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God sees what has happened, what is happening and what will happen in the future all at the same time. In Isaiah we learn that God knows and reveals the past, the present and the future. He is the only One who can. This means that we can fully participate in God's ongoing plan with great hope and confidence.

As we examine the different time periods in the Bible we can see how God's redemptive plan for man has unfolded throughout the years beginning with Adam and Eve, Abraham, the Patriarchs, David, John the Baptist, and then the birth, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. The Bible gives us a graphic picture of how God deals with His people and the nation of Israel, and what the future holds for all peoples. We can learn about God's character, how He can meet all our needs, and how we do not need to fear today nor tomorrow.

*"Remember this, and be assured;
Recall it to mind, you transgressors.
"Remember the former things long past,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like Me,
Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not been done,
Saying, 'My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';
Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man of My purpose from a far country.
Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass.
I have planned it, surely I will do it. Isaiah 46:8-11*

Let's look first at where we have come from. Below are the time periods in the Bible listed out of order. See if you can fill in the time periods.

Exercise 1 - Time Periods of the Bible

Write the answers in the correct order below for the time periods of the Bible and the time periods of Israel. Answers are given out of order in the box to the left.

Time Periods of the Bible

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answers out of order:

Israel

Flood

Jesus - Period of Grace

Future Promise

The Creation

Israel

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Answers out of order:

Entering Canaan

Exile

Silent Years

Call of Abraham

Exodus

Judges

Nation of Israel Restored - Decree of Cyrus

Kings of Israel

Future Promise

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Answers out of order:

Tribulation

Millennial Period

Eternal State

Rapture of the Church

Now let's review the Bible Time Periods on a timeline showing the years the periods started along with some of the important people in each time period. We will fill in the books of the Bible that covered each time period at a later date.

It is also helpful to review the number of years from one time period to another and/or the number of years a time period lasted:

Time Periods	Number of Years
Flood to Call of Abraham	427
Call of Abraham to the Exodus	430
Exodus	40
Entering Canaan to Judges Period	470
Kingdom Era	413
Exile	70
Silent Years	483

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Biblical Time Periods

Time Period	Time	People	Books of the Bible
CREATION:	Beginning of time as we know it	Adam (960 yrs) & Eve	
• Holy Angles & Fallen Angels			
• Pre-Flood		Methuselah (969 yrs)	
FLOOD:	2385 BC	Noah (950 yrs)	
• Pre Flood			
• Post Flood			
ISRAEL:			
• Call of Abraham	1958 BC	Abraham (175 yrs), Isaac, Jacob, Joseph	
• Exodus	1528 BC	Moses, Joshua	
• Entering Canaan	1488 BC	Joshua	
• Judges			
• Kings of Israel:			
• United Kingdom Established	1018 BC	Samuel, Saul, David, Soloman	
• Kingdom Divided	898 BC	Elijah, Elisha	
• Fall of Israel	722 BC	Isaiah, Jeremiah	
• Babylonian Captivity	605 BC	Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel	
• Exile			
• Israel Restored - Decree of Cyrus	538 BC	Ezra, Nehemia	
• Silent Years			

Time Period	Time	People	Books of the Bible
JESUS - PERIOD OF GRACE	0-30 AD	John the Baptist, Jesus	
• Birth, Resurrection & Ascension of Christ			
• Diaspora - Destruction of Jerusalem	70 AD		
• Early Church & State Church	313 AD	Apostles	
• Rise of Protestant Churches	1517 AD		
FUTURE PROMISE			
• Rapture of Church			
• Tribulation			
• Millenium			
• Eternal State			

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The Creation

The Bible says in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
What else do we learn about creation in Genesis?

Exercise 2 - What do we learn about creation in Genesis?

1. What condition was the earth in when God created it out of nothing:

The creation of the universe is described as God speaking the world into existence from nothing. It is an instantaneous appearance of matter with no time lapse between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2.

2. God formed His creation during the first _____ days of creation and filled it on the second _____ days.

Day One

3. On day one God made _____ and called it _____. The _____ He called _____ and He separated the light from darkness. Genesis 1:3-5

Day Two

4. On day two God separated the waters above from the waters _____ with the _____ in-between. Genesis 1:6-8 He called the sky _____.

Day Three

5. On day three God separated _____ land from the _____ below. He called the land _____ and made every kind of _____.

Day Four

6. On day four God began filling His creation He made the _____ to fill the sky. He made the sun for the _____, the _____ for the nights, and the _____ in the sky. Genesis 1:14-19

The luminaries were also given for signs, seasons, days and years. Some theologians believe that the angelic realm was also created on the fourth day because Genesis 1:16 concludes the, “He made the stars also.”

It can be observed throughout Scripture that there is a relationship between the physical stars and angels. This explains how the “morning stars” (angels) were able to sing for joy at the conclusion of the creation week.

*“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding,
Who set its measurements? Since you know.
Or who stretched the line on it?
“On what were its bases sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
When the morning stars sang together
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
“Or who enclosed the sea with doors
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;*

*When I made a cloud its garment
And thick darkness its swaddling band, Job 38:4-9*

Day Five

7. On day five, God filled the sea with _____ and other creatures and the air with _____. Genesis 1:20-23

Day Six

8. On day six God made land _____, reptiles, insects and one _____

and one _____. Genesis 1:24-31

9. God mandated that humanity was to _____, subdue the earth and

_____ over it. Genesis 1:28

Day Seven

10. God's workweek ended after the sixth day and He rested on the _____ day.

Genesis 2:1-3

God did not rest because He was tired. He rested because He had completed all He planned to do. He also stated that all He had done was _____. God never rests from His sovereign rule over His creation.

Exercise 3 - Creation Week

Using the exercise above, fill in what occurred each day of the Creation in the Creation Week Chart below.

Creation Week Chart

Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five	Day Six	Day Seven
Formless Dividing			Void Furnishing			Rest Completed

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Holy Angels and Fallen Angels

We studied quite a bit about angels in our *Angels* study so let's do a quick review and then see where they are on our timeline.

Exercise 4 - Things about Angels

1. Angels were created to act as God's _____ agents and _____ which is the meaning of the word angel in Hebrew and Greek.
2. _____ created the angels.
3. There is _____ number of angels. We know that God created _____ of them. (Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 5:11)
4. Angels are created as _____ beings. They do not age and there are no baby or old angels.
5. Angels also cannot _____.
6. Angels were given great _____ both in the physical and spiritual realms.
7. Scripture classifies angels as either _____ or unfilled (Mark 8:38) and _____ (Matthew 25:41).

As we learned earlier, the angels were probably created on the fourth day of creation. Below is a timeline of some of the major activity of angels in the Bible:

- Lucifer and one-third of the angels fall between Genesis two and three.
- Satan tempts Eve.
- After the fall of man the Cherubim guarded the Garden of Eden.
- The Global Flood.
- Satan appears with angelic counsel. Job 1,2.

- Angels witness giving the Mosaic Law
- Angels provide revelation to Daniel
- Angelic visitation surround the birth of Jesus
- Satan tempts Jesus
- Jesus casts out demons
- Jesus defeats Satan on the Cross
- Angelic announcement of Jesus' resurrection and ascension
- Apostles cast out demons
- Rapture of the Church
- Angels administer judgment during the Tribulation
- Satan and his angels cast out of heaven to the earth
- Christ's second coming and then Satan is cast into the abyss for 1000 years
- Millennial Kingdom - angels and humanity dwell together
- Satan released from the abyss and leads short rebellion on earth
- Satan and fallen angels cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity
- Eternal State. Angels will praise God for all eternity and hold honorary position to guard gates of Heaven. Honorary because there will be no evil in the eternal state

A third of the angels fell and followed Lucifer in their rebellion against God. All humanity descended from Adam and can be redeemed because Jesus came to earth as a human to redeem humanity (Hebrews 2:14). Since the angels were created all at once and did not descend from Adam they are not redeemable.

According to Scripture there was a great amount of visible angelic activity before the Flood and there will be a great amount of angelic activity during the Tribulation, Jesus' Second Coming and also during the Millennial Kingdom.

During the Church Age angelic activity goes on but not as visible (Ephesians 6:11-12). In the future, church age believers will rule over the angels (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). During the Tribulation, Holy Angels will administer judgments while Fallen Angels will become agents of wrath (fourth and sixth trumpet judgments in the Book of Revelation).

Satan and the Fallen Angels will be judged and they will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Evil and all its form will be forever confined to the lake of Fire. Evil will never be in the new heavens and the new earth. Redeemed humanity and the elect angels will spend eternity serving and praising God with no evil or curse.

Pre-Flood Period

There are hundreds of genealogies in the Bible many of which help us understand lineage for priesthood, including that Jesus is the Messiah. The genealogies also trace lineage and family connections, confirm prophecies about Jesus, and demonstrating God's covenant with certain families.

The Old Testament is rich in genealogies with descendants of Adam listed in Genesis chapter five. These genealogies help us construct a biblical timeline from Creation to the Flood. It also enables us to calculate the current age of the earth. God knew that the time would come that man would say that the earth was millions of years old!

Exercise 5 - How old is the earth?

To determine the age of the earth, let's look first at the time period given in Genesis five for the Patriarchs.

Patriarch	Time Span	Running Total
Adam		
Seth	130	130
Enosh	105	235
Kenan	90	325
Mahulalel	70	395
Jared	65	460
Enoch	162	622
Methuselah	65	687
Lamech	187	874
Noah	182	1056
Shem	502	1558
Shem's age at Flood (Genesis 11:10)	98	1656

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There was 1656 years from the birth of Adam to the Flood. Now let's look at another method to quickly calculate the number of years from Creation to the Flood.

Exercise 6 - Quick Calculation of number of years from birth of Adam to the Flood

What was Adam's age when Methuselah was born? _____

What was Methuselah's entire life span? _____

What was the number of years from Creation to the Flood? _____

(Add Adam's age when Methuselah was born with Methuselah's entire life span)

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The Flood occurred the same year Methuselah died. In Genesis six and eight we are given a detailed account of Noah's life for one year. Noah was 600 when the flood began. God even let's us know the exact date: 600th year of Noah's live, in the 2nd month, on the 17 day of the month which is the same day the Flood began.

The ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat when Noah was 600 years, 7 month and 17 days (Genesis 8:3-4). Therefore, the Flood lasted five months. From this account we also see that days and months were counted just as they are today. When taken together with other chronological data, it seems that the earth is about 6000 years old (probably about two or three decades more than 6000 years).

The Flood

The next time period is the story of the corruption of humanity and God's response. Let's go to the Scriptures for our answers.

Exercise 7 - The Flood

1. What happened 120 years before the Flood?

Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." Genesis 6:3

Some theologians believe the 120 years is referring to the years man will live after the Flood. Others, mainly because Noah lived 350 years after the Flood and Shem his son lived 500 years after the Flood, that God was saying to Noah in 120 years man would be destroyed. Therefore, depending on your interpretation it is possible that Noah began work on the ark 120 years before the Flood.

2. Why was there a Flood?

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

The Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." Genesis 6:7

Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. Genesis 6:11-13

3. Why was Noah and His immediate family spared?

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:8-9

4. How long was Noah and his family in the ark?

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark, Genesis 7:11-13

Noah entered the ark when he was 600 years, 2 months and 17 days. Noah left the ark a year and 10 days after entering it. Therefore Noah and his family were in the ark for a total of 371 days.

5. How long did it rain?

For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made." Genesis 7:4

The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. Genesis 7:12

Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth. Genesis 7:17

The rain caused the water to increase the bodies of water so much the mountains were covered (Genesis 7:18-20) for 150 days. It took the rest of the year for the water to dissipate enough for Noah and his family to come out onto dry land.

6. Who closed the door to the ark?

7. When did Noah leave the ark and go onto the land?

In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by their families from the ark.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. Genesis 8:14-20

The highest mountain and rest of earth's land mass were at least twenty feet under water for a total of 110 days. This resulted in the death of all living things. Fish and other sea creatures are not mentioned as being destroyed in the Flood, so we can assume they survived from the old world to the new. It is noteworthy to mention that Noah once again depended on God and went out of the ark onto land after God told him.

Noah's ark would give a displacement of about twenty thousand tons, very similar to the Titanic. It would hold about 522 standard livestock railroad cars. It was 450 feet long and 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Some estimate it could accommodate 18,000 species.

The Jews have two calendars: their civil calendar starts at Rosh Hoshan in the month of Tishri (Genesis calendar), in the fall. Their religious calendar instituted by God at Passover (Exodus 12:2) which begins with the month of Nissan. Tishri is the seventh month of Nissan.

Jesus was crucified on Passover (14th of Nissan). He was resurrected on the 17th day of the 7th month of the Genesis calendar. The new beginning after the Flood was on the anniversary of our new beginning in Jesus. Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus.

Another interesting bit of information that plays a big part in the End Times (Book of Revelation) are the nations that came from Noah's three sons: Ham, Shem, and Japheth. From Noah's descendants we have a table of nations today. All of us are a descendent of one of Noah's sons.

Table of Nations - Descendants and Nations from Sons of Noah

Ham's Descendants	Shem's Descendants	Japheth's Descendants
Mizraim: Egypt (Philistines)	Elam: Persia (Iran)	Gomer
Cush: Ethiopia - Central & Southern Africa	Assure	Magog: Russia (Scythians)
Nimrod (son of Cush)	Arohxad (Salah, Eber, Peleg, Rehu, Nahor, Terah, ABraham, Joktan, Luid, Arm)	Madaï: Medes (Kurds)
Put: Libya & all of North Africa		Javan: (Ionia or Greece)
Canaan: Sidon (Lebanon) to Gaza to Sodom & Gomorrah		Tarshish: British Isles possibly
Canaan: Cathay & Sinites: Chinese		Tiras: Etruscans or Italy
Nations:	Nations:	Nations:
Africa: Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Central & Southern Africa, Norther Africa	Iran	Russia & possibly Ukraine
Lebanon, Gaza		Kurds - Northwest of Persia
Israel		Greece
West Bank		British Isles
Jordan		Italy
China		

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Post Flood

Based on Genesis 8:21-22 the global flood was an additional curse over and above the original curse of Genesis 3:13-18

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."
Genesis 8:21-22

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

*"Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;*

*And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

*To the woman He said,
"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,
In pain you will bring forth children;
Yet your desire will be for your husband,
And he will rule over you."*

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

*Cursed is the ground because of you;
In toil you will eat of it
All the days of your life.*

*"Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;
And you will eat the plants of the field; Genesis 3:13-18*

Exercise 8 - What do we learn from Genesis 8:21?

We also know from the Scriptures that Noah and his family were the founders of the post-Flood world. The post-Flood world began with the clear knowledge of God. Humanity got a new start.

Noah died the year Abraham was born which was about 350 years after the Flood. Shem, Noah's son was still alive during most of Abraham's life.

There was an exponential decrease in life spans after the Flood. Before the Flood people had an average life span of 930 years. After a 300-500 year post-Flood transition, the average life span was 70-80 years. Psalm 90 is a prayer of Moses.

*As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years,
Or if due to strength, eighty years,
Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow;
For soon it is gone and we fly away. Psalm 90:10*

There was a period of time in which ancestors out lived their descendants. For a few hundred years after the Flood, descendants could talk to those who had lived in the pre-Flood years. During this transition period, ten generations of individuals died within the time span of a single generation.

Exercise 9 - Why do you think the life span of humanity declined so much?

Answers to the Exercises

Exercise 1: Time Periods of the Bible

1. The Creation
2. Flood
3. Israel - Period of the Law
4. Jesus - Period of Grace
5. Future Promise

Israel:

1. Call of Abraham
2. Exodus
3. Entering Canaan
4. Judges
5. Kingdom Era
6. Exile
7. Nation of Israel Restored - Decree of Cyrus
8. Silent years

Future Promise:

1. Rapture of Church
2. Tribulation
3. Millennial Period
4. Eternal State

Exercise 2 - What do we learn about creation in Genesis?

1. Earth was formless and void; darkness was over the surface of the deep; Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters
2. Three days, Three days
3. Light; day; darkness; night
4. below; sky; heaven
5. Dry; Waters; earth; plant
6. Luminaries; day; moon; stars
7. Fish; birds
8. Animals, man, woman
9. Multiply, rule
10. Seventh, Good

Exercise 3 - Creation Week

Day One: Divide light from darkness

Day Two: Divide the upper waters from the expanse of the lower waters

Day Three: Divide the lower waters from the dry land

Day Four: To fill the luminaries: sun, moon, and stars

Day Five: To fill the earth: fish, birds, reptiles, insects

Day Six: To fill the earth: animals, man

Day Seven: God ceases creation and rests from His completed work

Exercise 4 - Things about Angels

1. Ministering, messengers
2. God
3. Fixed, millions
4. Mature
5. Die
6. Power
7. Holy, fallen

Exercise 5 - How old is the earth?

Answer is given later in the chapter

Exercise 6 - Quick Calculation of number of years from birth of Adam to the Flood

Adam's age when Methuselah was born? 687

Methuselah's entire life span? 969

Number of years from Creation to the Flood? 1,656

Exercise 7 - The Flood

1. Noah began to build the ark. God told him that in 120 years man would be destroyed.
2. The earth was filled with violence and corruption. God was sorry He made it and therefore was going to destroy it
3. Noah was a righteous man, walked with the Lord and found favor with God and was spared.
4. A little more than a year.
5. 40 days and 40 nights
6. God
7. When God directed them to leave the ark

Exercise 8 - What do we learn from Genesis 8:21?

The Flood was the final curse imposed upon humanity

Exercise 9 - Why do you think the life span of humanity declined so much?

The Flood destroyed all evil humanity on the earth but did not change man's sin nature. As new generations were born they would have to choose to follow God. It may be that God shortened the life span of humanity to keep humanity from descending into greater sinfulness.

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