

The Story of the World, Volume I: Ancient Times aligned with Bible Survey Readings

Week		Bible Reading	Bible Focus	History Theme	The Story of the World Readings
Prep Week 1	M				
	Tu				
	W	Genesis 1:1-10	Creation		
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	F	Genesis 1:11-19	Creation		
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Prep Week 2	M	Genesis 1:20-25	Creation		
	Tu				
	W	Gen 1:26- 2:3	Creation of Man		
	Th				
	F	Gen 3:1-7	Fall of man		
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Week 1	M	Gen 3:8-13	Fall of Man	Intro	Introduction, What is History, p 1
	Tu				
	W	Gen 3:14-19	The Curse		Introduction, What is Archeology, p 3
	Th				
	F	Gen 3: 20-24	The Curse	Nomads	Ch 1 The Earliest People; The First Nomads
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Week 2	M	Gen 11:27-32	Abram's Family		Ch 1 The Earliest People; The First Nomads Become Farmers
	Tu				
	W	Gen 12: 1-9	The Call of Abram	Early Egypt	Ch 2 Egyptians Lived on the Nile River; Two Kingdoms Become One
	Th				
	F	Gen 17:1-8	The Covenant with Abraham		Ch 2 Egyptians Lived on the Nile River; Gods of Ancient Egypt
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Week 3	M	Gen 22: 1-8	The Sacrifice of Isaac	The First Writing	Ch 3 The First Writing; Hieroglyphs and Cuneiform
	Tu				
	W	Gen 22: 9-19	The Sacrifice of Isaac	The Old Kingdom of Egypt	Ch 4 The Old Kingdom of Egypt; Making Mummies
	Th				
	F	Gen 37: 1-8	Joseph's Dream		Ch 4 The Old Kingdom of Egypt; Egyptian pyramids
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Week 4	M	Gen 37: 9-17	Joseph and His Brothers		
	Tu			Sumerians	Ch 5 The First Sumerian Dictator; Sargon and the Akkadians
	W	Gen 37: 18-28	Joseph Sold into Slavery		
	Th			The Jewish People	Ch 6 The Jewish People; God Speaks to Abraham
	F	Gen 39: 1-10	Joseph and Potiphar's Wife		
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Week 5	M	Gen 39: 11-18	Joseph Accused		
	Tu				Ch 6 The Jewish People; Joseph Goes to Egypt
	W	Gen 39: 19-23	Joseph in Prison		

	Th			Early Babylonians	Ch 7 Hammurabi and the Babylonians; Hammurabi's Code
	F	Gen 41: 1-8	Pharaoh's Dream		
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Week 6	M	Gen 41: 9-16	Pharaoh Calls Joseph		
	Tu			Early Assyrians	Ch 8 The Assyrians; Shamsi-Adad, King of the Whole World
	W	Gen 41: 25-36	Interpretation of the Dream		
	Th				Ch 8 The Assyrians; Shamsi-Adad, The Story of Gilgamesh
	F	Gen 41: 37-45	Joseph Rises to Power		
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Week 7	M	Gen 42: 1-9a	Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt		
	Tu			Early India	Ch 9 The First Cities of India; The River-Road
	W	Gen 45: 1-13	Joseph Declares God's Plan		
	Th				Ch 9 The First Cities of India; The Mystery of Mohenjo-Daro
	F	Ex 1:1-14	Pharaoh Turns on the Jews		
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Week 8	M	Ex 3: 1-12	God Calls Moses	The Middle Kingdom of Egypt	Ch 12 The Middle Kingdom of Egypt; Egypt Invades Nubia
	Tu				
	W	Ex 3: 13-22	God Calls Moses		Ch 12 The Middle Kingdom of Egypt; The Hyskos Invade Egypt
	Th				
	F	Ex 7: 1-7	Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh		Ch 13 The New Kingdom of Egypt; The General and the Woman Pharaoh
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Week 9	M	Ex 9:13-17	God's Power Shown Throughout the Earth	The New Kingdom of Egypt	Ch 13 The New Kingdom of Egypt; Amenhotep and King Tut
	Tu				
	W	Ex 12:21-28	The Passover		Ch 14 The Israelites Leave Egypt; Baby Moses
	Th				
	F	Ex 12:29-36	The Exodus		Ch 14 The Israelites Leave Egypt; The Exodus From Egypt
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Week 10	M	Ex 14: 5-14	Pharaoh Pursues	Ancient China	Ch 10 The Far East: Ancient China; Lei Zu and the Silkworm
	Tu				
	W	Ex 14: 21-31; Ex 15: 11-18	Crossing the Red Sea; The Song of Moses		Ch 10 The Far East: Ancient China; The Pictograms of Ancient China
	Th				
	F	Ex 19:1-8	God's Covenant with Israel		Ch 10 The Far East: Ancient China; Farming in Ancient China
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Week 11	M	Deut 6:4-15	The Greatest Commandment	Ancient Africa	Ch 11 Ancient Africa; Ancient Peoples of West Africa
	Tu				
	W	Lev 19:9-18; 31-37	Love Your Neighbor		Ch 11 Ancient Africa; Anansi and the Turtle
	Th				
	F	Josh 1:1-9	God Commissions Joshua		Ch 11 Ancient Africa; Anansi and the Make-Believe Food
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Week 12	M	Judges 2:11-19	The People Reject God	The Phoenicians	Ch 15 The Phoenicians; Phoenician Traders

	Tu				Ch 15 The Phoenicians; The Founding of Carthage
	W	1 Samuel 8	The People Want a King		
	Th			Early Crete	Ch 18 Life in Early Crete; Ball-Jumpers and Sailors
	F	1 Sam 17: 26; 43-47	David and Goliath		Ch 18 Life in Early Crete; King Minos and the Minotaur
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Week 13	M	2 Chron 2:1; 3:1; 6:1-21; 32-33; 7:1-3	Solomon Dedicates the Temple		Ch 18 Life in Early Crete; The Mysterious End of the Minoans
	Tu				
	W	2 Kings 5:1-16	Naaman healed of Leprosy	Early Greece	Ch 19 The Early Greeks; The Mycenaeans
	Th				
	F	Jonah			Ch 19 The Early Greeks; The Greek Dark Ages
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Week 14	M	2 Kings 17:1-8; 18-28	Israel exiled, Gentiles imported	Assyria	Ch 16 The Return of Assyria; Ashurbanipal's Attack
	Tu				
	W	2 Kings 18:13-15, 17, 28-37; 19:14-20, 32-37	The Armies of Assyria threaten Hezekiah who calls on God	Assyria	Ch 16 The Return of Assyria; The Library of Nineveh
	Th				
	F	2 Kings 24:10-16; Daniel 1:1-6	The Exile		
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Week 15	M	Ezekiel 8:1-6; 10:1-4, 18-19; 11:22-25	Ezekiel sees the Glory of the Lord depart from the temple		
	Tu				
	W	Daniel 4: 1-37	Nebuchadnezzar Testifies	Babylon	Ch 17 Babylon Takes Over Again!; Nebuchadnezzar's Madness
	Th				
	F	Daniel 2:1-49	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream		Ch 17 Babylon Takes Over Again! The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
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Week 16	M	Daniel 5: 1-16	The Handwriting on the Wall	Medes and Persians	Ch 21 The Medes and the Persians; A New Empire
	Tu	Daniel 5: 17-30	Fall of Babylon to the Medes		
	W				Ch 21 The Medes and the Persians; A New Empire
	Th	Ezekiel 36:22-28	Ezekiel prophesies return for God's glory		
	F	Ezra 1:1-8	Decree of Cyrus		Ch 21 The Medes and the Persians; Cyrus the Great
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Break	M	Hag 1:1-8; 2:1-9	Haggai tells the people to rebuild		
	Tu				
	W	Neh 8:1-6, 18; 9:1-5	Rededication of the people		
	Th				
	F	Neh 9:6-37	Recap of history of God's work with Israel		
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Break	M	Neh 9:38; 10:28-29; 39; 11:1	The Glory of the Lord does not appear		
	Tu				

	W	Ps 24 (Optional)	The Earth is the Lord's		
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Break	M				
	Tu	Ps 67 (Optional)	Let the Peoples Praise You		
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	Th	Mal 1:1-2, 6-11 (Optional)	My name will be great,		
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Break	M				
	Tu	Malachi 3:1-4; 4:1-6 (Optional)	I will send my messenger;400 yrs of silence		
	W				
	Th	John 1:1-18 (Optional)	The Word became flesh and we have seen his glory		
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Week 17	M	Luke 2:1-14	The angels declare good news for all people.	Ancient Greece	Ch 20 Greece Gets Civilized Again; Greece Gets and Alphabet
	Tu				
	W	Matt 3:1-12	The Kingdom is at hand		Ch 20 Greece Gets Civilized Again; The Stories of Homer
	Th				
	F	John 1:19-34	John testifies about Jesus		Ch 20 Greece Gets Civilized Again; The First Olympic Games
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Week 18	M	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus	Sparta and Athens	Ch 22 Sparta and Athens; Life in Sparta
	Tu				Ch 22 Sparta and Athens; Life in Athens
	W	John 2:13-25	Jesus Clears the Temple		
	Th			The Greek Gods	Ch 23 Greek Gods; The Golden Apple
	F	John 3:1-21	Nicodemus		Ch 24 The Wars of the Greeks; Greece's War with Persia
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Week 19	M	John 4:4-42	Samaritan Woman		Ch 24 The Wars of the Greeks; The Greeks Fight with Each Other
	Tu			Alexander the Great	Ch 25 Alexander the Great; Philip and His Son
	W	Luke 4:14-30	God's desire to bless all nations		
	Th				Ch 25 Alexander the Great; Alexander's Invasions
	F	Matthew 4:13-25	Jesus begins his ministry		Ch 25 Alexander the Great; The Death of Alexander
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Week 20	M	Mark 1:14-15; Matt 4:23-25 Luke 4:42-44	Jesus preaches the good news of the Kingdom	Ancient Americas	Ch 26 The People of the Americas; The Nazca Drawings
	Tu				
	W	Matthew 6: 19-34	Do not be anxious for the things of this world		Ch 26 The People of the Americas; The Heads of the Olmecs
	Th				
	F	Matthew 8:1-17	Jesus heals the Centurion's Servant		Ch 26 The People of the Americas; Rabbit Shoots the Sun

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Week 21	M	Matthew 10:1-35	Jesus sends out the disciples	Early Rome	Ch 27 The Rise of Rome; Romulus and Remus
	Tu				
	W	Matthew 12: 1-14	Jesus is Greater than the Temple		Ch 27 The Rise of Rome; The Power of Rome
	Th				
	F	Matthew 12:15-32	The gentiles will hope in him, the Kingdom has come		Ch 28 The Roman Empire; The Roman Gods
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Week 22	M	Matthew 13:1-23	The Four Soils	Roman Empire	Ch 28 The Roman Empire; The Roman Builders
	Tu				Ch 28 The Roman Empire; The Roman Gladiators
	W	Matthew 13:24-43	Parables of the Weeds, the Mustard Seed and Leaven		
	Th				Ch 28 The Roman Empire; The Gladiator School
	F	Matthew 13:44-58	More Kingdom Parables		Ch 29 Rome's War with Carthage; The Punic Wars
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Week 23	M	Matthew 16:13-28	Jesus is the Christ, prophesies his death, Kingdom is coming	Ancient India	Ch 30 The Aryans of India; Life on the Ganges River
	Tu				
	W	Matthew 17: 1-13	Transfiguration		Ch 30 The Aryans of India; The Castes of Ancient India
	Th				
	F	Matthew 18:1-14	Humility like a child		Ch 30 The Aryans of India; Siddhartha
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Week 24	M	Matthew 18:15-35	Forgiveness		Ch 31 The Mauryan Empire of India; The Empire United
	Tu				
	W	John 11:1-16	The Death of Lazarus		Ch 31 The Mauryan Empire of India; The Jakarta Tales
	Th				
	F	John 11:17-44	The Resurrection of Lazarus	Writing of Ancient China	Ch 32 China: Writing and the Qin; Calligraphy in China
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Week 25	M	John 11:45-53	Meeting of the Sanhedrin		Ch 32 China: Writing and the Qin; Warring States
	Tu			The First Empire of China	Ch 32 China: Writing and the Qin; The First Emperor and the Great Wall
	W	Luke 17: 20-37	The Coming of the Kingdom		
	Th				Ch 32 China: Writing and the Qin; The First Emperor's Grave
	F	Matthew 20:1-19	Laborers in the Vinyard		Ch 33 Confucious; China's Wise Teacher
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Week 26	M	John 12:20-33	The Greeks seek Jesus	Rome; Rise of Caesar	Ch 34 The Rise of Julius Caesar; Caesar is Kidnapped
	Tu				
	W	Matthew 21: 1-17	Triumphal entry and cleaning the temple		Ch 34 The Rise of Julius Caesar; The Consuls of Rome
	Th				
	F	Matthew 21: 18-32	Authority of Jesus questioned		Ch 34 The Rise of Julius Caesar; Caesar and the Senate
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Week 27	M	Matthew 21: 33-46	Parable of the tenants	Rome; Caesar the Hero	Ch 35 Caesar the Hero; Caesar Fights the Celts
	Tu				

	W	Matt 23:37-39, Matt 24:1-14	The Gospel preached to the whole world		Ch 35 Caesar the Hero; Caesar Crosses the Rubicon
	Th				
	F	Matthew 26:1-29	Passover		Ch 35 Caesar the Hero; Caesar and Cleopatra
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Week 28	M	Matthew 26:30-75	Arrest and Trial of Jesus		Ch 35 Caesar the Hero; The Death of Caesar
	Tu				
	W	Matthew 27:1-31	The Sentencing of Jesus		Ch 36 The First Roman Prince; Augustus Caesar
	Th				
	F	Matthew 27:32-66	The Death and Burial of Jesus	Christianity	Ch 37 The Beginning of Christianity; The Birth of Jesus
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Week 29	M	Matthew 28:1-15 The Resurrection	The Resurrection		Ch 37 The Beginning of Christianity; Jesus Crucified and Resurrected
	Tu				
	W	Luke 24:13-35	Emmaus Road		Ch 38 The End of the Jewish Nation; The Destruction of the Temple
	Th				
	F	Luke 24: 36-50; Matt 28:16-20;	Great Commission	Christianity in Rome	Ch 39 Rome and the Christians; Nero, the Evil Emperor
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Week 30	M	Mk 16:12-15; Acts 1:6-11	Great Commission		Ch 39 Rome and the Christians; Christians in the Catacombs
	Tu				
	W	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost		Ch 39 Rome and the Christians; The Emperor is a Christian!
	Th				
	F	Acts 2:22-46	Peter's Sermon	Rome Weakens	Ch 40 Rome Begins to Weaken; The British Rebellion
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Week 31	M	Acts 9:1-18	Conversion of Paul		Ch 40 Rome Begins to Weaken; Rome Divided in Two
	Tu				
	W	Acts 11:1-21	The Gentiles join	Barbarians	Ch 41 The Attacking Barbarians; Attila the Hun
	Th				F299
	F	Acts 17:16-34	Paul in Athens		Ch 41 The Attacking Barbarians; Stilicho, Roman and Barbarian
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Week 32	M	Rev 5:8-10 Rev 7:9-10	All tribes before the throne	The End of Rome	Ch 41 The Attacking Barbarians; The Coming of the Visigoths
	Tu				
	W	Rev 21:1-7, 22-27	The Glory of God is the light of the new earth		Ch 42 The End of Rome; The Last Roman Emperor
	Th				
	F	Rev 22:1-7	He is Coming		Ch 42 The End of Rome; The Gifts of Rome
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