

## *New* **EXPLORE THE BIBLE SERIES CYCLE**

The Explore the Bible curriculum will complete its current cycle with the Summer of 2007. That cycle was left open-ended at its initiation and has turned out to be an 11-year cycle. The new cycle that will begin in the Fall of 2007 will be an eight-year cycle.

Distinctive to the new Explore the Bible cycle is its division into four stages, each two years in length. Each stage of this cycle offers an opportunity to explore the variety of ways God has spoken to people. Each stage provides a balanced panorama of the various sections of the Bible. Take to heart the good news God offers every traveler (Gospels). Get to know God's purposes and His ways (Law). Be refreshed by the inspiring words of those who honestly expressed to God both their victories and their struggles (Poetry). Learn from the experiences of those who have traveled with God in the past (History). Find direction in the practical guidelines He has given for daily living (Letters). Experience hope for now and forever (Prophecy).

The arrangement into stages is advantageous if you choose to begin Explore the Bible studies at some point after the eight-year cycle has begun. You can enter at any point after the Fall of 2007 and still feel connected.

You will journey through the 66 books of the Bible, as much as is possible, in a historically consecutive manner. Within each two-year stage, the Bible books basically are arranged according to Old Testament and New Testament chronology respectively. To provide variety, four Old Testament and four New Testament excursions are mapped out for each stage. For an additional benefit, the Gospels will be studied primarily in the Winter or Spring. This placement will provide a Christmas or an Easter lesson that is less disruptive to the flow of the book studies.

We are looking forward to your journeying with us!