Jesus. The final letter predicts how Jesus will one day return to earth and make all things new.