

# Class Notes 10/11/15

Saturday, October 10, 2015 9:46 AM

- A. Prayer Requests
  - a. Review of previous
    - i. Mom out of hospital quickly and seems to be doing well
    - ii. Work is getting better
    - iii. Zach's mom Kandy
  - b. New prayer requests
- B. Pop Quiz
  - a. "Why do you believe the bible?"
  - b. Most Christians can not answer. Especially to a non believer.
- C. Review of General Revelation
  - a. General
  - b. Special
  - c. Theological Implications
- D. The Bible - General Overview
  - a. From the Greek biblia (plural) meaning "books". Derived from the ancient city Byblos where the greeks imported papyrus
  - b. Brief overview of the organization of our Protestant bible to set the foundation for things we will explain later.
  - c. First, 66 books of the bible.
  - d. We divide them into the Old and New testaments of 39 and 27 books respectively
  - e. Let's focus on the old testament first. The old testament is commonly divided into 5 sections.
  - f. The first 5 books are called the books of moses or the Torah or the Pentateuch
    - i. Torah comes from the hebrew word meaning "instruction or teaching or law"
    - ii. Pentateuch comes from the greek words "penta" meaning 5 and teuchos meaning "scroll"
    - iii. Covers all of early history. From the beginning of the universe, the beginning of man, the exodus, 10 commandments, wondering in the wilderness,
  - g. Second group would be classified as History. The books go from Joshua through Esther.
    - i. These books include much of the rest of the history of Israel
    - ii. Events include the entrance and conquest of Canaan, the beginning of Israel's monarchy. The division and fall of the northern and southern kingdoms, their exile into Babylon and their return.
    - iii. These books and the first 5 are, in general, chronological order. The rest of the books fall inside these order of these books.
  - h. Third group is typically called the books of wisdom and poetry.
    - i. Job is one of the earliest books of the bible chronologically. Most scholars fit is somewhere in Genesis.
    - ii. Next 4 written around the same time during the beginning of the monarchy
    - iii. Psalms, written by multiple authors. David one of the biggest.
    - iv. Proverbs, Eccl, Song authorship unknown but many think Saul could be the writer
  - i. Fourth Group is Major Prophets.
    - i. Called major because the size of the books
  - j. Fifth group is the minor prophets
    - i. Again because of the size of the book.
  - k. Quick way to remember is 5,12,5,5,12
  - l. Let's look at a chronological timeline of events of the old testament
    - i. Shout out to grace chapel. This is a nice easy to understand timeline

- ii. Focus on the books and the dates
- iii. Note no beginning date. Wise choice. 6B years ago comes from science and nature. 6k years ago comes from genealogies and ages recorded.
- iv. Note how books fit into other books like Amos in the section for the Kings
- v. Note end of old Testament
- m. Now let's look at a time line of when the books were written
  - i. Note the first five books and they were written much later than some of the events.
  - ii. Note the disagreements between dates
  - iii. It's good to know general dates but more beneficial to know what periods the books fit in. Let the scholars debate the actual years.
  - iv. Let's go back and look at the new testament
  - v. 29 books. Typically divided into 5 or 6 groups
  - vi. First are the gospels. These are the narratives of the life and times of Jesus.
  - vii. Second, is the history of the Church in Acts
  - viii. Third, We have paul's letters
  - ix. forth, General letters
  - x. fifth, and finally, Prophecy
  - xi. If you count a 6th group, some will split out paul's letters into letters to churches and letters to individuals.
- n. Now let's look at timelines
  - i. Again, notice the dates and how the books overlap
  - ii. Now look at the timeline for when the books were published
  - iii. Sorry for the fuzzy quality. We can see that the gospels were written later than some of pauls writings. Again, dates are in general. That's how history works. My bible has matthew written a little earlier but still has Mark published earlier. Better to focus on relation between books rather than hard dates.
- o. Summary

E. Close

- a. **Eph. 3:20-21** - Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.