

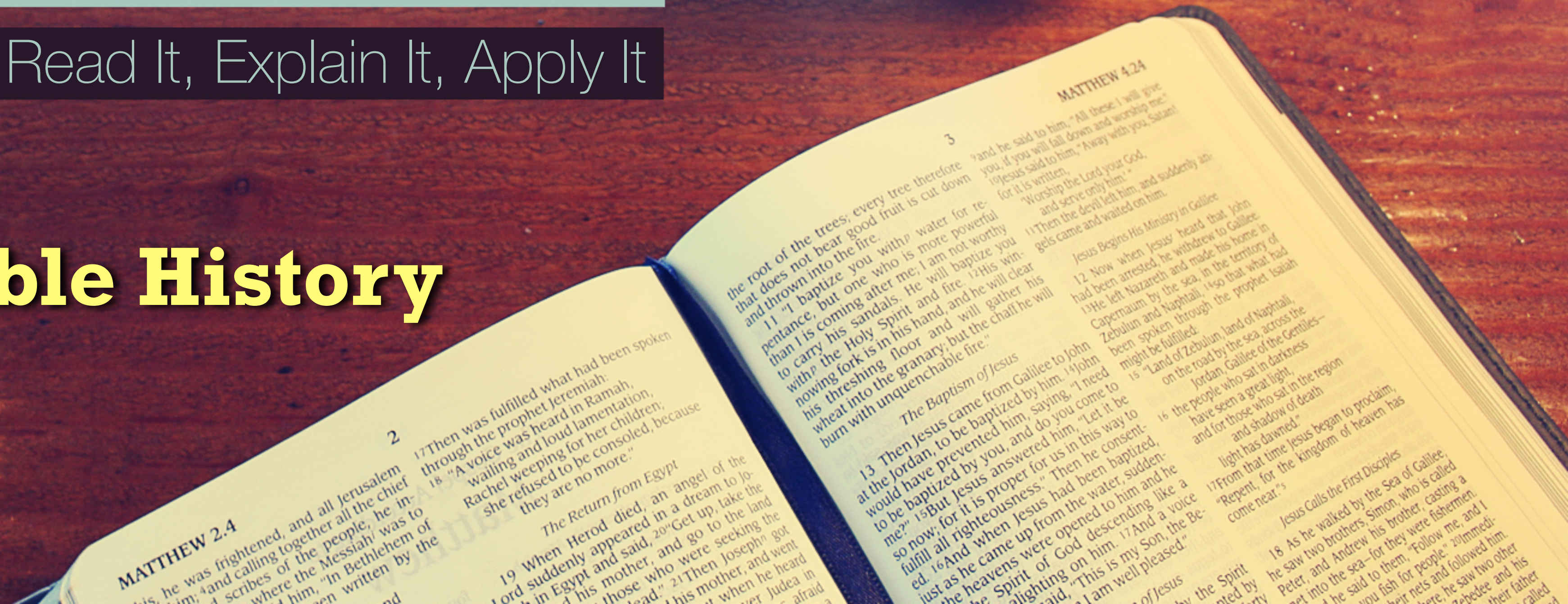
Effective Bible Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Read It, Explain It, Apply It

Lesson 4

Periods of Bible History



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2. The Hebrew Family

The Lord preparing for the coming of His Son through the lives of:

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph

215 years from when God led Abraham into Canaan until Jacob and his children migrated down into Egypt.

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4. The Wilderness Wandering

- The Law of Moses given (Exo. 19-31)
- The golden calf (Exo. 32)
- The tabernacle (Exo. 35-40)
- The nation numbered and organized (Num. 1-2)
- The Twelve Spies (Num. 13-14)
- 40 Years in the Wilderness (Num. 14:34)

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5. Conquest & Settlement of Canaan

- Invasion and Conquest of Canaan:
 - Central section (including Jericho and Ai, Josh. 3)
 - Confederation of Canaanite kings (Josh. 10)
 - Independent military leaders (Josh. 11)
- The land was divided among the tribes (Num. 32; Josh. 15-19)

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6. The United Kingdom

- Israel demanded a king (1 Sam. 8)
- Saul, the first king – reigned 40 years
- David, Israel's second king – reigned 40 years
- Solomon – reigned 40 years

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there. He was warned in a
dream that he should not go
there, so he went to the
land of Nazareth. This is
how the prophecy was fulfilled:
"He will be called a Nazarene."
The child and his mother
remained in Nazareth until
Joseph's death. Then Joseph
was buried there, and his
mother and the child went
back to Nazareth.

7. The Divided Kingdom

- The kingdom was divided in the days of Rehoboam.
- 10+ tribes became known as the northern Kingdom of Israel.
 - The kingdom lasted 210 years (19 kings)
 - Prophets (e.g. Elijah, Elisha, Amos, and Hosea) tried to call Israel to repentance.
 - God brought the Assyrian nation against Israel.

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7. The Divided Kingdom

- The southern kingdom, the Kingdom of Judah, was composed of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah, as well as some of the Levites.
 - It lasted 325 years, until the Babylonian captivity.
 - Had 20 kings (some good, like Hezekiah and Josiah), but most sent the nation into idolatry.

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8. The Babylonian Captivity & Restoration

- Following the exile, people returned in three waves:
 - Zerubbabel's return – 536 BC
(Ezra 1:1-4; 6:3-5)
 - Ezra's return – 457 BC
(Ezra 8)
 - Nehemiah's return
(Neh. 1-13)

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9. The Inter-Biblical Period

- A 400-year period of history “between the Testaments.”
- Politically, this period can be divided into three sections:
 - The Persian Period:
 - The political power of the Jewish High Priest increased.
 - The synagogue system was structured.
 - The Aramaic language replaced Hebrew as the common language of the Jewish people.

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9. The Inter-Biblical Period

- The Greek Period:
 - The Hebrews were scattered throughout Asia Minor, Egypt, Syria, etc., taking the Scriptures.
 - The Koine Greek language became the tongue of the entire civilized world.
 - The LXX was produced during this time, making the Messianic prophecies available to the Greek-speaking world.

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10. The Life of Christ

- Jesus lived approximately 33.5 years on earth.
- His life can be divided into nine general periods:
 - **A Period of Preparation** – From His birth to His baptism – *30 years*
 - **A Period of Inauguration** – From His baptism to the rejection at Nazareth – *15 months*
 - **The Early Galilean Ministry** – From the Nazareth rejection to the Sermon on the Mount – *4 months*
 - **The Later Galilean Ministry** – From the Sermon on the Mount to the feeding of the 5,000 – *10 months*

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- **A Period of Retirement** – From the feeding of the 5,000 to the Feast of Tabernacles – *6 months*
- **The Judean Ministry** – From the Feast of Tabernacles to the Feast of Dedication – *3 months*
- **The Peraean Ministry** – From the Feast of Dedication to the anointing at Bethany – *4 months*
- **The Passion Week** – From the anointing at Bethany to the Resurrection – *8 days*
- **Post-resurrection Appearances** – From the Resurrection to the Ascension – *40 days*

11. The Establishment & Expansion of Christianity

The Lord's church was established on the Day of Pentecost, some 50 days after the death of Christ (Acts 2).

The first century church spans approx. 70 years:

- The Jerusalem Church
 - From Acts 2 to Stephen's death — *5 years*
- The Expanding Church
 - From Stephen's death to Jerusalem Council — *15 years*
- The Church Among the Gentiles
 - From Jerusalem Council to Paul's death — *18 years*
- The Closing Years
 - From Paul's death to John's death — *32 years*

Familiarize yourself with or memorize the periods of Bible history.



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