

St. Steven's Baptist Church
Old Testament
Key Themes and Key Verses

1. **Genesis**
 - a. Theme: Beginnings
 - b. Key Verses: 1:1
2. **Exodus**
 - a. Theme: God sets us free that we might serve Him
 - b. Key Verse: 6:6-8
3. **Leviticus**
 - a. Theme: The holiness of God-“Be holy, for I am holy”
 - b. Key Verse: 11:44-45
4. **Numbers**
 - a. Theme: Man's failure and God's faithfulness
 - b. Key Verses: 14:8-9
5. **Deuteronomy**
 - a. Theme: Preparation for claiming the inheritance
 - b. Key Verses:6:1-3 & verse 23
6. **Joshua**
 - a. Theme: Claiming our victory and our inheritance in Christ
 - b. Key Verse 1:8
7. **Judges**
 - a. Theme: Obedience brings God's blessing; disobedience brings God's discipline
 - b. Key Verses: 21:25 (see also 17:6; 18:1 and 19:1)
8. **Ruth**
 - a. God providentially guides and blesses all who trust Him
 - b. Key Verse: 2:12
9. **1st Samuel**
 - a. The establishment of asking in Israel
 - b. Key Verse: 12:22
10. **2nd Samuel and 1st Chronicles** *** (These two books mirror each other) ***
 - a. Theme: The restoration of the nation of Israel by God's power
 - b. Key Verses: 2nd Samuel 22:29-31
11. **1st Kings**
 - a. Theme: Irresponsible leadership destroys nations
 - b. Key Verses: 9:4-9

12. 2nd Kings & 2nd Chronicles * (These two books mirror each other) *****

- a. Theme: God's judgement of Israel and Judah

13. Ezra

- a. Theme: Restoring the spiritual heart of the nation
- b. Key Verse: 7:10

14. Nehemiah

- a. Theme: Broken down into an outline instead of one key theme
 - i. Concern (1)
 - ii. Construction (2-3)
 - iii. Conflict (4-6)
 - iv. Consecration (7-12)
 - v. Cleansing (13)

15. Esther

- a. Theme: God's providence in protecting His people
- b. Key Verses: 4:13-14

16. Job

- a. Theme: God is in complete control
- b. Key Verse: Chapters 38-42

17. Psalms

- a. A collection of songs, hymns and poems to encourage, edify and build up believers.

18. Proverbs

- a. This book has two major themes entrenched within its chapters that moves in and out of each other.
 - i. The 1st theme is Wisdom, which includes understanding, instruction, discretion and obedience.
 - ii. The 2nd Folly or Foolishness, which is everything that is the opposite of wisdom.

19. Ecclesiastes

- a. Theme: Is life really worth living
- b. Key Verses: 1:1-3 and 12: 13-14

20. Songs of Solomon

- a. Theme: The art of Romance
 - i. Courtship (1-3:5)
 - ii. The Wedding (3:6-5:1)
 - iii. The Marriage (5:2-8:14)

21. Isaiah

- a. Theme: The salvation (Deliverance) of the Lord
- b. Key Verse: 1:18

22. Jeremiah

- a. Theme: Repent and return to the Lord or He will Judge
- b. Key Verse: 3:22

23. Lamentations

- a. Theme: Suffering sometimes comes from the chastening hand of God
- b. Key Verses: 2:17 and 3:22-25

24. Ezekiel

- a. Theme: Showing reverence for the name and glory of God
- b. Key Verse: 6:7

25. Daniel

- a. Theme: God is sovereign in history
- b. Key Verses: 4:34-35

26. Hosea

- a. Devotion to the Lord is like faithfulness in a marriage while, idolatry is like adultery.
- b. Key Verse: 2:20

27. Joel

- a. Theme: The day of the Lord (1:15, 2:1 and 11 and 31, 3:14)
- b. Key Verses: 2:12-13

28. Amos

- a. A call for justice, a warning of judgements
- b. Key Verse: 5:24

29. Obadiah

- a. Theme: Nations and Individual reap what they sow
- b. Key Verse: 15

30. Jonah

- a. Theme: Obeying God's will brings blessings to us and to others through us, while disobedience brings discipline.
- b. Key Verse 2:9

31. Micah

- a. Theme: God judges sin and calls for justice
- b. Key Verse: 6:8

32. Nahum

- a. Theme: The vengeance of God on His enemies
- b. Key Verses: 1:2 and 7

33. Habakkuk

- a. Theme: The just shall live by faith
- b. Key Verse: 2:4

34. Zephaniah

- a. Theme: The coming day of the Lord
- b. Key Verses: 1:14 and 2:3

35. Haggai

- a. Theme: Complete the work that you have begin
- b. Key Verse: 1:8

36. Zechariah

- a. Theme: God's jealous concern for Jerusalem and the Jews
- b. Key Verse 1:14

37. Malachi

- a. Theme: Honoring the name of God by living Godly lives
- b. Key Verse: 1:11