

Visualized Bible Study Series

– Session ① Discussion Guide –

The Patriarchal Age (Part 1)



1. We often refer to the first period of Bible history as *The Patriarchal Age*. Why has this designation been given? How long does this age extend?
2. According to **Revelation 20:12**, why is it important to study and know God's Word contained in the Bible? (also see **John 12:46-50**)
3. What does **John 5:28,29** say about life after death? According to **2 Timothy 3:16,17** just how valuable are the scriptures?
4. The Bible was written by about 40 different writers during about 1,500 years. How is there such unity of writing? (cf. **2 Peter 1:21; Galatians 1:11,12; 1 Corinthians 2:12,13**)
5. The Bible is actually a library of ____ books, containing ____ books in the Old Testament and ____ books in the New Testament. While both testaments are important, which is more important for those living today? (cf. **Hebrews 1:1,2; Ch. 9**)
6. In which book of the New Testament would you find multiple accounts of how one becomes a Christian (i.e., conversion)?

7. Name the three periods of Bible history:

P_____AGE (**Hebrews 1:1**)

M_____AGE (**John 1:17**)

C_____AGE (**Romans 1:16; Hebrews 1:2**)

[read also **Romans 5:12-15**]

8. From **Genesis 1:1**, identify the five components that make up the world:

“In the beginning” **T**_____

“God” **F**_____

“created” **E**_____

“the heavens” **S**_____

“and the earth” **M**_____

9. What is the first recorded command of God? (**Genesis 1:3**) Why is this logical?

10. When God divided the land and water, what did He call each? (**Genesis 1:9,10**)

11. According to **Genesis 1:11**, the plant life that God created possessed what two characteristics?

12. God began the natural world around us by **M**_____ but He sustains it by **N**_____ **L**_____. (cf. **Genesis 1:11** and **8:22**)

13. What are the two great lights God made on day 4 of creation? (**Genesis 1:14-19**)
What other “lights” did He make at that time? What insight into these lights did Job give thousands of years ago? (**Job 38:31**)

14. What did God create on day 5? What did He then command of these creatures?
(Genesis 1:20-23)

15. What did God first create on day 6? (Genesis 1:24,25)

16. Having prepared the earth for His “crowning jewel,” God then created **M**_____ on day 6. What do we know about the nature of man from the following passages:
Genesis 1:26,27; Hebrews 12:9; 2 Corinthians 5:1-6

17. Who was God talking to when He said, “**Let Us make man...**” ? (Genesis 1:26)
CF. also Genesis 1:2 and John 1:1,2,14)

18. According to Genesis 1:26, in what position did God place man in regard to all the rest of His creation?

19. Why did God create the woman? (Genesis 2:18)

20. How did Adam express the way he viewed the woman (wife) God made for him?
(Genesis 2:23)

21. What was the context and teaching of Jesus in Matthew 19:3-6 when He referred back to the first man and woman?

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