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**JORDAN & ISRAEL**

~ **NOV 2007** ~



BY JOYCE WONG

**T**hirty-nine people went on a 14 day trip to the promised land, we were taken through a whirlwind tour, starting from Galilee, down to the south to Jordan, crossing back to Eilat/Dead Sea before heading to Jerusalem. It was loaded with a lot of biblical insight, including history, culture and word study as provided by our guide, Moshe Bronstein and the Jordanian guide, Amar.

We even had a hands-on experience on an excavation site. Things which looked like a rubbish heap suddenly became a piece of history when the archaeologist guided us through it, we even found what is known as the widow's mite, tiny coins.

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## ◀ EDITOR'S NOTE ▶

Greetings to friends of ETW,

We thank the Lord for another busy 2007. This year in 2008, we will continue to focus on Bible teaching and workshops which was what we have been doing for the past few years.

We will be restarting our Torah classes with Exodus on Saturdays. We will also be planning to host more seminars on Saturdays. our Egypt / Israel trip will be planned in 2009.

Do pray for us as we continue to seek the Lord in raising up teachers who will be able to teach the Word.

Shalom,

Jeffrey Loh



## ◀ 2008 CURRICULUM, SCHEDULE ▶

### IBS WORKSHOPS

#### INTRODUCTION TO IBS SKILLS

*Those with no knowledge of IBS*

- 101 Psalm 1 (1.5 hr)
- 102 1 Thessalonians 1 (2 hr)
- 103 Matthew 6:24-34 (1 ½ hr)
- 104 1 Corinthians 12 (2 hr)

#### BASIC IBS SKILLS

*Those with some knowledge of IBS*

- 201 Overview of Haggai (4 hrs)
- 202 Overview of Obadiah (4 hr)
- 203 Overview and Chapter Study of Philemon (4 hr)
- 211 Overview and Chapter Study of Jude (1.5 days)
- 212 Overview and Chapter Study of 2 Peter (2 days)
- 213 Overview and Chapter Study of 1 Thessalonians (2 days)

#### INTERMEDIATE IBS SKILLS

*Those proficient with basic IBS skills*

- 301 Structuring Philippians (2 days)
- 302 Structuring Colossians (2 days)

#### ADVANCE IBS SKILLS

*Handling controversial passages and topics - teachers and leaders*

*\* Mandatory homework to be submitted*

*1 month prior to course*

- 401 Handling a Controversial Passage - Hebrews 6:4-8
- 402 Handling a Controversial Passage - Romans 7
- 411 Handling a Controversial Topic - *Once saved, Always saved?*
- 412 Handling a Controversial Topic - *What Rapture? Which Rapture?*



**MONDAY NIGHTS**  
(7.30PM-9.45PM)

> **BEGINNING 7 JAN 2008 <**

**2 Thessalonians, followed by Revelation Pt 1-4**



**TUESDAY MORNINGS (9.30AM-12.30PM)**  
& **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (7.30PM-9:45PM)**

> **BEGINNING 8/9 JAN 2008 <**

**Daniel Part 1 (8 lessons),**  
**followed by Daniel Part 2 (12 lessons)**



**TUESDAY NIGHTS (7.30PM-9:45PM) &**  
**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**  
(9.30AM-12.30PM)

> **BEGINNING 9/8 JAN 2008 <**

**2 Peter**



**FRIDAY MORNINGS**  
(9.30AM-12.30PM)

> **BEGINNING 11 JAN 2008**

**1 Thessalonians (11 lessons),**  
**followed by 2 Thessalonians**



**SATURDAY AFTERNOONS**  
(3.00PM-4.30PM)

> **BEGINNING 12 JAN 2008 <**

**Foundations Class - for those who want to be**  
**baptized (Romans, one Gospel and Acts)**



**SATURDAY EVENINGS (5.30PM-7.00PM)**

> **BEGINNING 12 JAN 2008 <**

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**followed by Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy**



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On the last day, we were taken to Zedekiah's cave where we did a reading from Ezekiel 47. We saw a small trickle of water, which according to the prophecy in Ezekiel 47...

*8 Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the sea, and the waters of the sea become fresh.*

*9" It will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.*

*10" And it will come about that fishermen will stand beside it; from Engedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the spreading of nets Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, very many.*

*11" But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt.*

*12" By the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing."*

This is seeing God in action, His words will be fulfilled. ■



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**RON LOW'S  
 VISIT TO  
 SINGAPORE**  
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*Updates on  
 Philippines  
 18 Nov 2007*

**KELLY NANDAR**



*Ron and Family.*

The first time I met Ron, a Malaysian missionary in Philippines, and his wife, Sharon, they struck me as a couple who have had a simple lifestyle. Looking calm and composed, Ron began his address to the small group gathered in ETW office with a tragic story. He told of a young girl who had recently taken her own life simply because her parents could not afford her camp fee; she had come to her own conclusion that she may be a burden to her parents.

Such unexpected start startled me indeed! But this is a shocking truth that Singapore needs to wake up to. While our own economy seems to be slightly shaken by US sub-prime issue and global financial market, and locals feeling the pinch of increased inflation, our ASEAN neighbours have been enduring dire poverty for many years. Our Filipino brethren are no exception. To us, the slowdown in growth may mean only a trip to Europe downgraded to a trip to China but to them it may mean the inability to go college and therefore trapped in this vicious cycle of poverty.

Ron thanked Singapore for its generous monetary gifts to Philippines. Every small gift from us here sent heart-felt gratitude to the brethren there. There were many thanksgiving letters from students in Bukas Puso Scholarship Programme. I could almost hear a heave of relief as the financial burden on the Filipino churches eased. Not only have the monies helped the brethren, it has also strengthened their ministry to those outside the household of faith. This is very important as 'the only thing that prevents the growth of Palangoy Church is the need of monies', Cecelia noted sharply from her previous visits there. This quickly becomes apparent through Ron's reports.

The youths in Palangoy Church are passionate about following Christ and it manifests in their faithful commitments to study the Bible through Intentional Discipleship Scheme (IDS). At one meeting, you can have 70 plus youths congregating in a small room equipped only with fan. Smell of perspiration may fill the room yet it did not stop the youths from worshipping God. The leaders in Palangoy Church work very hard too, many of them holding a daytime job. Some of the leaders are even leading two cell groups. Such outpouring of their lives...

ETW Ministry Centre was officially dedicated to the Lord on 5 January 2008. What better way to start the new calendar year than to offer the new ministry centre to the Lord! The simple and cozy event on a Saturday afternoon was attended by more than 20 people comprising students, helpers, and attendees of the ministry's November study tour.



The new ministry centre at Jalan Sultan is central will enable the ministry to conduct classes off a single location. The space in the ministry centre can comfortably sit 75 students and also has ample space to display and store publications and media produced by the ministry.

Indeed God has wonderfully blessed this ministry through such the locale provision and we see Him working through us and using this ministry centre to further expound His Word and expand the boundaries of planting the Word.

The dedication session ended with songs of thanks and of course, some wonderful refreshments contributed by those in attendance! ■

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**ETW MINISTRY  
 CENTRE  
 DEDICATION**  
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*Lim Wei Teck  
 Held on 5 Jan 2008*



★ **EVENTS** ★



CMI and ETW will be presenting a seminar on *Creation Science* on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

Tentative agenda is as listed:

2.00-3.00pm - **Session 1 - Life: Cosmic Accident or Divine Design?**

3.00-3.30pm - *short break*

3.30-4.30pm - **Session 2 - Fountains & Mountains & Dead Things Between**

4.30-5.00pm - *short break*

5.00-6.00pm - **Session 3 - Genesis: who needs to Know?**

Dear Cecilia,

Grace and Peace to you from our God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Greetings from my family especially to you sister Cecilia and to your family. May God bless the commitment that He gave you for the studying and teaching of the word of God. We are very much thankful that our Church is one of the recipients of God's profound revelation to you.

Thanks also to Brother Ronnie for his tireless effort and hard work in mentoring us in the I.B.S skills for a constructive Bible Study.

The following are the results of I.B.S. to my ministry:

- Progress, confidence and improvement in my preaching.
- Church now has a good direction through the curriculum that Brother Ronnie taught us.
- Curriculum for the Biblical principles about giving, that the Brethren church did not emphasize. The church's financial state is now improving gradually.
- The church is now developing the cell groups and we continue to teach about the biblical principles of discipline for the purpose of raising up and equipping new leaders.

Sister Cecilia, I am very happy and thankful that God has blessed your ministry. Thanks also for the financial support that you have given us. It has been a big help to my family and my ministry.

*God Bless You,*

GF

Ron also shared with us his strategy for discipling the Filipino church using Jesus' method and 2 Timothy 2:2 principle which is essentially teaching and mentoring a small group of key leaders which will in turn "go out and make disciples". This is also the heartbeat of ETW. What a delight it is to hear how God has brought Ron and ETW together!! Before this, Ron has been praying for resources that will help in discipling the Filipino churches, Palangoy church being the most receptive one. A short while later, news reached Ron that there is a ministry (still 2Tim2-2.com at that time) in Singapore which teaches the Scripture book by book. Having not heard of Cecelia Perh as a bible teacher, he decided to correspond with her and Jeffrey. It was only after a number of email exchanges and sampling of tapes did he felt affirmed of God's leading him to ETW. This seems to bode for a long-term profitable partnership.

Indeed, there are many more needs in Palangoy Church that the brethren in Singapore can help. However Ron shared that the Filipino brethren were shy to openly make known their needs. Although land has been purchased for another church to be built, the interior fittings need to be financed too. ETW told Ron that it would extend help to the brethren in Philippines as far as God may make possible. May God continue to cause His blessings in Singapore to overflow to our brethren in Philippines. Thanks be to God!

**Budgetary update**

Year 1

Firm Foundations & Gospel	50 pesos
Discovery Class lessons 1-10	50
Discovery Class lessons 11-20	50
Encounter Retreat	600
The Journey lessons 1-20	100

Year 2

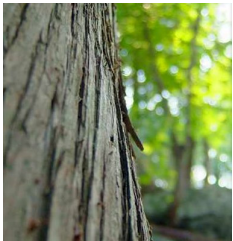
Equipping for Ministry 1-20	100
Equipping for Leadership	100
ReEncounter Retreat	600
TEE course 1	200

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1850 pesos per pax</b>
<b>For 40 X 1850</b>	<b>74000 pesos</b>

Note: in the last trip 60000 pesos were given for our discipleship program which we are utilizing for the ongoing programs for existing batches. Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of building up lives in the Word. ~ Ron

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**THE  
GENEALOGY OF  
JESUS CHRIST**

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*Jeffrey Loh*



**M**ost readers tend to skip genealogies whenever they encounter that particular section of Scripture. The same goes with the genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ. While it is not my purpose to give an exhaustive dissertation on this topic, I would want to highlight certain important aspects of the Lord's genealogy. I believe that God did not put in genealogies without good reasons and as such, it is our responsibility to discover His reasons for doing so.

**1. The Importance of Genealogy**

Genealogies are important because they not only tell us not only who the ancestors are, but also for inheritance sake. The land of Israel is allotted to the 12 tribes, which can be traded or developed depending on the family's choice. However, in the year of Jubilee, the land will revert to its original owners and as such, it is critical that one be able to trace one's own ancestry. Those not able to do so will be left without land and could possibly be treated as foreigners.

**2. The Gospels' Approach to Jesus' Genealogy**

The gospels approach the Jesus' genealogy depending on the aspect of the Lord they wish to emphasize.

Matthew's gospel was written to the Jews with emphasis on the kingly and Jewish aspect of Jesus and as such, he had important figures such as Abraham and David in his genealogy.

*Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

**Part 1** - When doubts assail you, when trials encompass you, when failure plagues you, when you're weary of running the race, there is only one answer! It is found in drawing near to the throne of grace, to Jesus your High Priest who can be touched with the feelings of your infirmities.

This study on Hebrews 1-4 will look at the Son, at angels, and at our great salvation. We will see what God has spoken through our merciful and faithful high priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

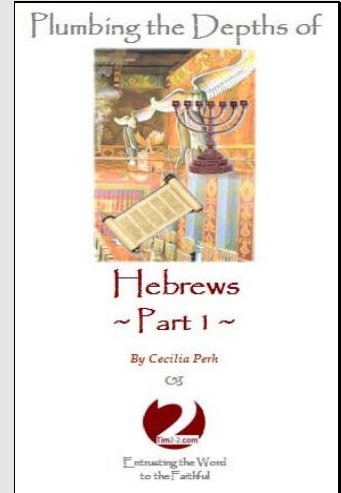
**Part 2** - The study on Hebrews 5-8 will lead you into an intimacy with our Lord Jesus Christ, an intimacy that will hold you in the worst of all circumstances. If these truths can hold the believers who are facing certain martyrdom, surely they can hold us who have lesser problems than they!

**Part 3** - We've been in Hebrews from Chapters 1-8 and your heart must have been enthralled with the beauty of the Lord and so humbled by His great love with which He loved us. Truly, the Lord Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest and we must consider Him if we are to be able to live as more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

In this final study of Hebrews, we will be looking at the superior sacrifice and superior benefits our Lord has won for us and learn to live in the light of these truths. This is the only way to endure the persecutions and troubles and distresses that colour our world today.

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**HEBREW  
WORK BOOK**

- 3 PARTS -

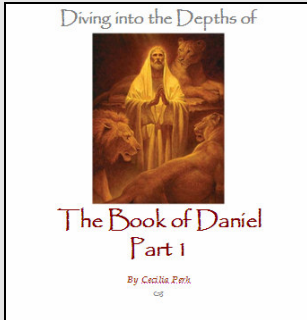


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# DANIEL WORK BOOK



The book of Daniel is one of the more fascinating books of the Bible which is more easily read than, say, the book of Isaiah. It's not without purpose that God has woven the foundational principles of how to live in difficult times into the lives of Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. He wants us to *know* exactly how to behave when difficult times come.

Not only that, Daniel is the “spine” of Biblical prophecy and as such is essential to any understanding of the End times, the structure of prophecy and is key to the entire Old Testament revelation. God, in the book of Daniel, has given us His Plan for the Ages so that His people *can* know what will happen *before* it happens.

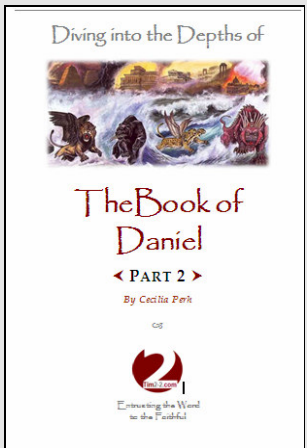
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In studying prophetic literature, especially with reference to the End Times, it is always essential to begin with the book of Daniel, for this particular book alone gives us chronological timelines which enable us to place the many prophesied events in the Bible in a linear fashion. That is the major reason why the book of Daniel is often called “the spine of Biblical prophecy”. Thus it is foundational to any study of the End Times.

Our Lord Jesus warned us of deception practiced by false Christs and false prophets (see Matthew 24:4-5,11,24; Mark 13:5,22; Luke 21:8) and the Apostle Paul says, “But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1). There are yet many more warnings in the Bible about being deceived in the last days.

The only way to deal with false teachings is to give them the truth (see John 8:32). Thus there is a need to be very clear what the Bible actually says about the End Times and studying the book of Daniel will lay an accurate Biblical foundation on which to build all the other truths that are to be found in the various books of the Bible.

**Cost:** S\$25



Mark's gospel emphasized the servanthood of Jesus. Slaves have no genealogies and as such none was mentioned.

Luke's gospel emphasized the humanity of Jesus and so he traces Jesus' genealogy all the way to Adam, the first man.

*Luke 3:38 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

John was particularly interested in emphasizing the divinity of the Lord Jesus. As God has no beginning or end, so there is no genealogy mentioned in John's gospel.

### 3 Matthew's Account

Matthew 1:1-17 records for us the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph while Luke 3:23-38 records the genealogy of Jesus through Mary (according to the Jerusalem Talmud, Haggigah, Book 77, 4).

Matthew's gospel was written primarily to a Jewish audience, presenting Jesus as the King of the Jews. Tracing Jesus' genealogy to Abraham emphasized his Hebrew roots while tracing his genealogy to David proved that He was an heir to the Davidic throne.

Matthew divides the genealogy into 3 groups of 14 generations, separated by important time periods.

Abraham to David	David to Captivity	Release to Christ
Abraham	Solomon	Jeconiah
Isaac	Rehoboam	Shealtiel
Jacob	Abijah	Zerubbabel
Judah	Asa	Abiud
Perez	Jehoshaphat	Eliakim
Hezron	Joram	Azor
Ram	Uzziah	Zadok
Amminadab	Jotham	Achim
Nashon	Ahaz	Eliud
Salmon	Hezekiah	Eleazar
Boaz	Manasseh	Matthan
Obed	Amon	Jacob
Jesse	Josiah	Joseph
David	Jeconiah	Jesus Christ

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in Matthew and  
Luke's account  
are different  
because  
Mathew traces  
Jesus'  
ancestry  
through  
Joseph while  
Luke traces it  
through Mary...

Matthew's genealogy was abridged because he omitted certain names that appeared in the Old Testament. The reason is 2-fold:

1. To aid in memorization of the genealogy. This aspect can be seen even in the bar-Mitzvah where 12 year old Jews celebrate their coming of age through memorizing the Torah. In addition, scrolls were scarce and expensive during New Testament times, so memorization was the norm.
2. To emphasize the Davidic character of the Lord Jesus Christ. In Gematria, the characters of the alphabets דָּוִד (David) add up to 14, so Matthew is stressing the fact that Jesus is of David, David, David....

#### 4. Luke's Account

Luke's gospel was directed to a mainly Gentile / Greek audience. And since Greeks are not so concerned about the fulfillment of Jewish prophecy, there was no particular emphasis on Jesus being the descendent of David.

*Luke 1:1-4 ... it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 4 so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.*

As mentioned, the genealogies in Matthew and Luke's account are different because Mathew traces Jesus' ancestry through Joseph while Luke traces it through Mary.

#### 5. The Curse of Jehoiakim

Jeremiah 36:1-32 mentions the circumstances surrounding a curse on the descendents of Jehoiakim. Because he provoked God by burning a scroll on which the word of God was written (through Jeremiah), God pronounced a curse on Jehoiakim.

*Jeremiah 36:30 'Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah, "He shall have no one to sit on the throne of David, ....*

Such a curse presents a difficulty since Jehoiakim, it seems, was an ancestor of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore God came up with a solution to solve this problem, i.e. the virgin birth.

Joseph (through which Jehoiakim was mentioned) was the legal father of the Lord Jesus but not His biological father. As such, the curse does not apply to Him since He was not born of Joseph. However, Jesus was the biological descendent of David through Mary (via Nathan, one of David's other son). He could still lay claim to David's throne.

Thus, through the virgin birth, Jesus could lay claim to both the legal and biological claim to the throne of David. The brilliance of God! ■



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