

# **Session 1 – Introduction**

# LIFE at Coast Hills Church

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## **L** - Learn the Word of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. - John 1:1

## **I** - Invest into relationships

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:34-35

## **F** - Follow the way of Christ

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” - Luke 9:23

## **E** - Engage with your world

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” - Acts 1:8

# Coast Hills Church – What do we believe?

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In addition to this class you can find a brief description of what we believe at Coast Hills Church on our website at:

<https://www.coasthillschurch.org/faith/basic-beliefs/>

Our Statement of Faith can be found at:

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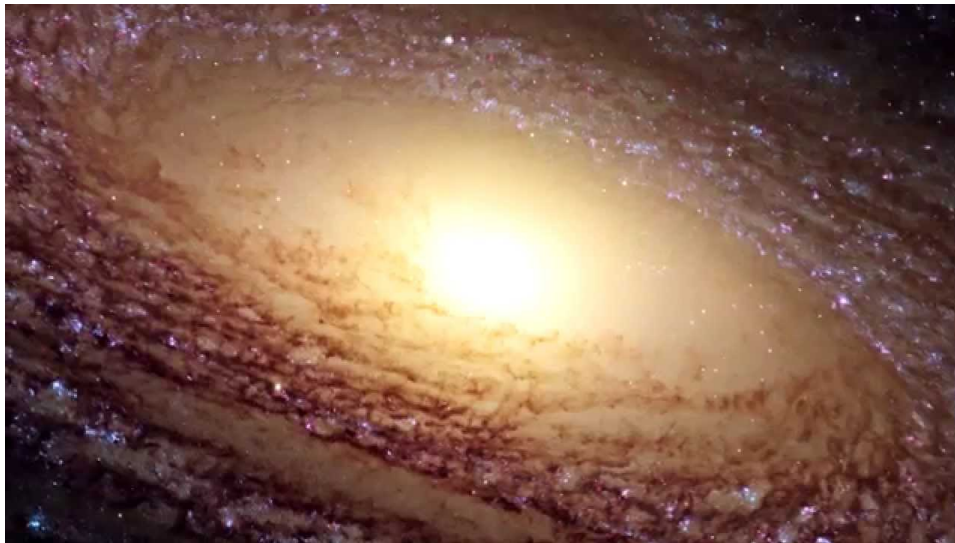
# LIFE - Learning the Word of God

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## The Big Picture

History is \_\_\_\_\_.

God created the universe and everything in it.



- God created man and woman and gave them \_\_\_\_\_.

Man and woman chose to rebel against God, and as a result, God and humankind became separated because of sin. However, God always had a plan for redemption and restoration and He immediately set it into motion.

- As part of His plan, God brought a man named \_\_\_\_\_ out of Babylonia to Canaan later known as the \_\_\_\_\_.



God promised Abraham, his son Isaac, and his grandson Jacob (later called Israel) that their descendants would be numerous and that He would bless the world through them.

- \_\_\_\_\_ emigrated from Canaan to \_\_\_\_\_, where they grew to be a nation.

God led the descendants of Israel (also known as the Hebrews) out of Egypt through a man named Moses and gave them the Promised Land in Canaan.



- Through Moses, God gave the people of Israel His Law, \_\_\_\_\_.
- God also made a \_\_\_\_\_ with Israel. He promised to remain faithful to Israel if they would remain faithful to Him.

Canaan was full of idol-worshiping people, and God wanted Israel to be a shining example to the surrounding nations and lead them to the one true God.



- Under the reigns of \_\_\_\_\_ Israel became a great and powerful kingdom. God promised David and his son Solomon that a descendant of theirs would rule as an \_\_\_\_\_.

However, Solomon made many compromises with the surrounding nations and idolatry crept into Israel. After Solomon's reign, the nation divided. The ten tribes to the north were called Israel, and the two tribes in the south were called Judah.



The people of Israel did not keep their promise. God judged them for their idolatry and allowed Assyria to take them captive about 721 B.C. Judah lasted a little longer, but eventually they were taken captive by Babylon around 600 B.C.

- The people of Israel were now \_\_\_\_\_ but eventually God graciously brought a remnant of the captives back to the Promise Land. \_\_\_\_\_, the capital and center of worship, was rebuilt and Israel was once again a nation.



About 400 years later Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem (The City of David). Jesus is both God and man. He is the descendant promised to Abraham and David, the One to fulfill God's plan to redeem humankind and restore creation. Jesus faithfully completed His work—He died on a cross for all sin and rose from the dead.

- The death and resurrection of Christ is the basis for a \_\_\_\_\_ with the entire world. All who have faith in Jesus will be saved from sin and live eternally.

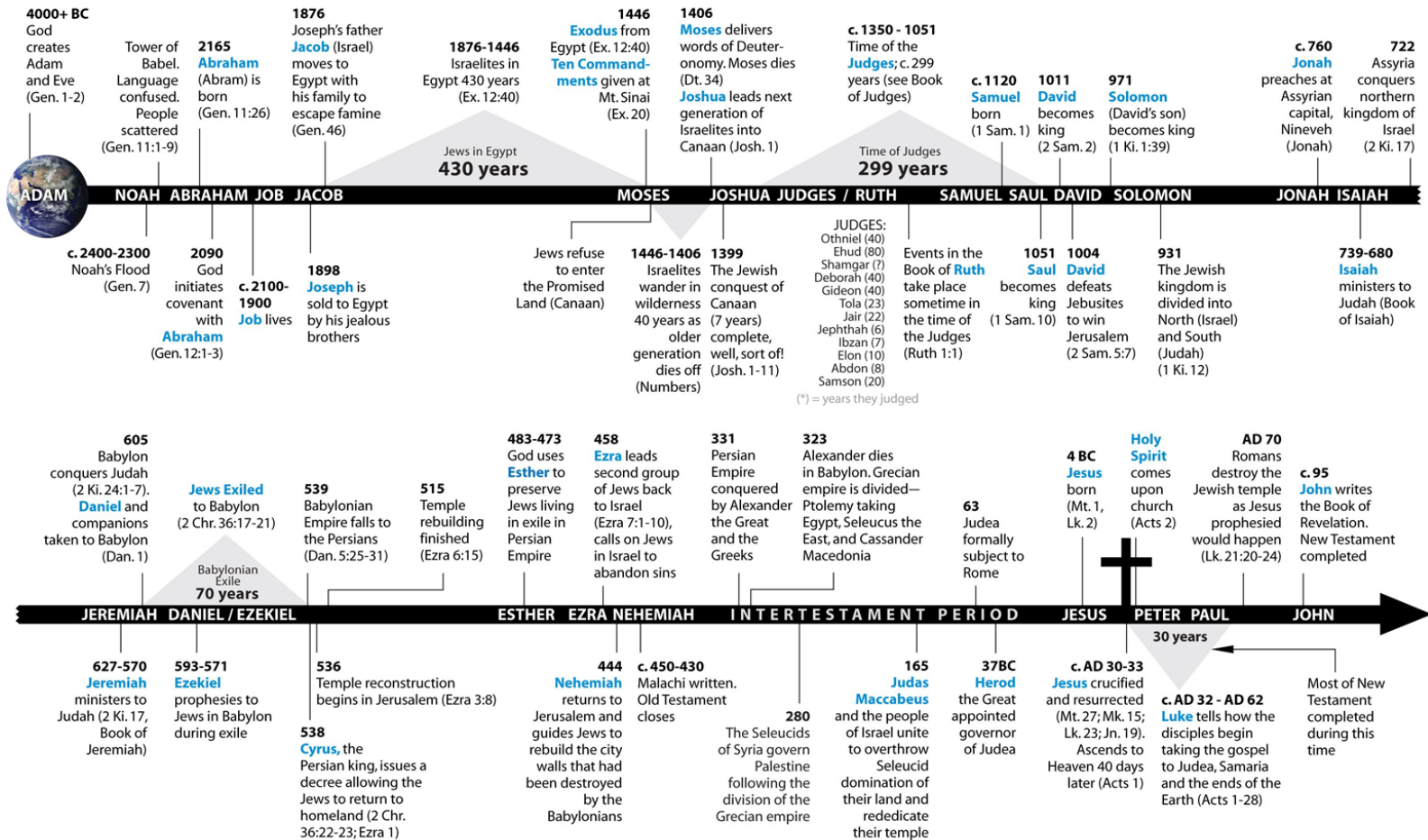
After His resurrection, Jesus sent His disciples in all directions to spread the good news (Gospel) of Jesus and salvation. They traveled through Asia Minor, Greece, and all the Roman Empire.

- This is known as the \_\_\_\_\_.



At a time that only He knows, Jesus will return to judge the unbelieving world and usher in a new heaven and new earth. However, God does not want to see one person lost and so He established His Church to reach the world until Jesus Christ returns.

# Basic Bible Timeline



# LIFE – Invest into relationships

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## Session 1 Discussion Questions

Question 1:

How does understanding the Big Picture change your perspective?

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Question 2:

What aspect or story of The Big Picture are you most interested in learning more about? Why?

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# LIFE – Follow the way of Christ

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## Session 1 Memory Verse

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

**Jeremiah 29:11**

**When we memorize Scripture...  
we are following Christ's example!**

# LIFE – Engage with your world

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## Session 1 Homework

Pick one story from “The Big Picture” and read it in your Bible. Then share what you read and learned with a friend, family member, or neighbor...your world!

The Creation Story – Genesis 1 and 2

The Fall – Genesis 3 and 4

The Call of Abraham – Genesis 12

The Exodus – Exodus 11-14

The Ten Commandments – Exodus 19-20

King David – 1 & 2 Samuel

Birth of Jesus Christ – Luke 2

Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus – Luke 23-24

The Spread of the Gospel – Book of Acts