Sobek's One Page Summary of Bible History

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1	**Creation** – "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*." (Genesis 1:1)
2	**The Fall** - The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, sinned by eating the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3)
3	**Flood** – "*Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. And Noah and his sons* (Shem, Ham and Japheth) *and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood*." (Genesis 7: 6,7)
4	**Tower of Babel** – During the construction of the Tower of Babel, God "*confused their language*" and "*the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth*." (Genesis 11)
5	**God calls Abram (Abraham)** – God builds a nation beginning with Abram (later called Abraham), then his son Isaac, and Isaac's son Jacob (who is later called Israel). These people are called the Israelites and later in the Bible they are called Jews. (Gen 12-35)
6	**Joseph's Rise to Power** – Jacob's son, Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers, interprets Pharaoh's dream and provides wise counsel regarding Egypt's preparation for the upcoming 7 years of famine. Pharaoh makes him 2nd in command and allows Joseph's father, Jacob, and Jacob's entire family, to move to Egypt. (Genesis 41-47)
7	**Deliverance from Slavery** – The Israelites grow very large in Egypt but a new Pharaoh makes slaves of them. God uses Moses to deliver the Israelites from Egypt involving a series of plagues. God parts the Red Sea for them to escape. (Exodus 1-14)
8	**Ten Commandments** – God gives the ten commandments on stone tablets at Mount Sinai. Other laws also given. (Exodus 20, 34)
9	**Wandering** – Israel is afraid to enter Canaan so God has them wander in the Sinai wilderness for 40 years. (Numbers, Deut.)
10	**Conquest of Canaan** – Joshua successfully leads the Israelites in the taking of the promised land – beginning with the conquest of Jericho which was fortified with great walls surrounding the city. (Joshua 6)
11	**Judges** – After Joshua died the Israelites often did evil in the sight of the Lord, which got them into trouble with neighboring nations. They would finally call upon the Lord for deliverance which God would provide through a judge (deliverer). Some notable judges were Deborah, the only female judge, Gideon, who conquered a multitude with only 300 men, Samson, known for his great physical strength, and Samuel, the last judge. Also Boaz marries Ruth during this period. (Judges, 1Samuel 1-12, Ruth)
12	**Saul, David & Solomon** – The 12 tribes of Israel ask for and receive a king. The first king was Saul. While David was still a youth he defeated Goliath, a huge Philistine warrior. He later led Israel to many military victories. King David made some mistakes, but was a "*man after God's heart*" and wrote many of the Psalms. David's son, King Solomon, was known for his great wisdom, for his proverbs, and for building the temple. (1Samuel 10-1Kings 11, Psalms, Proverbs)
13	**Kingdom Divided** – After Solomon's reign the kingdom is divided into a northern kingdom called Israel and a southern kingdom called Judah. There were some good kings during this time but most of the kings did evil in the site of the Lord. God sent prophets like Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, and Jeremiah to warn the people of the coming judgment if they failed to repent and return their worship to the true God. Despite the warnings, ultimately both kingdoms would fall – first the northern kingdom falls to the Assyrian Army and finally the southern kingdom falls to Babylon. During this period Isaiah also prophesied of the coming Messiah. (*"…and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."* Isaiah 53:6) (1Kings 12 – 2Kings 25, Isaiah, Jeremiah)
14	**Exiled** – Most of the conquered Israelites were forced to move to faraway lands. Daniel, who was exiled to Babylon, remained faithful to God and God blessed him and delivered him from the lions. Babylon falls and the Persian empire begins. A Jewish girl, Esther, becomes queen and saves her people from Haman's plot to slaughter the Jews. (2Kings 25, Daniel, Esther, Ezekiel)
15	**Return and Rebuilding** – Exiled Jews begin to return to Jerusalem. Ezra, a priest, returns and later Nehemiah obtains favor from the king of Persia and returns to Jerusalem to lead the people in the rebuilding of the wall surrounding the city. (Ezra, Nehemiah)
16	**Birth of Christ** – Jesus is born in Bethlehem to Mary, the wife of Joseph. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1-2)
17	**Teaching & Miracles** – Jesus traveled around teaching the people – often using parables. He performed many miracles. He fed multitudes with a few loaves and fishes; He cured the lame, the blind, the leprous; He cast out evil demons; He walked on water; The winds and waves obeyed his commands; He raised his friend, Lazarus, from the dead. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
18	**Jesus is Crucified** – The Jewish religious leaders coerce Pilot, the Roman Governor, to have Jesus crucified. (Luke 22-23)
19	**Resurrection of Christ** – On the third day, Jesus is resurrected from the dead. (Mathew 28)
20	**Ascension of Christ** – After appearing to His followers over a period of 40 days, Jesus ascended into heaven. Angels spoke to the disciples as they were staring intently into the sky, telling them that *"…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)
21	**Pentecost** – As the disciples gathered in Jerusalem the house was filled with the sound like the blowing of a violent wind from heaven and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Peter addresses the crowd and 3000 are added that day. (Acts 2)
22	**Salvation Available to All** – God sends an angel to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, and tells him to send for Peter. Peter arrives and shares Christ with all of the gentiles present. The Holy Spirit came upon all who heard the message. Peter went to Jerusalem to let the other believers know that salvation by faith in Christ is not just for the Jews, but is available to all. (Acts 10-11)
23	**Paul is Saved and Sent** – Saul, (later called Paul) who persecuted the church, encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul is saved and eventually embarks on three missionary journeys. He encounters great adversity but also witnesses God move in a mighty way and churches are planted throughout his journeys. (Acts 9-28) During his life Paul wrote many letters to instruct, encourage, and provide correction to the churches. To the church at Rome Paul wrote, "*This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*" (Romans 3: 22-24)
24	**Revelation** – John is exiled to Patmos where God gives him letters to 7 churches and a vision of things to come. (Revelation)

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