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### Old Testament

#### In the Beginning

1. **Creation**

Genesis 1:1—2:25

*Key Verse:* In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

2. **The Fall**

Genesis 3:1-24

*Key Verse:* Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" (Genesis 3:1)

3. **The Flood**

Genesis 6:5—7:24

*Key Verse:* "I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish." (Genesis 6:17)

4. **God's Covenant with Noah**

Genesis 8:1—9:17

*Key Verse:* Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." (Genesis 9:8-11)

5. **The Tower of Babel**

Genesis 11:1-9

*Key Verse:* But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." (Genesis 11:5-7)

## **Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**

### **6. The Call of Abram**

Genesis 12:1-20

*Key Verse:* The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:1-3)

### **7. God's Covenant with Abram**

Genesis 15:1-21

*Key Verse:* He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:5-6)

### **8. Isaac's Birth and "Sacrifice"**

Genesis 21:1—22:19

*Key Verse:* But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup>"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." (Genesis 22:11-12)

### **9. Jacob and Esau Compete**

Genesis 27:1—28:22

*Key Verse:* Esau said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?" (Genesis 27:36)

### **10. Jacob and Esau Reconcile**

Genesis 32:1—33:20

*Key Verse:* But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. (Genesis 33:4)

## **The Story of Joseph**

### **11. Sold Into Slavery**

Genesis 37:1-36

*Key Verse:* Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt. (Genesis 37:26-28)

### **12. Prison and a Promotion**

Genesis 39:1—41:57

*Key Verse:* So Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was quickly brought from the dungeon. When he had shaved and changed his clothes, he came before Pharaoh. <sup>15</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it." <sup>16</sup> "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires." (Genesis 41:14-16)

### **13. Ten Brothers Go to Egypt**

Genesis 42:1-38

*Key Verse:* Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. <sup>4</sup> But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. <sup>5</sup> So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also. (Genesis 42:3-5)

### **14. The Brothers Return**

Genesis 43:1—44:34

*Key Verse:* And may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back with you. As for me, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved." (Genesis 43:14)

### **15. Joseph Reveals His Identity**

Genesis 45:1—46:7

*Key Verse:* Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. (Genesis 45:4-5)

## **Moses and the Exodus**

### **16. The Birth of Moses**

Exodus 1:1—2:25

*Key Verse:* When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."  
(Exodus 2:10)

### **17. The Burning Bush**

Exodus 3:1—4:17

*Key Verse:* So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:10)

### **18. The Ten Plagues**

Exodus 6:28—11:10

*Key Verse:* The LORD had said to Moses, "Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt." <sup>10</sup> Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country. (Exodus 11:9-10)

### **19. Passover and Exodus**

Exodus 12:1-42

*Key Verse:* On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. (Exodus 12:12-13)

### **20. Crossing the Red Sea**

Exodus 13:17—14:31

*Key Verse:* Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."  
(Exodus 14:13-14)

## **The Law and the Land**

### **21. The Ten Commandments**

Exodus 19:1—20:21

*Key Verse:* And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup>You shall have no other gods before me. " (Exodus 20:1-3)

### **22. The Golden Calf**

Exodus 32:1—34:35

*Key Verse:* Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup>They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' (Exodus 32:7-8)

### **23. Joshua Succeeds Moses**

Joshua 1:1-18

*Key Verse:* No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>"Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. (Joshua 1:5-6)

### **24. Crossing the Jordan**

Joshua 3:1—4:24

*Key Verse:* Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, <sup>16</sup>the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea ) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. (Joshua 3:15-16)

### **25. The Fall of Jericho**

Joshua 5:13—6:27

*Key Verse:* When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. (Joshua 6:20)

## **The Judges**

### **26. Israel's Disobedience**

Judges 2:6—3:6

*Key Verse:* Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. <sup>12</sup>They forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to anger. (Judges 2:11-12)

### **27. Deborah Leads Israel**

Judges 4:1—5:31

*Key Verse:* Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup>She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came to her to have their disputes decided. (Judges 4:4-5)

### **28. Gideon Defeats the Midianites**

Judges 6:1—7:25

*Key Verse:* The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place." (Judges 7:7)

### **29. Samson Defeats the Philistines**

Judges 13:1—16:31

*Key Verse:* Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, <sup>30</sup>Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived. (Judges 16:29-30)

### **30. The Story of Ruth**

Ruth 1:1—4:22

*Key Verse:* So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. <sup>14</sup>The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! <sup>15</sup>He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." <sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. <sup>17</sup>The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. (Ruth 4:13-17)

## **The Rise of Israel**

### **31. Samuel Listens to God** 1 Samuel 1:1—3:21

*Key Verse:* The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:10)

### **32. King Saul** 1 Samuel 8:1—10:27

*Key Verse:* Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance? (1 Samuel 10:1)

### **33. David and Goliath** 1 Samuel 16:1—18:16

*Key Verse:* So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. (1 Samuel 17:10)

### **34. David and Saul** 1 Samuel 23:7—24:22

*Key Verse:* This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD's anointed.' <sup>11</sup>See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. Now understand and recognize that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. (1 Samuel 24:10-11)

### **35. King David** 2 Samuel 5:1—7:29

*Key Verse:* Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.' (2 Samuel 7:8-9)

## **The Fall of Israel**

### **36. David and Bathsheba**

2 Samuel 11:1—12:25

*Key Verse:* Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' (2 Samuel 12:9-10)

### **37. King Solomon**

1 Kings 2:1—3:28

*Key Verse:* Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother." <sup>28</sup> When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice. (1 Kings 3:27-28)

### **38. Solomon's Temple**

1 Kings 8:1—9:9

*Key Verse:* May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. (1 Kings 8:29-30)

### **39. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal**

1 Kings 16:29—19:18

*Key Verse:* So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. (1 Kings 18:20-21)

### **40. The Fall of Jerusalem**

2 Kings 25:1-30

*Key Verse:* The whole Babylonian army, under the commander of the imperial guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem. <sup>11</sup> Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard carried into exile the people who remained in the city, along with the rest of the populace and those who had gone over to the king of Babylon. (2 Kings 25:10-11)

## **Psalms and Proverbs**

### **41. The Lord is My Shepherd**

Psalm 23:1-6

*Key Verse:* The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. (Psalm 23:1)

### **42. Have Mercy on Me**

Psalm 51:1-19

*Key Verse:* Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:10-11)

### **43. Praise the Lord**

Psalm 103:1-22

*Key Verse:* Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. (Psalm 103:1)

### **44. Godly Wisdom**

Proverbs 1:1—4:27

*Key Verse:* Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

### **45. Proverbs of Solomon**

Proverbs 16:1—18:24

*Key Verse:* Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice. (Proverbs 16:8)

## **The Prophets**

### **46. The Suffering Servant**

Isaiah 51:1—53:12

*Key Verse:* But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

### **47. Jeremiah's Call and Message**

Jeremiah 1:1—3:5

*Key Verse:* Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." (Jeremiah 1:9-10)

### **48. Daniel in the Lion's Den**

Daniel 6:1-28

*Key Verse:* Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." (Daniel 6:21-22)

### **49. The Story of Jonah**

Jonah 1:1—4:11

*Key Verse:* Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. <sup>16</sup> At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him. <sup>17</sup> But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights. (Jonah 1:15-17)

### **50. The Day of Judgment**

Malachi 1:1—4:6

*Key Verse:* "So I will come near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive aliens of justice, but do not fear me," says the LORD Almighty. (Malachi 3:5)

# New Testament

## The Living Word

### 51. **The Word Became Flesh** John 1:1-18

*Key Verse:* The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

### 52. **Gabriel's Messages** Luke 1:1-80

*Key Verse:* But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31)

### 53. **The Birth of Jesus** Luke 2:1-40

*Key Verse:* But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

### 54. **John the Baptist** Luke 3:1-20

*Key Verse:* The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with [water]. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Luke 3:15-16)

### 55. **Baptism and Temptation** Matthew 3:13—4:17

*Key Verse:* As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

## **The Teachings of Jesus**

### **56. Sermon on the Mount—Part 1**

Matthew 5:1—6:4

*Key Verse:* You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

### **57. Sermon on the Mount—Part 2**

Matthew 6:5—7:29

*Key Verse:* But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

### **58. The Kingdom of Heaven**

Matthew 13:1-58

*Key Verse:* Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.<sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)

### **59. The Good Samaritan**

Luke 10:25-37

*Key Verse:* "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)

### **60. Lost and Found**

Luke 15:1-32

*Key Verse:* In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)

## **The Miracles of Jesus**

### **61. Feeding the Five Thousand**

Luke 9:1-36

*Key Verse:* Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. <sup>17</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. (Luke 9:16-17)

### **62. Walking on Water**

Matthew 14:22-36

*Key Verse:* Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:31-33)

### **63. Healing a Blind Man**

John 9:1-41

*Key Verse:* Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup>"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. (John 9:6-7)

### **64. Healing a Demon-Possessed Man**

Mark 5:1-20

*Key Verse:* As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup>Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup>So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. (Mark 5:18-20)

### **65. Raising Lazarus from the Dead**

John 11:1-57

*Key Verse:* When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (John 11:43-44)

## **The Cross of Christ**

### **66. The Last Supper**

Luke 22:1-46

*Key Verse:* And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

### **67. Arrest and Trial**

John 18:1-40

*Key Verse:* "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup> But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?" <sup>40</sup> They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion. (John 18:38-40)

### **68. The Crucifixion**

John 19:1-42

*Key Verse:* So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). <sup>18</sup> Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. (John 19:17-18)

### **69. The Resurrection**

John 20:1—21:25

*Key Verse:* On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. (John 20:19-20)

### **70. The Ascension**

Acts 1:1-11

*Key Verse:* After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

## **The Church is Born**

### **71. The Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-47

*Key Verse:* When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:1-4)

### **72. Growth and Persecution**

Acts 3:1—4:37

*Key Verse:* The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand. (Acts 4:1-4)

### **73. The First Martyr**

Acts 6:8—8:8

*Key Verse:* While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep. (Acts 7:59-60)

### **74. Sharing the Word**

Acts 8:26-40

*Key Verse:* The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. (Acts 8:34-35)

### **75. Good News for All**

Acts 10:1—11:18

*Key Verse:* Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. (Acts 10:34-35)

## **The Travels of Paul**

### **76. The Road to Damascus**

Acts 9:1-31

*Key Verse:* As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. (Acts 9:3-5)

### **77. The First Missionary Journey**

Acts 13:1—14:28

*Key Verse:* They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup>strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said. (Acts 14:21-22)

### **78. The Council at Jerusalem**

Acts 15:1-41

*Key Verse:* Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses." <sup>6</sup>The apostles and elders met to consider this question. (Acts 15:5-6)

### **79. More Missionary Journeys**

Acts 16:1—20:38

*Key Verse:* During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. (Acts 16:9-10)

### **80. The Trip to Rome**

Acts 25:1—28:31

*Key Verse:* And so we came to Rome. <sup>15</sup>The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged. <sup>16</sup>When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him. (Acts 28:15-16)

## **Paul to the Churches**

### **81. More Than Conquerors**

Romans 8:1-39

*Key Verse:* And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

### **82. The Fruit of the Spirit**

Galatians 5:16—6:10

*Key Verse:* But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

### **83. The Armor of God**

Ephesians 6:10-20

*Key Verse:* Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (Ephesians 6:10-11)

### **84. Rejoice in the Lord**

Philippians 4:4-9

*Key Verse:* Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

### **85. The Supremacy of Christ**

Colossians 1:1-23

*Key Verse:* He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (Colossians 1:17-18)

## **Paul to the Leaders**

### **86. Elders and Deacons**

1 Timothy 3:1-16

*Key Verse:* Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. (1 Timothy 3:1-3)

### **87. The Love of Money**

1 Timothy 6:3-21

*Key Verse:* For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Timothy 6:10)

### **88. Good Soldiers of Christ**

2 Timothy 2:1-26

*Key Verse:* Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

### **89. All Scripture is God-breathed**

2 Timothy 3:10—4:8

*Key Verse:* All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### **90. The Coming of the Lord**

1 Thessalonians 4:13—5:11

*Key Verse:* For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

## **The Apostles' Teaching**

### **91. The Most Excellent Way**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Key Verse:* And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

### **92. A New Creation in Christ**

2 Corinthians 4:1—6:2

*Key Verse:* Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

### **93. A Living Hope**

1 Peter 1:1—2:12

*Key Verse:* Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

### **94. Faith and Works**

James 1:1—2:26

*Key Verse:* In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (James 2:17)

### **95. Love One Another**

1 John 3:11—4:21

*Key Verse:* Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)

## **The Revelation**

### **96. A Voice and a Vision**

Revelation 1:1-20

*Key Verse:* When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Revelation 1:17-18)

### **97. Messages to the Churches**

Revelation 2:1—3:22

*Key Verse:* To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 3:21-22)

### **98. The Throne of Heaven**

Revelation 4:1—7:17

*Key Verse:* All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" (Revelation 7:11-12)

### **99. Hallelujah!**

Revelation 19:1—20:15

*Key Verse:* Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready." (Revelation 19:6-7)

### **100. The New Jerusalem**

Revelation 21:1—22:21

*Key Verse:* I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (Revelation 21:2-4)