

The Amazing Collection – Book Theme Review

Unit 1: Genesis – Song of Solomon

I. There are seventeen Old Testament History books.

Pentateuch (*Beginnings: Human race and Chosen race*)

Genesis	<u>Beginnings</u>	Man, sin, death, languages, nations, redemption all began
Exodus	<u>Deliverance</u>	Chosen people delivered from bondage in Egypt as nation
Leviticus	<u>Holiness</u>	Law given at Mt Sinai telling people 90 times to be holy
Numbers	<u>Unbelief</u>	Results in unrest. Wandered 40 years until generation died
Deuteronomy	<u>Obedience</u>	Law repeated to new generation preparing to live in land

Lesson: *God desires a personal relationship with us which requires our obedience.*

Kingdom (*From nation to kingdom*)

Joshua	<u>Land conquered</u>	Joshua led the conquest of the Promised Land
Judges	<u>Land rulers/rescuers</u>	There was no king...sin cycle led to need for judges
Ruth	<u>Kinsman redeemer</u>	Redemption comes from willing and able kinsman
I Sam	<u>Kingdom established</u>	God was king but people demanded a human king
2 Sam	<u>Kingdom united</u>	King David united the 12 tribe kingdom
I Kings	<u>Kingdom divided</u>	Solomon's unwise son, Rehoboam, led to division
2 Kings	<u>Kingdoms exiled</u>	Because of wickedness both nations were exiled.

Lesson: *God wants to be our king, but disobedience to Him brings exile from Him*

Post Exilic (*Return to the land and rebuild*)

I Chronicles	<u>Temple preparation</u>	Review of past to encourage rebuilding the temple
2 Chronicles	<u>Temple destruction</u>	Review of the temple's construction & destruction
Ezra	<u>Temple rebuilt</u>	Zerubbabel rebuilt the temple, Ezra rebuilt people
Nehemiah	<u>Temple city walls rebuilt</u>	Nehemiah rebuilt city walls, prayed then acted
Esther	<u>God's protection</u>	God saved all Jews from extinction

Lesson: *Even when we mess up, we can return to God and He will rebuild our lives.*

II. There are five Old Testament Writings (Poetry)

Poetry (*Wisdom to worship and live*)

Job	<u>Sovereignty of God</u>	Job's suffering led him to see God's sovereignty
Psalms	<u>Worship of God</u>	Hymn book - to pray and praise God forever
Proverbs	<u>Wisdom of God</u>	Wisdom to live Godly lives in ungodly world
Ecclesiastes	<u>Life of meaning</u>	Aged Solomon saw life as empty without God
S of Solomon	<u>Intimacy in marriage</u>	Young Solomon saw beauty of marital love

Lesson: *We must obey God's Word to worship Him, live wisely and have a full life.*

*God showed His love by speaking through the Prophets messages of warning.
Isaiah - Malachi cover 424 years!*

*A priest represented the people to God; a prophet represented God to the people.
 There are 43 other prophets named in the Old Testament who didn't write books.
 A prophet spoke in place of God*

Unit 2: Isaiah – Acts

III. There are seventeen Old Testament Prophets

Major Prophets (*All sent to Judah*)

Isaiah	God's <u>Salvation</u>	Bible in miniature shows man's sin / God's Savior
Jeremiah	God's <u>Judgment</u>	God warns disobedience brings judgment/destruction
Lamentation	Jeremiah's <u>lament</u>	Funeral for Jerusalem's destruction for sin
Ezekiel	God's <u>Glory</u>	Restoration - God's Glory departs and returns.
Daniel	God's <u>Supremacy</u>	Prophecy of future nations and Savior

Early Minor Prophets (*2 sent to Israel -HA, 2 to Judah, 1 to Moab, 1 to Assyria*)

Hosea	Israel's spiritual <u>adultery</u>	Israel's unfaithfulness caused God pain
Joel	Judah's <u>Locusts</u>	Judah's destruction would be complete
Amos	Israel's <u>plumb line</u>	Israel was out of line deserving judgment
Obadiah	Edom doomed by <u>pride</u>	Brother nation doomed for mistreating Israel
Jonah	Nineveh <u>warned</u>	Assyrian enemy is warned to repent
Micah	Israel & Judah <u>Indicted</u>	God promises both judgment and a Savior

Later Minor Prophets (*1 sent to Assyria, 2 to Judah, 3 to returning exiles*)

Nahum	Nineveh <u>destroyed</u>	100 yrs after Jonah's warning, destruction came
Habakkuk	Faith <u>tested</u>	Watch and wait when your faith wavers
Zephaniah	Day of the <u>Lord</u>	Seek God to be safe in Day of God's anger
Haggai	Rebuild the <u>Temple</u>	Consider your ways - finish what you start.
Zechariah	Rebuild for the <u>future</u>	Build temple to prepare for Messiah's coming
Malachi	Rebuild <u>yourself</u>	Last message-man's arrogance led to God's silence

Lesson: Before judgment comes warning. God will judge sin - restore the repentant.

IV. There are five New Testament History books

There were 400 silent years between the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 The Persians were ruling Israel at the end of the Old Testament
 Then the Greeks ruled and translated the Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek.
 As the New Testament begins the Romans are in power.
 The four gospels give the history of Jesus. Acts gives the history of the Church

New Testament History (*Jesus in the Body*)

Matthew 21:5	Jesus as <u>king</u>	Israel's long awaited King has come
Mark 10:43-45	Jesus as <u>servant</u>	Jesus came to serve by dying
Luke 2:40, 51-52	Jesus as <u>perfect man</u>	Jesus is perfect man – without sin
John 1:1-14, 5:18, 10:31-33	Jesus as <u>God</u>	Jesus is God in flesh

Acts 1:7-8 Jesus body the church Jesus body of believers
Peter took the gospel to Jerusalem.
Philip took the gospel to Judea and Samaria.
Paul took the gospel to the uttermost parts of earth.

Lesson: God keeps his promises.

Unit 3: Romans – Revelation

V. There are twenty-one New Testament writings (Letters)

Paul's Letters to Churches (*In Christ*)

Romans 3:21-22	<u>Righteousness</u> in Christ	Doctrine to get right with God
I Corinthians 15:22	<u>Correcting</u> church problems	Paul corrected a sinning church
2 Corinthians 5:17	<u>Defending</u> Paul's ministry	Paul denied false charges.
Galatians 2:20	<u>Freedom</u> in Christ	Don't go back under law
Ephesians 1:3-13	<u>Walk</u> in Christ	Called in Christ, to walk in Christ
Philippians 4:4-7	<u>Joy</u> in Christ	Christ is our life.
Colossians 1:27-29	<u>Complete</u> in Christ	Christ is head over all
I Thess 4:14-5:10	<u>Coming</u> of Christ	Christ is coming again.
2 Thess 1:6-10	<u>Day</u> of the Lord	Day of judgment and restoration

Lesson: What we believe determines how we behave

Paul's Letters to Pastors (*In the Church*)

I Timothy	<u>Leadership</u> in the Church	Qualifications of Godly leaders
2 Timothy	<u>Endurance</u> of the Church	Fight the good fight of faith
Titus	<u>Order</u> in the Church	Right doctrines lead to right deeds
Philemon	<u>Forgiveness</u> in the Church	We must forgive as we are forgiven

Lesson: God desires order in the church.

General Letters or Other Letters (*Faith*)

Hebrews 1:1-7	Christ is <u>Superior</u>	Faith's object is a superior Christ
James 2:26	Faith that <u>works</u>	Faith without works is a dead faith
I Peter 1:3-7	Faith endures <u>suffering</u>	Suffering tests and proves faith
2 Peter 2:1-3	Identify <u>false teachers</u>	Faithful know true, identify false
I John 1:3-9	<u>Fellowship</u> with God	Faithful fellowship with God
2 John 1:10	Shun <u>false teachers</u>	Faithful don't fellowship with false
3 John 1:5-8	Faithful show <u>hospitality</u>	Faithful fellowship with true believers
Jude 1:3, 20	Contend for the <u>faith</u>	Build yourself up in the faith, obey

Lesson: God made us for faith and fellowship but we need discernment.

VI. There is one book of New Testament prophecy

Revelation 19:1-16 *God's final Victory* The Victorious King wins the battle

Lesson: Jesus is the coming Victorious King who will dwell with the faithful forever.