



Understanding the Bible in 30 Days

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Instructor

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Course location and time

Classroom 122
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

General Information

Objective

An introductory study of the nature, storyline, and major doctrines of the Bible, focusing on the major events, eras, and individuals of the Bible, showing that it is one unified story which leads to Jesus.

At the conclusion of this course, the successful student will be able to: identify the key events, characters, locations, and themes of the Old and New Testaments, summarize the storyline of the Bible, briefly explain the core doctrines of Christianity and appreciate the value of biblical knowledge for their daily Christian walk.

Requirements

Students are expected to attend class consistently, participate in weekly discussions, and complete any assigned readings and homework by the deadline.

Course Materials

Recommended text:

30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders (available on [Amazon](#)).

Required materials:

A Bible. Handouts and pens will be provided.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topic
Week 1	June 3 rd	What is the Bible? (...and What it is Not)
Week 2	June 10 th	The Story of the Old Testament
Week 3	June 17 th	The Story of the New Testament
Week 4	June 24 th	The Doctrines of the Christian Faith



Supplementary Suggested Reading:

Alexander, T. Desmond. *From Eden to the New Jerusalem*. A brief, accessible overview of the Bible's unified storyline from Genesis to Revelation.

Imes, Carmen Joy. *Bearing God's Name*. Explores Israel's calling to represent God to the nations and how the church continues that mission.

Imes, Carmen Joy. *Being God's Image*. Examines what it means for humanity to be created as God's image and how that shapes our identity and purpose.

Imes, Carmen Joy. *Becoming God's Family*. A biblical look at what it means to belong to the people of God and to live as the church.

Richter, Sandra L. *The Epic of Eden*. A clear, engaging introduction to the Old Testament's storyline and historical background.

Streett, R. Alan. *Heaven on Earth*. A New Testament-focused study on the Kingdom of God and how believers live out Jesus' teaching today.

Youngblood, Ronald F. *The Heart of the Old Testament*. A survey of key Old Testament doctrines, including covenants, law, and sacrifice.