

GOD'S UNFOLDING

Kingdom

A SURVEY OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
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God's Unfolding Kingdom
The New High School Bible Course Highlighting the Old Testament

Overview:

Coming January 2013: CSI's revised high school Bible curriculum *God's Unfolding Kingdom*. This Old Testament survey, previously known as *God's Unfolding Plan*, has been updated and enhanced to complement CSI's K-8 *Walking with God and His People* series. This new curriculum moves beyond multiple stories about God's love and collates them into one compelling story of God's kingdom being established on earth. Students are similarly challenged to move beyond merely knowing about God's kingdom to participating in God's kingdom.

The Online Course:

This printed curriculum has been developed to be an interactive online course for high school students. The course will be piloted by a select group of students from various CSI schools beginning January 15, 2013. The full course will be completed in one semester. Pilot participants' enrollment fee will be discounted to \$100 from the typical course fee of \$350. Pilot students and school officials should be aware that the "Pilot" status of this course means that the course is well developed for student engagement, but not without flaws. This pilot period serves the course Development Team as an opportunity to finalize the course to release officially for all students beginning Fall 2013.

A Deeper Look:

An overview of the kingdom of God theme runs throughout the curriculum and introduces students to God's kingdom mission to the Israelites to multiply holy people and to spread holy place.

The lessons have been crafted to include more academically challenging material that is engaging for Grade 9-12 students. High schools will appreciate the sound Reformed theology and the multiple opportunities for relevant personal application.

Heidi Herberich Dean wrote the teacher guide and student textbook for *God's Unfolding Kingdom* with assistance from Claire Wait. Heidi's past teaching experience and strong educational background in Reformed theology partnered well with Claire's ability to adapt the material to the best pedagogical practices at the high school level.

The second edition of this curriculum allows student participation encouraging meaningful skill development and practice of ideas. Each lesson opens with a section that both introduces the topic and presents the lesson's objectives. The Bridge section ties in prior knowledge and often includes an open-ended activity that provides a strong transition to the main idea of the lesson. More guided practice such as collaborative work, discussion questions, and jigsaw questions are presented in the Scripture Link and Student Activities sections of the lessons. The Independent Practice reinforces the objectives and concepts introduced. Each lesson wraps up with a Looking Ahead section. Looking Ahead provides a devotional aspect by encouraging students to read their Bibles while also preparing them for what is to be taught in the next lesson.

Scope and Sequence Overview

Unit	Lesson	Reference
<p>Unit 1</p> <p>The Pentateuch: God Chooses Israel to Be His Redeemed People</p>	Approaching the Old Testament	
	The One Big Story	
	Preparing to Read God's Word	
	God Creates the World	Genesis 1
	A Mission for Humanity	Genesis 1–2
	The Fall into Sin	Genesis 3
	Sin Grows Worse: The Flood	Genesis 4–11
	God Begins Redemption through Israel	Genesis 11–12
	God Covenants with Abram	Genesis 15
	Abraham's Faith Is Tested	Genesis 22:1–19
	Jacob Inherits the Promise	Genesis 27–28
	Jacob Wrestles with God	Genesis 32–33
	Joseph: God Meant It for Good	Genesis 37; 39–41
	Joseph's Brothers Are Reconciled	Genesis 42–45
<p>Unit 2</p> <p>The Pentateuch: God Redeems Israel and Expects Covenant Loyalty</p>	Israel Enslaved in Egypt	Exodus 1:1—2:10
	God Calls Moses	Exodus 2:11—4:31
	God Redeems Israel in the Exodus	Exodus 5:1—6:12; 6:28—11:10
	Passover: A Redemption Meal	Exodus 12; 14:1—15:21
	Israel in the Wilderness	Exodus 15:22—17:16
	Sinai: God Gives His Law	Exodus 19–20
	God Dwells with His People	Exodus 25–40
	Leviticus: Rules for Holy Living	Leviticus 1; 16; 23:9–14
	Numbers: Judgment and Mercy	Numbers 13:17—14:45; 20:1–13; 21:4–8
	Deuteronomy: Love the Lord!	Deuteronomy 28–34
<p>Unit 3</p> <p>The Histories: Israel Is Established as a Kingdom</p>	Conquering the Promised Land	Joshua 1–12
	Dividing and Settling the Land	Joshua 13–24
	Judges: A Cycle of Sin	Judges 2:6—3:31
	Samson: Portrait of a Judge	Judges 13–16
	Ruth: God's Plan for His Kingdom	The Book of Ruth
	Samuel: Chosen to Anoint the King	1 Samuel 1–7
	Saul: A Failed Start to Kingship	1 Samuel 8–13
	David: A New King for Israel	1 Samuel 15–30
	David: The Golden Years	1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 7
	The Consequences of Sin	2 Samuel 11–13, 15:18—19:8; 1 Kings 1
	Solomon: The Glory Years	1 Kings 2–11; 2 Chronicles 3–9

<p>Unit 4</p> <p>The Writings: Poetry and Wisdom of Ancient Israel</p>	Psalms: An Introduction	Selections from the Book of Psalms
	Psalms of Praise	Psalms 19, 33, 138
	Psalms of Lament	Psalms 38, 51, 74
	Psalms of Thanksgiving	Psalms 30, 107, 118
	Proverbs: An Introduction	Proverbs 1–3
	Proverbs: Guard Your Tongue	Proverbs 10, 15, 18
	Song of Songs: A Love Story	Song of Songs 1–3; 8:6–7
	Ecclesiastes: Life Is Meaningless	Ecclesiastes 1, 2, 4
	Ecclesiastes: Life with Meaning	Ecclesiastes 5, 11, 12
	Job: The Friends Speak	Job 1–2
	Job: God’s Response	Job 3, 4, 8
<p>Unit 5</p> <p>The Histories: The Fall of Israel</p>	Dividing the Kingdom	1 Kings 12–14
	Early Kings of the Northern Kingdom	1 Kings 15:25—16:28
	Israel’s Baal Worship	1 Kings 17—19
	Israel Sent into Exile	2 Kings 15—17
	Judah: The First 150 Years	2 Chronicles 10:1—11:17; 12:1—14:2; 17:1–12; 20:31—21:7
	A Case Study of a Godly King: Hezekiah	2 Kings 18–20; 2 Chronicles 29–32
	Judah’s Decline	2 Chronicles 33:1—36:9
	The Fall of Judah	2 Kings 24:18—25:30; 2 Chronicles 36:11–23
<p>Unit 6</p> <p>The Histories: Israel in Exile</p>	Daniel: Life in Exile	Daniel 1
	A Babylonian Repents	Daniel 4
	The Fall of Babylonia	Daniel 5
	Esther: An Introduction	Esther 1–4
	Esther: A Dramatic Conclusion	Esther 5–10
	The Exiles Return	Ezra 1; 3–6
	Relearning God’s Law	Ezra 7; 8:15—10:17
	Rebuilding the Walls	Nehemiah 1–2; 4:1—7:3
	Nehemiah’s Reforms	Nehemiah 8–9; 10:28–39; 12:27—13:31
<p>Unit 7</p> <p>The Prophets: Israel’s Failure Yet Future Hope</p>	An Introduction to the Prophets	Jeremiah 2:1–19
	The Lives of the Prophets	Ezekiel 2–9
	Reasons for Exile: Injustice	Jeremiah 22; Isaiah 3:13–15; Isaiah 50; Amos 5–6
	Reasons for Exile: Israel’s Leaders	Amos 7:10–17; Hosea 4:1–9; Jeremiah 23:13–32
	The Hope of Israel: End to Exile	Jeremiah 30–32
	The Hope of Israel: Jesus	Isaiah 11