

## OVERVIEW

The Bible is a history – a story of how God revealed Himself to His people and developed relationships with them. He is still revealing Himself to us today and desires to have a relationship with YOU!!!

### Year 1: Patriarchs – Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph

God made a covenant with Abraham. God would be Abraham's God and Abraham and his descendants would be God's people. This was the beginning of the people of Israel. The book of Genesis tells us all about that covenant and how God revealed himself to Abraham and his descendants, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. The book of Genesis ends with the people of Israel traveling to Egypt to get food because of a 7 year drought. God had put Joseph in charge of saving supplies in Egypt during the 7 years of plenty.

### Year 2: Moses and the Exodus from Egypt

#### Joshua

#### The land is divided up for the 12 tribes of Israel

The People of God were in Egypt for a long time and became enslaved by the Egyptian Pharaoh. They cried out to God to save them. God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Moses and the first generation to leave Egypt were not able to go in because of their disobedience. Joshua led the next generation into the Promised Land and divided the land up for the 12 tribes.

### Year 3: The Judges – one week only

#### Samuel

#### The Kings: Saul David Solomon

The tribes of Israel were governed by Judges but the people wanted a King. God didn't want to give them a king – God wanted the people to look to Him for guidance but the people kept crying out for one so he sent his prophet Samuel to anoint Saul as the first king. David and Solomon followed.

### Year 4: The Prophets: Elijah Elisha Isaiah Jeremiah Daniel Ezekiel Jonah Malachi Overview of the other 10 Minor Prophets

Solomon drifted away from God and worshipped other gods. As a result the kingdom fell apart. It was divided into the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). The Northern Kingdom was eventually conquered by the Assyrians and the people were taken captive never to return. They are known as the 10 Lost Tribes of Israel. The Southern Kingdom was conquered by the Babylonians and taken into captivity. The Israelites were allowed to keep their religious practices and when the Persian Empire conquered the Babylonians, Cyrus, the King of Persia, allowed them to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. Throughout this time in history, God's people were continually unfaithful and worshipped other gods. God appointed special people called **prophets** to convey His message of love and steadfastness (along with warnings against idolatry) in an effort to restore a relationship with His people.