

*Annual
Programme
2023-2024*

W E L C O M E P A C K A G E

*“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
Hebrews 4:12*

Welcome Message

Dear participant,

We are pleased to welcome you to a new academic year of the Geneva Bible School. In this Welcome Package you will find all the information you need to start well under the blessings of our Lord.

Below you will also find a brief description of this ministry and of the teaching material to be covered during the 10 months of our annual programme.

- The Geneva Bible School was created to teach the Holy Scripture in a structured manner, book-by-book, from Genesis to Revelation. It is not a seminary for theological classes, but instead a annual programme to study the whole Bible in one year.
- The Geneva Bible School is based on instructional videos by Rev. David Pawson that should be watched during each class or session, to be held every Saturday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Classes will be organized virtually or as face-to-face sessions (our preferred method of teaching). You will receive a reminder before each weekly class, with an outline of the book to cover and also additional materials developed by the GBS Team.
- In addition, every class includes a Bible commentary from a Pastor or a Bible teacher from the Geneva area, who will also host the Q&A at the end of the class. This year we are pleased to announce that Pastor Sam Fiore, Pastor David Lampe, Pastor Lena Lampe and Dr. Benji Moses will join us again as Bible teachers.
- The programme is divided in 8 modules to study the entire Bible, aiming not only to read it entirely, but also to learn about each book's background and its facts: What, Where, Why, Who, When and How. The programme aims to study faithfully the text of Scripture, reducing emphasis on denominational or doctrinal interpretations. Its sole objective is to study the World of God, leaving the rest to the Holy Spirit.

• This unique programme is free and there are no tuition costs, but every participant is expected to buy the required textbook and its accompanying guide (Unlocking the Bible) by Rev. David Pawson. Here is a link so you can learn more about the textbook:

<https://www.amazon.com/Unlocking-Bible-Unique-Overview-Whole/dp/1943852650>

We very much look forward to a fruitful year learning more about the living Word, and studying it with dedication and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All for His praise and for His glory!

In Christ,

Geneva, 19 August 2023

Alex and Ericka Mejia
Co-Founders

About the Main Instructor

Rev. David Pawson

A speaker cum author with uncompromising faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures, David's books and recordings bring clarity and a message of urgency to Christians to uncover hidden treasures in God's Word.

Born in England in 1930, David began his career with a degree from Durham University. When God intervened and called him to become a Minister, he completed an MA in Theology at Cambridge University and subsequently served as a Chaplain in the UK Royal Air Force for 3 years. He moved on to pastor several churches including the Millmead Centre in Guildford which became a model for many UK church leaders. In 1979, the Lord led him into an international ministry. Over the years, he has written more than 70 books, a large number of booklets, and numerous daily reading notes. His extensive and very accessible overviews of the books of the Bible have been published and recorded in 'Unlocking the Bible'. Millions of copies of his teachings have been distributed in more than 120 countries, providing a solid biblical foundation.

Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/@DavidPawsonMinistry>

Rev. Pawson went home on 21st May 2020 (Ascension Day).



Rev. David Pawson



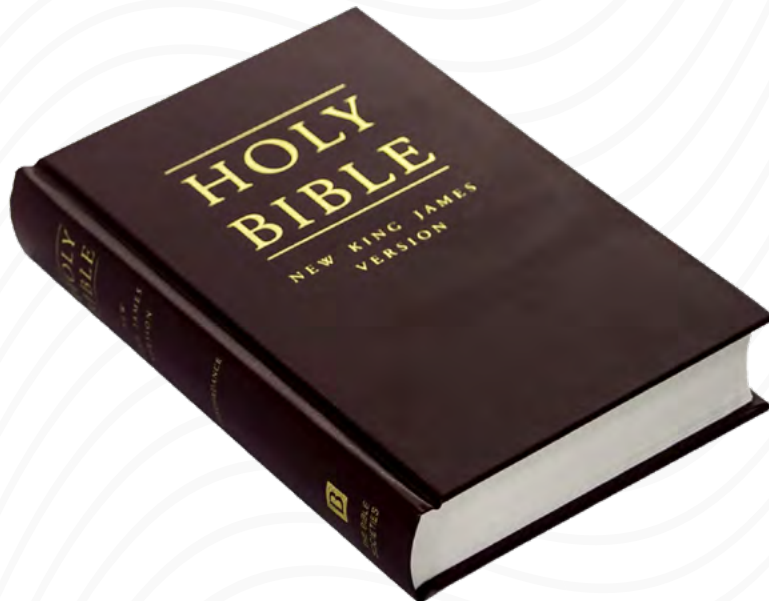
David at 80 years of age with his grandson off the island of Patmos.



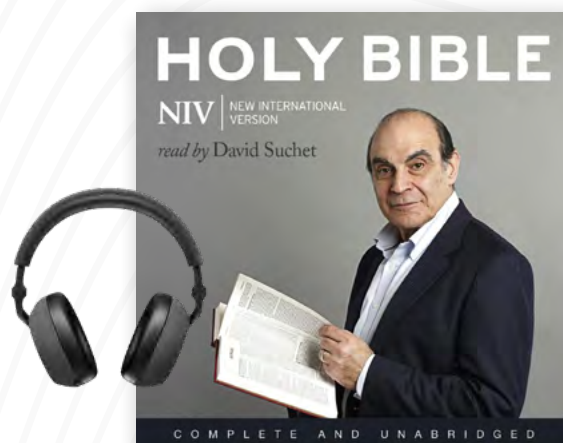
A daily requirement

This programme requires that you read the Holy Scriptures every day, to go over the book of the Bible that had been introduced during the previous class on Saturday. It is expected that you read and study the whole book (or specified chapters) during the week ahead.

The suggested Bible translation to read every day is the New King James Bible, however, you should use any Bible translation that you prefer.



If you prefer to listen to the Scriptures instead of reading, the suggested daily audio recordings of the books of the Bible are narrated by David Suchet (<https://www.youtube.com/@HearGodsWord>)



Goals of the Programme

The Geneva Bible School annual programme makes no emphasis on denominational or doctrinal interpretations. Its sole objective is to study the Word of God, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

It is expected that the participants in this programme achieve the following:

- **Spiritual growth:** To obtain a foundational knowledge-base of every book of the Holy Bible, in order to honor God with our lives, to enhance our spiritual understanding of His Word, to develop abilities to think critically when studying the Scriptures and to interact respectfully with the views of others.
- **Deep transformation:** To foster intimacy with God through interaction with His word and one another, so your spiritual life can be profoundly changed. The purpose of the GBS is not simply to share information, but to allow the Lord to transform our lives. We invite students, through the Scriptures, to be drawn more intimately to our Lord to fully receive the gift of God's grace.
- **Godly inspiration:** To develop diligence in accepting the Call of God and to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pursue the Scriptures as people dedicated to be "Thoroughly Furnished." We believe the Scriptures to be the literal Word of God given to us by Holy men who were inspired by the Spirit of God according to 2 Peter 1:10, 21; 2 Timothy 3:16.
- **Spiritual discipline:** To instill habits, practices, and focus that are designed to develop, grow, and strengthen certain qualities of spirit, to build one's character and expand the breadth of one's inner life. Amongst them: Prayer, Meditation, Bible reading, Fasting, Simplicity, Silence, Fellowship, Journaling, Chastity, Stewardship, Obedience, Study, Evangelism, Gratitude, Giving and Serving, amongst others.
- **Spiritual multiplication:** To realize the ability to be reproduced that every Christian has been given, so you can help others to become followers of Jesus Christ. We pray that the Lord will empower you to go on to witness and serve others.

**"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life;
and these are they which testify of Me."**

John 5:39

Sept. 16 Inaugural session
An Introduction to Studying the Bible
Session 1. Overview of the Old Testament

Old Testament

Module I - The Maker's Instructions

Sep. 23 Session 2. Genesis, part I (The Basic Book) & part II (Creator and Creation)
Sep. 30 Session 3. Genesis, part III (Creatures and Evolution) & part IV (Eden to Babel)
Oct. 7 Session 4. Genesis, part V (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) & part VI (Joseph and Jesus)
Oct. 14 Session 5. Exodus, part I & part II (Scape, story and miracles) (two videos)

Fall Break

Oct. 28 Session 6. Leviticus (two videos)

Nov. 4 Session 7. Numbers (two videos), **followed by lunch**, plus afternoon session:
Session 8. Deuteronomy (two videos)

Module II - A Land and A Kingdom

Nov. 11 Session 9. Joshua (two videos)
Nov. 18 Session 10. Judges & Ruth (two videos)
Nov. 25 Session 11. 1 & 2 Samuel (two videos)
Dec. 2 Session 12. 1 & 2 Kings (two videos)

Module III - Poems of Worship and Wisdom

Dec. 9 Session 13. Psalms (two videos)

Dec. 16 Session 14. Proverbs (two videos), **followed by lunch**, plus afternoon session:
Session 15. Job (two videos)

Christmas Break

Module III - Poems of Worship and Wisdom

Jan. 13 Session 16. Ecclesiastes (one video) & Song of Songs (one video)

Module IV - Mayor Prophets and Minor Prophets: Decline and Fall of an Empire

Jan. 20 Session 17. Obadiah plus Joel (two videos) & Jonah (one video)

Jan. 27 Session 18. Amos & Hosea (two videos)

Feb. 3 Session 19. Isaiah (two videos), ***followed by lunch***, plus afternoon session:
Session 20. Jeremiah (two videos)

Feb. 10 Session 21. Micah (one video) & Nahum (one video)

Feb. 17 Session 22. Zephaniah (one video) & Habakkuk (one video) & Lamentations (one video)

Module V - The Struggle to Survive

Feb. 24 Session 23. Ezekiel (three videos)

March 2 Session 24. Daniel (two videos)

March 9 Session 25. Esther & Chronicles (two videos), ***followed by lunch***, plus afternoon:
Session 26. Ezra & Nehemiah (two videos)

March 16 Session 27. Haggai (one video) & Zechariah (two videos)

March 23 Session 28. Malachi (two videos)

Easter Break

New Testament

Module VI - The Hinge of History: The Gospels

April 6 Session 29. Matthew (two videos)

April 13 Session 30. Mark & Luke (two videos), **followed by lunch**, plus afternoon session:
Session 31. John (two videos)

April 20 Session 32. Acts (two videos)

Module VII - The Thirteenth Apostle: Paul and his Letters

April 27 Session 33. Paul and his Letters (one video) & 1-2 Thessalonians (two videos)

May 4 Session 34. 1-2 Corinthians (two videos)

Ascension Break

May 18 Session 35. Romans (two videos)

May 25 Session 36. Galatians (two videos), **followed by lunch**, plus afternoon session:
Session 37. Colossians (one video) & Ephesians (one video)

June 1 Session 38. Philippians & Philemon (two videos)

Module VIII - Through Suffering to Glory

June 8 Session 39. 1-2 Timothy & Titus (two videos)

June 15 Session 40. Hebrews (two videos), **followed by lunch**, plus afternoon session:
Session 41. James (two videos)

June 22 Session 42. 1 & 2 Peter (two videos)

June 29 Session 43. Jude (one video) & 1-2-3 John (two videos)

July 6 Session 44. Revelation, part I (The Revelation Riddle) & part II (The Ascended Lord)

July 13 Session 45. Revelation, part III (The Big Trouble) & part IV (The Fallen Prostitute)

July 20 Session 46. Revelation, part V (The Last Millennium) & part VI (The Descending Bride)

Graduation Ceremony

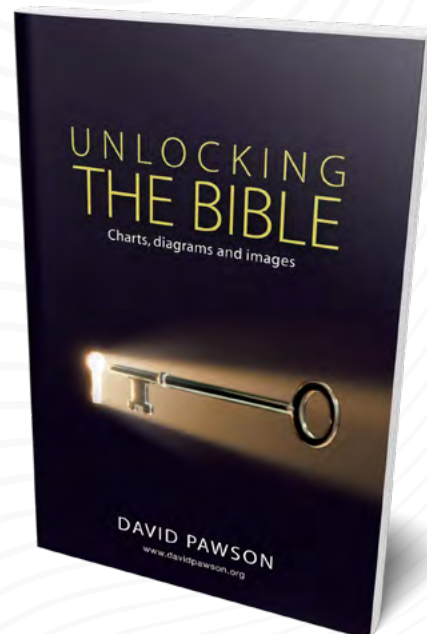
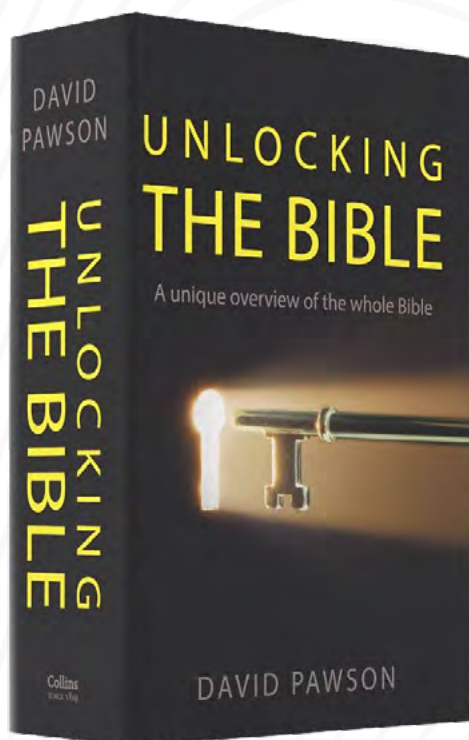
Summer Break

Sept. 5-10 **Graduation Trip to Israel** (TBC, only for graduates)

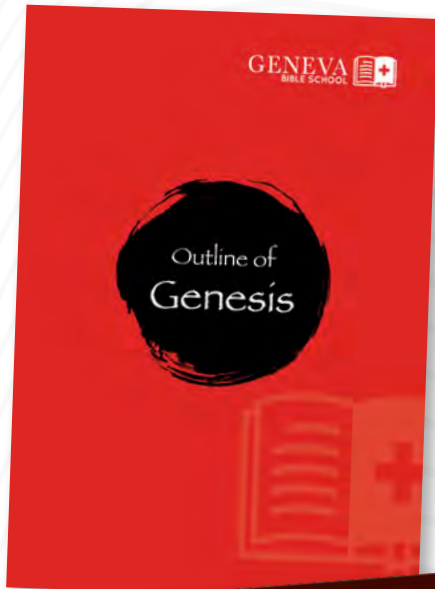
Rules of Engagement

These rules apply for the Q&A period that follows the videos and the presentation from the Bible teacher during each class. They also describe the use of learning materials for this programme. They must be observed by all participants.

- As a student, you are welcome to ask questions and share comments but please refrain from making long interventions or from lecturing others.
- Please avoid monopolizing the interaction and kindly limit yourself to one question or comment, to allow others to ask theirs.
- You should have the right to reply once, but if you still need to say something to the Bible teacher, do it one-on-one at the end of the class.
- Please avoid interrupting when the teacher is speaking, so he can finish explaining what he wants to cover and is not distracted from his message.
- The text books for the class (**Unlocking the Bible & Charts, diagrams and images Workbook**) are mandatory and you must buy them.



Examples of GBS Programme Materials



Organizers' Mission and Purpose

Under the direction of the Holy Spirit our purpose is:

- To guide Students in the path of a permanent study of the Holy Scriptures and to instill a recognition of their authority over all areas of life.
- To foster a better understanding of the Scripture in order to honor God, worship His name and obey His commandments.
- To proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, pursuing His Word to become faithful servants of His Gospel that live a God-honoring life.
- To develop spiritual discipline with the help of the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, seeking to walk with God each day and live a holy life.
- To advance as believers, that already follow Jesus Christ, to the point of spiritual maturity, so that we can love others as ourselves.
- To enhance our understanding of historical, cultural, political and economic issues that are foundational to fully grasp the message of the Scriptures to grow in faith.
- To equip us to fulfill our respective functions as members of the Body of Christ and to bring the whole Body of Christ into unity, maturity and completion.
- To understand that no two Christians have the same ability or the same opportunity to honor God, but that every Christian will be judged according to his ability and opportunity.

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.”
Hosea 4:6**

Registration Form

To join to the Geneva Bible School, please complete the following fields in block letters, sign and date at the bottom of this form, and return to the organizers. Thank you!

NAME:

LAST NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

ZIP CODE:

CELLPHONE:

EMAIL:

NAME OF YOUR CHURCH:

MINISTRIES' INVOLVEMENT:

PLACE OF WORK:

PROFESSION:

CONTRY OF ORIGIN:

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