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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



1983

*Dear Sons and Daughters,
Welcome to the great adventure of following Jesus Christ!*

We are proud that you have chosen to build your life on God's unchanging Word. The decisions you are making during these treasured TBI months will determine the course of your life, family, and future legacy. Pastor Tommy and I both made those same choices fifty years ago!



2003

This "Foundations-For-Life" curriculum was written exclusively for our dear Texas Bible Institute students. Thousands of TBI Alumni from thirty-nine states and forty-two nations are now "Strong For Life" and fulfilling God's purpose for their lives. Now, it's your turn!

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2021

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In His Joy,

Pastors Tommy and Rachel Burchfield

Founder and President, Texas Bible Institute

*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11*

WHAT WE BELIEVE

GOD IS
OUR FATHER



As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. Psalm 103:13

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...
II Corinthians 1:3*

JESUS CHRIST IS
OUR SAVIOR



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John. 3:16

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

THE HOLY SPIRIT
EQUIPS BELIEVERS



However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. John 16:13

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me... to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

THE HOLY BIBLE
CAN BE TRUSTED



Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." Matthew 24:35

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.
For a complete BMI Statement of Faith, visit burchfield.org.

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The Holy Bible
Sixty-Six Books - One Love Story

Chapter 1

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE BIBLE

Why are there *so many religions* in the world? Is there just *one path* that leads to God? Christians have their Bible, but is it *still relevant? Outdated?* How can you be sure that the Bible is *really true?*



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter One Scriptures in your Bible

ISAIAH 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

ROMANS 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Looking Ahead:

- Can I trust the Bible?
- Quran, Buddhists and Bullies
- Nine Rewards for Bible Readers

A steady diet of God's Word will totally change your appetite.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE BIBLE

With twelve major religions and over 4,300 different splinter groups or factions in the world today, it would be reasonable to ask, "Why is the Bible superior to other sacred writings?" In a quick overview, the five major world religions and their writings are:

- Christianity - *The Holy Bible*
- Islam - *The Quran*
- Judaism - *The Torah*
- Hinduism - *The Vedas and Puranas*
- Buddhism - *The teachings of the Buddha*

FIVE WAYS THE BIBLE IS SUPERIOR

01. *Superior In Collaboration*

The Quran has one author. The Book of Mormon has one author. Buddhist texts all claim to be the words of the Buddha. Confucius wrote the Five Classics of Confucianism. The Bible, however, is sixty-six books written in three languages by forty authors over two millennia with a unified message of God's redeeming love for mankind.

02. *Superior In Inspiration*

Let me ask you a question. If God breathed on a dead plant, do you think it would live? Yes! Inspiration means God-breathed. The dynamic distinction between the Bible and the plethora of religious writings is that God has breathed His life upon it. As you read it, His vibrant life is transmitted into you.

Of the seven documents that openly claim divine inspiration, only the Bible can back it up. Sadly, misguided devotees of various religions clamor about, defending books and various writings as allegedly being "inspired of God" when, in fact, the books themselves do not even make such a claim. I suggest that you highlight these scriptures which unapologetically confirm the inspiration of God's Word, the Bible: *II Sam. 23:2, Acts 1:16, II Tim. 3:16, II Pet. 1:20-21.*

All scripture is given by _____ of God and is profitable. II Tim. 3:16

Build your life on God's Word which never changes.

03. Superior In Fulfilled Prophecies

Unique among all books ever written, the Bible accurately foretells specific events in detail many years, sometimes centuries, before they occur. Approximately 2,500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2,000 of which have already been fulfilled to the letter - no error. We have no reason but to expect the remaining 500 to be fulfilled, too. Write down a 1 with 2,000 zeros after it and you'll see the probability of these prophecies being fulfilled by chance without error.

... prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were by the Holy Spirit. II Pet. 2:21

04. Superior In Free Salvation

In all other sacred writings, people must work to earn salvation or heaven. The hope for eternal peace is dependent upon their good works. The Bible's message is totally unique. We don't earn salvation from our sins - it is a free gift from God.

- Buddhists believe that reaching heaven (or Nirvana) requires following the Eightfold Path
- Muslims hope their good outweighs their bad deeds so they can gain heaven
- Hindus worship over a million different gods, none of which offer a guaranteed eternity
- Jews believe a life of devotion and good deeds can cause them to be reconciled to God
- Christianity is the only religion that offers a free salvation through Jesus Christ

*For by _____ are you saved through _____,
and That not of yourselves; it is the _____ of God. Eph. 2:8*

05. Superior In Integrity

Books are only as reliable as the author. If the author cannot be trusted, their writings are unreliable. In the case of the Bible, we can be assured of its integrity due to the character of the Author. God's character is undeniably trustworthy, and He backs up everything He has said in His Word. A simple farmer rightly said, "There's nothing hard about understanding the Bible. God says what He means, and He means what He says."

*God is not a man, that he should _____; neither a son of man, that He should
repent: has He said, and will He not _____? Or has He spoken, and will
He not make it _____? Num. 23:19*

8 REASONS YOU CAN TRUST YOUR BIBLE

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| • Jesus Believed It | • Miraculous harmony and unity |
| • Claims of the Bible itself | • Fulfilled prophecy endorses its credibility |
| • The Apostles Believed it | • Miraculous preservation |
| • Early Church Fathers Believed It | • Archeology confirms historical facts |

The Bible comes with a Teacher included.

8 REASONS YOU CAN TRUST YOUR BIBLE



Jesus Believed It

During His three year earthly ministry, Jesus quoted at least 24 Old Testament books. He made reference to Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Elisha, Jonah and many others. In fact, the ultimate scripture that confirms Jesus believed the Scriptures can be found in Luke chapter 24.

The Lord Jesus validated the Old Testament by quoting from all three sections: The Law, The Prophets and The Psalms. What more credibility would you want? Do we think even for a moment that the Lord Jesus, the Author Himself, would put stock in any writings that were not credible?

He endorsed the authority of the Old Testament in detailing Matthew 5:17-18. The Lord also prepared His disciples for the coming of the New Testament (*John 16:12*), and so endorsed it in principle.



Claims of the Bible Itself

Over 3,800 times the Bible writers claim that God spoke what they wrote. The Bible itself claims to be the Word of God. The New Testament refers to the Old Testament as “the Scriptures” a total of fifty-nine times. Over 2,000 times the words “Thus saith the Lord” or their equivalent are found in the Bible. There are 1,300 such passages in the Books of the Prophets alone, which Jesus Himself quoted from. Unquestionably, the Scriptures teach their own inspiration.



The Apostles Believed It

Just like Jesus, all twelve disciples were Jewish. After His death and resurrection, Matthew took Judas Iscariot's place, and they were known as Apostles. Their “Bible” was what we call the Old Testament. At that time, it was divided into three sections;



The Law



The Prophets



The Writings

There are over 284 quotations from the Old Testament in the New Testament, and they appear in seventeen different books. “As the Scripture said” is all the introduction a text needed to indicate the general understanding that a saying, story or book was the very Word of God from the prophets of God. Clearly, the Apostles believed the Old Testament was the written, inspired Word of God.



The Early Church Fathers Believed It

Several of the Church Fathers left extensive writings that have been revered throughout the Church age. Some of these men knew the Apostles. J. Harold Greenlee wrote, “These quotations are so extensive that the New Testament could virtually be reconstructed from them without the use of New Testament manuscripts.” In these manuscripts are 36,289 quotations from what we know as the New Testament. Those quotes are from just seven Church Fathers! This gives overwhelming support to the existence of and their allegiance to the twenty-seven authoritative books of the New Testament canon.



The Harmony and the Unity of Its 66 Books are Miraculous.

The harmony and unity of its sixty-six books are nothing short of miraculous. Most never saw the writings of the other authors, yet no contradiction is found between any two of them. Consider the fact that it was written over 1,600 years by 40 authors on 3 continents in 3 different languages.



**Q: WHO PLAYED
BASEBALL IN THE BIBLE?**

**A: IN THE BIG INNING, EVE
STOLE FIRST, ADAM STOLE
SECOND, AND THE PRODIGAL
SON RAN HOME.**



Fulfilled Prophecy Endorses Its Credibility.

Prophecy is foretelling an event in such detail before it happens so as to require divine guidance. One third of all scripture is prophetic. How many prophecies does the Bible contain? Approximately 2,500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2,000 of which have already been fulfilled to the letter – no errors. Of course, this number of fulfilled prophecies is changing rapidly. Since the probability for any prophecies of which have already been fulfilled by chance averages less than 1 in 10 (conservatively) and since the prophecies are for the most part independent of one another, the odds that all of these prophecies have been fulfilled by chance without error is less than 1 in 109 (2,000) (that's 1 with 2,000 zeros written after it!)

Jesus Himself gave 39 prophecies about His purpose and last days of which 31 were fulfilled in detail. Someone has counted eight times as many prophecies regarding His Second Coming as His first. Should we adhere closely? I think so.

Fulfilled Bible prophecy provides overwhelming evidence for the inspiration of the Bible. Of all the attacks that have ever been made against the Scripture, there has never been one book written by a skeptic to disprove the prophecies of the Scripture. The one place that God rests His inspiration is that the things He foretells come infallibly to pass.

*"We constantly thank God that when you received the word of God's message, you
accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the*

_____." I Th. 2:13

Other books claim divine inspiration, such as the Koran, the Book of Mormon, and parts of the [Hindu] Veda, but none of those books contains predictive prophecy.



Its Preservation Is Miraculous.

In A.D. 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian issued an edict to stop Christians from worshiping and to destroy their Scriptures. The historic irony of this event is recorded by the fourth-century church historian Eusebius, who wrote that twenty-five years after Diocletian's edict, the Roman Emperor Constantine issued an edict ordering that fifty copies of the Scriptures should be prepared at the government's expense.

If this book had not been the book of God, men would have destroyed it long ago. Emperors and popes, kings and priests, princes and rulers have all tried their hand at it; they die, and the book still lives. Whole kingdoms and religions have sought in vain to destroy it.



Archaeology Confirms Historical Facts.

A substantial proof for the accuracy of the Old Testament text has come from archaeology, which is the scientific study of material remains (such as fossils, relics, artifacts, and monuments) of past human life and activities.

Renowned archaeologist Nelson Glueck asserts, "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference. Scores of findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements of the Bible." The greatest and most important archaeological discovery of our age was the Dead Sea Scrolls. Scientists confirmed the accuracy of Old Testament manuscripts which dated 1,000 years earlier than those previously used to establish Hebrew text.

*This workbook is a precursor to Foundations-For-Life, Vol. 7, *How To Study Your Bible*. Additional information for all eight chapters can be located there.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE BIBLE

01

The Bible is superior to all religious books.

02

The Bible is superior because it offers salvation.

03

God's character stands behind His Word.

04

You can trust the Bible because Jesus endorsed it.



Supporting Scriptures

Is. 40:8

Rom. 15:4

I Cor. 14:37

II Tim. 3:16

Heb. 1:1

Heb. 4:12

II Pet. 1:21

II Pet. 3:16

Fools Gold

"More to be desired are they than gold...in keeping them, there is great reward." Ps. 19:10-11

The California Gold Rush in 1848 saw many strike it rich, but also brought thousands to despair as they learned the glistening rocks they had sacrificed their lives to find were only fool's gold. Disillusionment came to most of the 300,000 who chased quick rewards, including James Sutter, who first discovered gold, yet later went bankrupt.

9 REWARDS OF BIBLE READING

_____	Guidance	A. Job 23:12
_____	Stability	B. Psalm 119:9,11
_____	Truth	C. Psalm 119:89
_____	Changes your thinking	D. Psalm 119:165
_____	Healing	E. Psalm 32:8
_____	Wisdom	F. Proverbs 4:22
_____	(Spiritual) Food	G. John 17:17
_____	Peace	H. Psalm 119:130
_____	Cleansing	I. Psalm 19:7



God's Word is better than gold, enriching our lives with His rewards.

Reflection



SEARCH

COVENANT
A promise or agreement between God and His people or two or more people.
Heb. 9:15

Chapter 2

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible Story contains....

Action-Adventure. Adage. Allegory. Anthropomorphisms. Apologue. Autobiography. Antagonists. Character. Climax. Epic. Epigram. Epistles. Euphemisms. Essay. Exposition. Fables. Foreshadowing. Genre. Hamartia. Hyperbole. Idioms. Imagery. Irony. Kairos. Laws. Maxim. Metaphors. Metonymies. Monologue. Narratives. Oratories. Oxymorons. Parables. Parallelisms. Personifications. Pleonasms. Plots. Poetry. Prologues. Prose. Protagonists. Proverbs. Quests. Rhetoric. Riddles. Romance. Similes. Soliloquies. Stanzas. Subtext. Symbols. Synecdoches. Theme. Thesis. Tone. Tragedies. Types. Utopia. Zeugmas.

...the greatest love story ever written.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Two Scriptures in your Bible

ROMANS 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I JOHN 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The greatest love story of all
- Panoramic perspective
- His Story = History

*God's Word is a love letter
sent from Home.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

Perhaps you've never thought to read your Bible as a story, similar to skimming the chapter titles in a Table of Contents. Doing so gives you a panoramic view of what God has done and is doing for you. This is my objective for this chapter.

THE BIBLE IS A STORY

Once Upon A Time...

The Bible isn't a book of rules or a book of heroes. The Bible is, most of all, a story. A love story about a rescue. An action packed adventure. Although the hero dies in the middle, the ending includes a cliffhanger that assures whoever believes will live happily ever after.

Narrative: The Bible is an adventure story about a young hero who comes from a far country to rescue his father's lost treasure.

Synopsis: The Bible isn't mainly about you and what you are doing. It's about God and what He has already done.

The Bible Story in 1 Sentence

The Bible story is about a costly rescue, the joys of a redeeming reunion, and life in the Father's family.

THE BIBLE STORY IN 8 WORDS*

- God's Creation
- Satan's Deception
- Christ's Substitution
- Man's Redemption

**Dr. T.L. Osborn*

THE BIBLE STORY IN 90 WORDS

The Bible is about a Father and His family. By the third chapter, His first son and daughter are separated from Him and become lost. A rescue mission to regain fellowship began. The Old Testament records both failed rescue attempts and sneak previews of their safe return. The Gospels record Christ's payment for sin and mankind's glorious rescue successfully executed. The Father's family is restored back to His original plan. The remainder of His book (New Testament) reveals the Father's will for His family and how to represent Him well.



*It takes the whole
Bible to make a
whole Christian.*

The Bible Story in Poetry



God created man • Man sinned • God cried • God destroyed world...
Spared Noah • God called Abraham • Descendents became Israel
God's favorites • God happy • Israel became slaves • God mad
Moses rescued Israel • Received Law • Israel cried
Too hard to reach God • Israel disobeyed • God cried • Israel became
slaves • Again and again • Too hard to reach God? • God smiled
Savior will come • God reached down • Savior born • Acted like God
Was God • Man killed God • God alive! • New plan • God IN man
Church of power • Dominion reclaimed
Heaven prepares for man • God happy

Amen!

HISTORY IS HIS STORY*

One book, one history, one story, His story. Behind 10,000 events stands God, the builder of history, the maker of the ages. Eternity bounds the one side, eternity bounds the other sides, and time is in between. Genesis is the origin. Revelation is the ending. All the way in between, God is working things out. You can go throughout the minutest detail of all sixty-six books and discover there is one great purpose moving through the ages; the eternal design of the Almighty God to redeem a wrecked and ruined world.

*Author unknown



The Bible is the greatest love story ever written.

And So The Plot Thickens ...

Keep these four plots in mind as you read the Bible panoramically.

PLOT #1: THE FATHER'S LOVE

It was the Father's love that created man in His image to rule and reign with Him on planet Earth. It was the Father's love that "walked with man in the cool of the evening" (Gen. 3:8). It was the Father's love that launched a rescue plan the moment Adam and Eve became lost in sin. And my, my, that sin has been expensive.

PLOT #2: THE STING OF SIN

Sin always takes you further than you plan to go and costs you more than you plan to pay. First, it thrills, but then it kills. Sin is a curse, and its consequence upon mankind and the physical earth cannot be overstated:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| ☒ Spiritual issues | ☒ Emotional issues | ☒ Financial issues |
| ☒ Physical issues | ☒ Relational issues | ☒ Political issues |
| ☒ Ideological issues | ☒ Sexual issues | ☒ Ecological issues |

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 6:23

PLOT #3: THE POWER OF BLOOD

God's remedy to sin is blood. One has to wonder why He chose this unusual part of humanity to bring Him pleasure, but this theme is clearly seen throughout both the Old and New Testaments. The blood of an innocent animal covered the sin of a guilty man.

MAKE MUCH OF THE BLOOD!

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| • Blood brings redemption | <i>Gen. 3:21</i> | • Blood sealed Old Covenant | <i>Ex. 24:6-8</i> |
| • Blood brings protection | <i>Ex. 12:13</i> | • The Lamb of God arrives | <i>Jn. 1:29</i> |
| • Blood brings life | <i>Lev. 17:11</i> | • Blood sealed New Covenant | <i>Lk. 22:30</i> |
| • Blood brings forgiveness | <i>Lev. 16:8-34</i> | • Blood presented in heaven | <i>Heb. 9:12</i> |

All of the many blood sacrifices seen throughout the Old Testament were foreshadowing the Great Sacrifice to come so that the Israelites would never forget that, without the blood, there is no forgiveness. This shedding of blood was a substitutionary act until Jesus, the Lamb of God shed His blood once for all.

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to _____

_____ for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Lev. 17:11

The Bible is the only book where "The End" is really the beginning.

PLOT #4: IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

I am the first, and I am the last. Rev. 1:8

The main character of this storyline is Jesus; starting in Genesis as He covers Adam and Eve's nakedness through to Revelation as the King of Kings and Lord and Lords.



Old Testament



New Testament



Revelation

"...So that in everything He might have the supremacy." Col. 1:18

And so this majestic story ends with a grand invitation to return home and enjoy the rights and responsibilities of life in the Father's family. With Jesus' mission complete, He returns to heaven and sends His Spirit to empower His disciples to continue. The Church is born and eagerly awaits His Second Coming when they will all live happily ever after.

Let's Review:

Bible Plot #1: _____

Bible Plot #2: _____

Bible Plot #3: _____

Bible Plot #4: _____

**Life is short. Death is sure.
Sin the curse. Christ the cure.**



**Q: WHY DID
ABRAHAM
BARGAIN
WITH GOD?**

**A: HE WAS HOPING
TO SAVE A LOT.**

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

01

The Bible is about a Father and His family.

02

Reading the Bible panoramically focuses on the storyline, instead of details.

03

The Bible story is about a loving Father's rescue mission to win His lost family back.

04

The Bible's main character is Jesus Christ; Who He is and What He did.



Supporting Scriptures

Rom. 5:8

I Jn. 3:1

II Cor. 6:18

Eph. 4:6

Gal. 4:5

I Pet. 1:18

Col. 1:18

Rev. 1:8

Soft Scriptures On Hard Hearts

Is not my Word... like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Jer. 23:29

Chad walked away from the Lord when his father was tragically killed. Although he once had a vibrant faith, anger and addictions now chained him to a bottle of booze. The only hope he really had was his praying mom, but his heart was hardened towards God.

His mom's text read,

"Chad, God loves you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."

For some reason, he couldn't forget that text, and so the hammer began. Many times, a hammer does not break the rock in pieces at once. Eventually, there is one last blow that completely breaks it to pieces. Chad experienced that last blow, and his hardened heart crumbled in tears.

His text said,

"Mom, I need you. I need God."



God's Word is like a hammer, breaking hardened parts of our heart.

Reflection: Does someone you love have a hardened heart? Write a prayer for him/her here.



SEARCH

PASSOVER

An overnight event in Egypt when the angel of death passed over each of the Israelite's doors when it saw the blood of a lamb. *Heb. 11:28*

Chapter 3

THE STATS OF THE BIBLE

The middle chapter and verse in the Bible is Psalms 118:8 that says, "*It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*" That seems to be the center of everything the Bible teaches, too. It's as if God *knew*. (wink, wink)



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Three Scriptures in your Bible

PSALM 33:4

For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.

ACTS 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine...

LOOKING AHEAD

- Bible Trivia
- VIPs of the Bible
- The Bible's Backbone

The Bible is the only book Jesus quoted.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE SUMMARY OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is filled with interesting trivia, some of which seems insignificant for such an eternally important book. Don't be fooled. No Bible trivia is trivial. (Answers on page 71)

A BIBLE OVERVIEW

Q. *What does this mathematical equation have to do with the Bible? $39+27=66$*

A. _____

Q. *What are the two divisions of the Bible?*

A. _____

Q. *How many books are in the Old Testament?*

A. _____

Q. *How many books are in the New Testament?*

A. _____

Q. *How many years did it take for these 40 authors to write the Bible?*

A. _____

Q. *What language was the Bible written in?*

A. Old Testament - _____

New Testament - _____

Q: *Which book of the Bible should a new believer read?*

A. _____

Q. *What is the greatest evidence for the inspiration of the Bible?*

A. The _____ and _____ of its sixty-six books are nothing short of miraculous.

Q. *Who was the Old Testament specifically written for?*

A. God's chosen nation, _____

Q. *Who is the New Testament written specifically for?*

A. _____

Q. *What three groups of people does the Bible address?*

A. Jews, Gentiles and, _____

Q. *How many different people wrote the Bible?*

A. _____

Q. *Is it true that most of the Bible was written by murderers?*

A. Yes. Moses, David and _____

Q. *Were these 40+ authors all ministers?*

A. _____

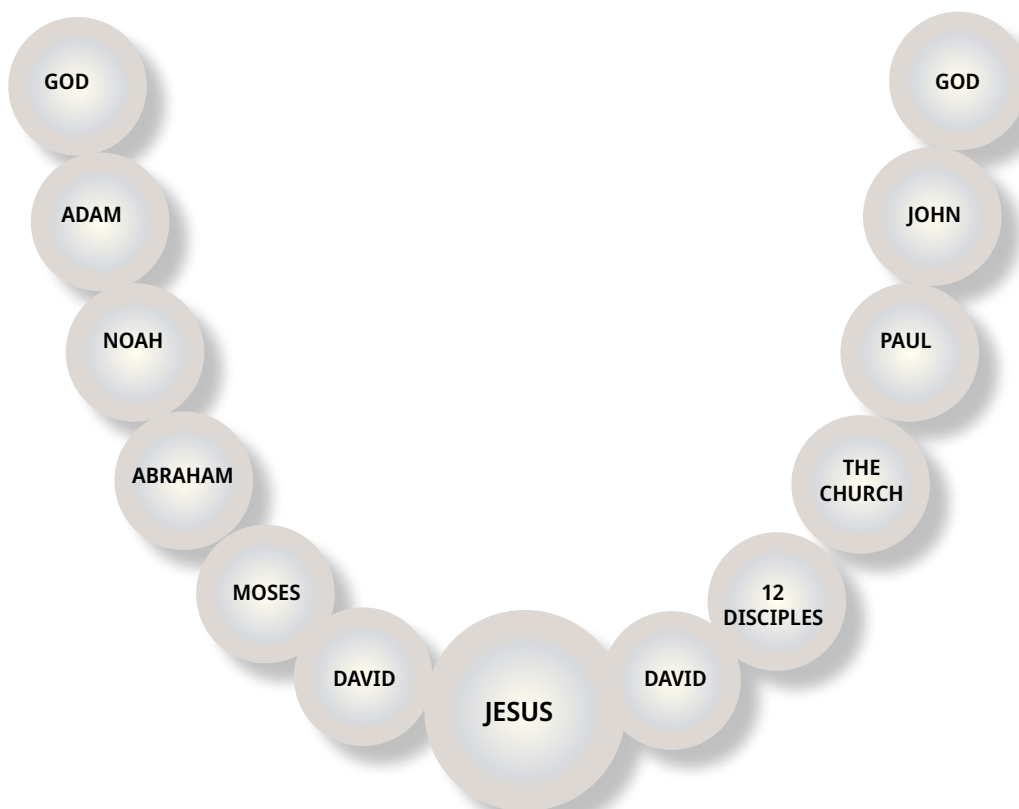
THE STRING OF PEARLS

Most people's knowledge of the Bible is like a string of graduated pearls without the string. Many people know the Bible characters and principal events, but they are hopelessly lost in connecting them. This workbook will help you pick up the "pearls" in Scriptures and string them into order from Genesis to Revelation so you can "think through" the Bible story.

Come to your Bible in a common sense fashion. Believe that every book is about something, and read and reread until you find out what that something is. Let the Spirit of God teach you. It is a revelation and He will flash light upon the page as you come humbly. We have been studying the Bible piecemeal. Now we must turn to the reading of books as a whole. No part of any book will give you the whole message of the book.

A STRING OF SAINTS

A quick Bible summary can occur with an introduction to my twelve key characters and their contribution to its overall message. You can meet the other 2,918 Bible characters at a later time.



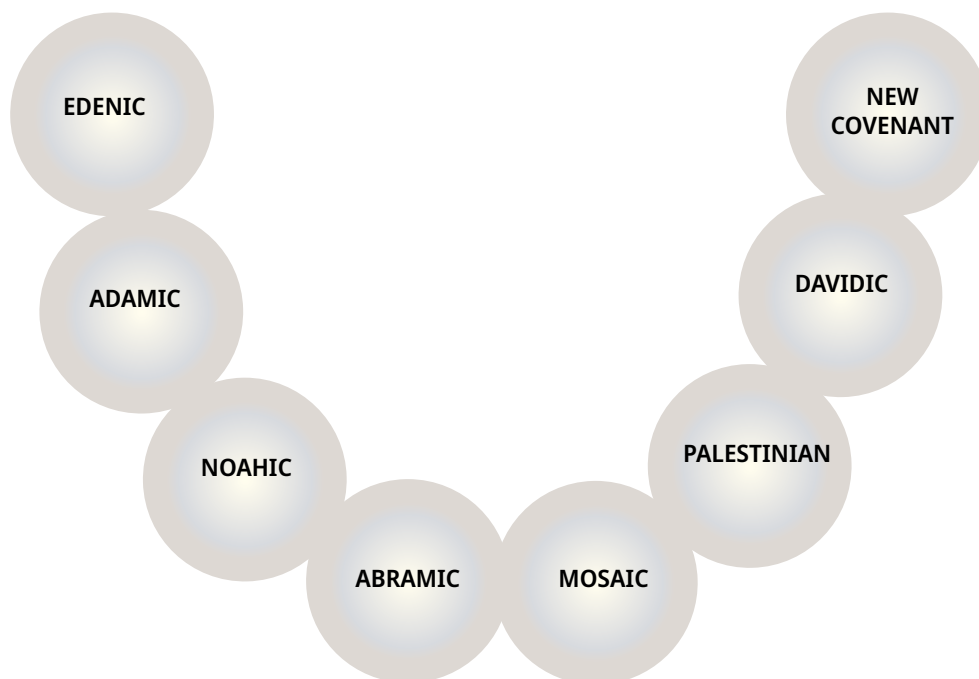
Bible trivia is not trivial.

THE EIGHT COVENANTS OF GOD

Biblical Covenant - A Sovereign pronouncement of God by which He establishes a specific family relationship of responsibility between Himself and a person, all mankind, and nation.

All scripture crystallizes around and is a development of these eight covenants. Six of these are unconditional. *See Vol. 7, How To Study Your Bible for more information.*

New Covenant - God promised to put His Law into our minds and write it on our hearts. He promised to fulfill all of His promises to those who believe. *Heb. 8:10*



THE BIBLE'S BACKBONE - DOCTRINE

Understanding doctrine comes from a form of biblical studies called Systematic Theology. The English word "doctrine" comes from the Latin word doctrina which is defined as teaching or instruction. Think of it as vertebrae which interlock with each other to form a strong backbone. Sound doctrine will keep you grounded and guarded. *Jn. 7:16, Ac. 2:42, II Tim. 4:1-3*

Learning a few Bible basics will help you immensely.

THE 10 DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

01. *The Doctrine Of Scriptures*

The Bible is the foundation for what we learn about the other nine subjects, so it is first.

02. *The Doctrine of God*

God is the first member of the Trinity: Creator, Almighty, Father.

03. *The Doctrine of Jesus Christ*

Christ is the second member of the Trinity: Savior, High Priest, King.

04. *The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*

The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity: Helper, Equipper, Comforter.

05. *The Doctrine of Angels*

Angelic beings include both holy angels and demonic beings.

06. *The Doctrine of Man*

Man was made in the image of God to bring Him pleasure.

07. *The Doctrine of Sin*

Sin is man's shortcomings in God's eyes, separating him from God's plan.

08. *The Doctrine of Salvation*

Salvation is offered by God to man through faith.

09. *The Doctrine of Church*

The Church is the gathering of Christians to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ.

10. *The Doctrine of Future Things*

Future Things, often referred to as Last Things, is the prophetic record of future events.



*"I have my own
version of the Big Bang
theory. And God said,
'Let there be...' BANG! ..
and it was so."*

THE STATS OF THE BIBLE

01

Bible trivia is not trivial.

02

Stats and facts become groundwork
for Bible basics.

03

The Bible can be linked by people or covenants.

04

The ten doctrines are the backbone for
Bible basics.



Supporting Scriptures

Gen. 1:1

Ps. 33:4

Jn. 7:16

Ac. 2:42

I Cor. 2:13

II Tim. 2:15

II Tim. 4:13

Heb. 6:1-3

Spiritual Heartburn

Is not my word like a fire? Jer. 23:29

"You can be sure that she's gonna expect to be the star of the show,"

I giggled to a friend. It was funny until that evening when I was alone. The Holy Spirit kept pushing "repeat" on that comment. Over and over, I heard my cynical, gossipy tone and felt as though some spoiled tuna fish had given me heartburn.

Heartburn?

Yes, indeed. The refining process of God's Word was at work; spiritual heartburn. That intense, convicting fire brought my impure gossip back to my memory and, as soon as I repented, He scraped it off the surface of my heart. I was cleansed by His Word, just like gold in the fire.



God's Word refines us like gold in a fire.

What is the Refiner's fire burning in your life today?



SEARCH

THE LAW OF
MOSES

The first five books in the Bible which were written by Moses, including the Ten Commandments. Ex. 20: 22

Bible words explained

Chapter 4

THE STRUCTURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Do you like riddles? Here's one about the Bible:

The New is in the Old *concealed*.

The Old is in the New *revealed*.

These 39 chapters teach us one lesson: *God has a plan.*



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Four Scriptures in your Bible

I CORINTHIANS 10:11

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

LUKE 24:44

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

LOOKING AHEAD

- A Story, A Song
- $5 + 12 + 5 + 17 = 39$
- Twelve Highlights

*...for the letter kills, but
the Spirit gives life.
11 Cor. 3:6*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The structure of the Bible is very simple because it is divided into two parts, both containing four categories.

THE FOUR OLD TESTAMENT CATEGORIES		
CATEGORY	# OF BOOKS	SUMMARY
Books of the Law	5	The creation of the world, God's chosen nation, and His requirements to obtain righteousness
Books of History	12	The history of Israel and the consequences of disobedience
Books of Poetry	5	A collection of poetry, worship, and inspired writings
Books of Prophecy	17	Prophetic warnings of Israel's judgement and the Messiah's reign
GOD'S WORD	39	FOR ISRAEL

OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS OF THE BIBLE				
BOOKS OF LAW	BOOKS OF HISTORY	BOOKS OF POETRY	BOOKS OF PROPHECY	
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1st Samuel 2nd Samuel 1st Kings 2nd Kings 1st Chronicles 2nd Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon	MAJOR Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel	MINOR Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi



TODAY'S
WEATHER
FORECAST:
GOD REIGNS AND
THE SON SHINES.

TWELVE HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

We need the Old Testament to fully understand God's work in history. The Old Testament reveals the problem, and the New Testament reveals the solution.



01. *The Creation*

What: God created everything in six days by His spoken word.

Principle: We are made in God's image, so we also create with our spoken words.



02. *The Fall Of Man*

What: Adam and Eve disobeyed God and fell from royalty to slavery.

Principle: The price of sin is always bondage and separation from God.



03. *The Flood*

What: God destroyed the world with a flood, but entered into a covenant with Noah.

Principle: Sin causes destruction, but covenant brings safety.



04. *God Calls Abram*

What: Abram responds to God's invitation for prosperity.

Principle: Answering God's call always brings blessings.

The Old Testament is the old way of reaching God.



05. *Exodus From Egypt*

What: After 400 years, God delivered His people from Egyptian slavery to bring them to their Promised Land.

Principle: Deliverance comes through the Blood of the Lamb.



06. *Moses Receives The Law*

What: God's people learn how to approach Him and relate to people.

Principle: The Law of Love exceeds all previous laws.



07. *Israel Enters The Promised Land*

What: Israel enters the land which was promised to Abram 650 years earlier.

Principle: Fight for what God promised you.



08. *Period Of The Judges*

What: The government of the first 350 years of Israel's history were judges.

Principle: Obey God, get blessed. Disobey God, get cursed.

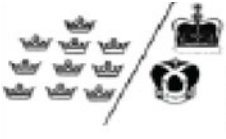
Ten Commandments became 600 laws. Jesus reduced them to 2. (Mk. 12:30)



09. *United Kingdom*

What: God gave in to Israel's demand for a king, but they regretted it later.

Principle: God's desire was to rule His people with His heart, not mortal kings.



10. *Divided Kingdom*

What: Competitive kings cause Israel's twelve tribes to split 10-2.

Principle: Ignoring God's laws always brings strife and division.



11. *The Babylonian Captivity*

What: All twelve tribes were taken to Babylon and held captive for seventy years.

Principle: United we stand, divided we fall. Strife opens the door to captivity.



12. *Israel Returns To Jerusalem*

What: A small remnant return to rebuild God's temple and re-establish their covenant with God.

Principle: God always has a remnant willing to build His kingdom.

The Old and New Testaments are separated by 400 silent years.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

01

The 39 Old Testament books are divided into 4 categories.

02

The Old Testament is the old way to reach God.

03

Each of the 39 books point to the Messiah's coming.

04

Most of the 12 historical highlights are about God's chosen nation, Israel.



Supporting Scriptures

Mat. 5:17

Jn. 1:45

Lk. 24:44

Ac. 24:14

Rom. 6:14

Rom. 15:4

I Cor. 10:11

II Tim. 3:15

Refreshing Rain

As the rain comes down ... from heaven, and does not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so shall My Word be... Is. 55:10-11

LOCATING SCRIPTURES EASILY IN YOUR BIBLE TAKES PRACTICE, BUT IT'S WORTH YOUR TIME.

_____	Planted in the house of the LORD	A. II Peter 3:18
_____	Grow in the grace	B. II Corinthians 9:10
_____	Bearing fruit in every good work	C. Psalm 92:13
_____	Rooted and built up in Him	D. Colossians 2:7
_____	Bearing fruit in old age	E. Psalm 92:14
_____	Generous people sow and grow	F. Colossians 1:10
_____	The fruit of the Spirit	G. Galatians 5:22



God's Word, like a refreshing rain, makes good things grow.

Reflection



SEARCH THE TABERNACLE

An extravagant, portable tent in the early days of Israel's history where God visited His people. Acts 7:44

Chapter 5

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Newsflash! The Old Testament is *over*. No more dragging a cow to church. No more hoping a priest gets it right. 1,500 years of rigid rules is over. Stop. Do you mean God... loves me? Heals me? Provides for me? Took away my guilt forever? Enter Jesus Christ.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Five Scriptures in your Bible

JOHN 5:39

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

HEBREWS 7:22

...by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Jesus among us
- Jesus living in us
- Jesus coming for us

*God's Word redirects my will,
cleanses my emotions,
and quickens my total being.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

CATEGORY	# OF BOOKS	SUMMARY
GOSPELS	4	The four historical accounts of Jesus' life on earth
EARLY CHURCH HISTORY	1	The book of Acts explains the birth of the church and its spread to the known world
LEADERS	21	Instruction and inspiration from the Fathers of the Faith to the Churches
PROPHECY	1	John's vision of Jesus and prophetic future events climaxing in glory with the King of Kings

GOD'S WORD	27	FOR THE CHURCH
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NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

GOSPELS	EARLY CHURCH HISTORY	LEADERS		PROPHECY
Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts	PAUL	OTHER	Revelation
		Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Phillipians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews	James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude	

The Bible isn't about rules. It's about a relationship with Jesus.

CATEGORY #1: THE FOUR GOSPELS

EYEWITNESS #1: MATTHEW

- Known as the Gospel of the _____
- Jesus, the King
- Written for the Jews
- Emphasizes the Kingdom of Heaven
- Sermon on the Mount
- Corrupt tax collector turned Christ follower
- Written by one of the original twelve disciples

EYEWITNESS #2: MARK

- Known as the Gospel of _____
- Jesus, the Conqueror
- Written for the Romans
- 19 miracle stories

HISTORIAN / PHYSICIAN: LUKE

- Known as the Gospel of the _____
- Jesus, the Man
- Written for the Greek
- Most complete biography of Jesus
- Focuses on human side of Jesus
- Not an eyewitness, but knew many

EYEWITNESS #3: JOHN

- Known as the Gospel of the _____
- The spiritual gospel
- Written for the Church
- 90% of content is exclusive
- Two-thirds covers Jesus' last week

The Jerusalem News

God-man came down

Raised from the dead?!

Pharisees Worried

Christ Followers Fake Resurrection

Eyewitness Accounts



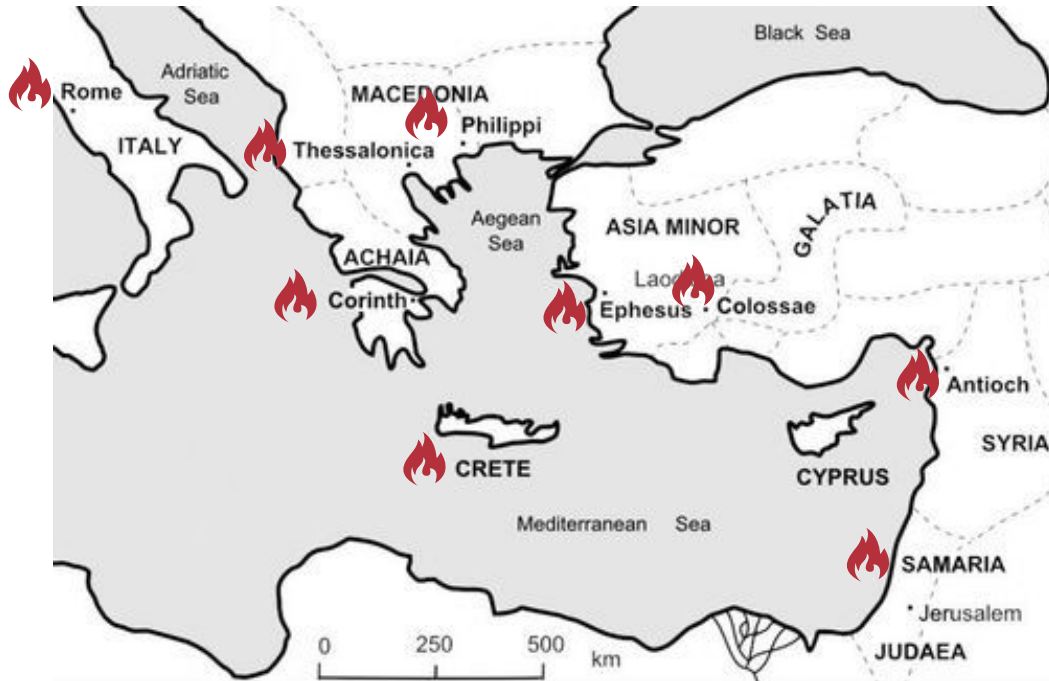
GOSPEL MEANS
"GOOD NEWS."

The Gospels are the center
of the entire Bible. Study Jesus'
actions and reactions.

CATEGORY #2: HISTORY (1)

The Book of Acts is the historical account of the miracles and mission of the early church.

Dear Theophilus, in the first volume of this book I wrote on everything that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he said good-bye to the apostles... Acts 1:1 Msg.



Where would you want the flames located?

NEW TESTAMENT GEOGRAPHY



PALESTINE -

Region known in the Old Testament as Canaan and Israel, but became known now as Palestine. It included the Roman provinces of Galilee, Samaria and Judea.



JERUSALEM -

This ancient city in central Israel has been in the same location through most of biblical history. From King David until today, this Holy City once included the temple, was the birthplace of the church and will be the location of Jesus' return.



ROMAN EMPIRE -

One of the greatest civilizations in history which was united by the Greek language and a network of roads. Modern Turkey, Greece and Italy were the heart of Paul's missionary journeys.

The book of Acts is the manual for today's church.

CATEGORY #3: LETTERS FROM LEADERS (21)



PAULINE LETTERS (13)

Romans
I Corinthians
II Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians

I Thessalonians
II Thessalonians
Philemon
Titus
I Timothy
II Timothy

GENERAL LETTERS (8)

Hebrews
James
I Peter
II Peter

I John
II John
III John
Jude

CATEGORY #4: PROPHECY

Revelation is the future events book in the Bible that promises a blessing to those who read it.

Definitions in Chronological Order:

- **Rapture** - A future event when Jesus comes in the air for His church. The dead will rise and living Christians will be caught up in the air and be with Him forever. *I Th. 4:14-18, Rev. 1:7*
- **Tribulation** - A future seven-year period of time when God will finish His discipline of Israel and finalize His judgment of the unbelieving world. *I Th. 5:9, Is. 2:12, Joel 2:1-21*
- **Seven Seals, Seven Trumpets, Seven Bowls** - A three part series of end-times judgments which will comprise "the great day of [God's] wrath" and serve to judge the Antichrist's kingdom of wickedness. *Rev. 6:1-17, Rev. 16:5-7*
- **Day of the Lord** - Also known as the Great Tribulation and Jacob's trouble. *Mat. 24:21, Dan. 12:1*
- **Second Coming** - The return of Jesus Christ to earth with His saints to rule on the earth for 1,000 years to fulfill all remaining prophecies. *Zech. 12:10, Rev. 1:7, Rev. 19:11-16*
- **Millennial Reign** - A title given to a future 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth when He will establish Himself as King in Jerusalem and rule the world. *Mat. 24:31, Rev. 20:2-7*
- **Eternal State** - A division in eschatology on the doctrine of last things when the believer serves the Lord in heaven with resurrected bodies. *Rev. 21:1-4*



**Q: WHO WAS THE
GREATEST FINANCIER
IN THE BIBLE?**

**A: NOAH; HE WAS FLOATING
HIS STOCK WHILE EVERYONE
ELSE WAS IN LIQUIDATION.**

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

01

The New Testament's 27 books are divided into four categories.

02

The 4 categories are the gospels (4), history (1), letters (21), and prophecy (1).

03

Acts includes early church history divided neatly into two parts.

04

The 21 letters from leaders are subdivided as general, pastoral or prison epistles.

05

Revelation includes 7 church report cards, then prophetic events explained.



Supporting Scriptures

Jer. 31:31

Lk. 22:20

Jn. 5:39

Ac. 1:1

II Cor. 3:6

II Tim. 3:16

Heb. 7:22

Heb. 8:6

The Miracle Mirror

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

Jms. 1:25 NLT

Have you considered cosmetic surgery? If so, which part of your face or body would you change? _____

Never say never. Plastic surgery is growing in popularity each year, with almost 18 million surgical procedures taking place in the United States annually. The term plastic surgery was first used in 1837, using its Greek derivative *plastikos* which means "to mold."

God's Word is molding you, too. It's like a miracle mirror because it reveals both the beauty in your inner man and the flaws of your outer man. As you adjust to whatever the mirror reveals, the Holy Spirit will mold you into the image of Christ. When you read the Bible, the Bible reads you!

Write "Inner" or "Outer" to explain more about this Miracle Mirror:

Colossians 1:13 _____ Colossians 3:5 _____

Colossians 1:14 _____ Colossians 3:8 _____



God's Word is like a mirror that shows our inner man.

Reflection



SEARCH

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

A gold covered, wooden chest which symbolized the presence of God among His people and located inside the Tabernacle behind a veil. *Ex. 25:8*

Bible words explained

Chapter 6

THE SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Buckle your seatbelt. You're about to fly through 100 years of history. Don't get bogged down. Just read it as you would a book, asking yourself, *"How would I be reacting if I were part of this story?"*



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Six Scriptures in your Bible

ACTS 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

ACTS 17:6B

These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Eyewitness accounts
- Love letters
- The Church's first 100 years

God's Word changes you from the inside out.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

4

GOSPELS

1

HISTORY

21

LETTERS

1

PROPHECY

#1 GOSPELS - FOUR GOSPELS

Fast Facts

- 4 gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- Each targets a different demographic
- Each portrays Jesus differently
- Synoptic gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke
- 36 recorded miracles
- 32 recorded parables
- Mentions only 50 days of Jesus' ministry

SEVEN FACTS ABOUT JESUS' CHILDHOOD

- 1) Born to a virgin in a manger *Lk. 2:7*
- 2) Angelic announcement brought common shepherds to witness his miracle birth. *Lk. 2:10-12*
- 3) The divine Star of Bethlehem led Magi 1,000 miles to worship Him. *Mat. 2:1-2*
- 4) His parents were poor, bringing an offering of turtle doves. *Lev. 12:6-8*
- 5) At 12, His parents, Joseph and Mary, found Him in Jerusalem's temple discussing spiritual things because He "must be about His Father's business." *Lk. 2:49*
- 6) Joseph taught his trade as a carpenter to Jesus. *Mark 6:3*
- 7) Jesus had siblings. *Mat. 13:55*

JESUS' THREE YEAR MINISTRY

1ST YEAR OF OBSCURITY

- Early Judean ministry
- Early Galilean ministry
- Ministry to thousands
- Galilean & Perea ministry

2ND YEAR OF POPULARITY

- Later Galilean ministry
- Capernaum became HQ

3RD YEAR OF REJECTION

- Focused on training disciples
- Avoided crowds



I HAVE READ
THE BACK
OF THE BOOK,
AND WE WIN!

JESUS' FINAL WEEK



**TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO
JERUSALEM**
JOHN 12:12



THE LAST SUPPER
MATTHEW 26:26



GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
MATTHEW 26:39



ARRESTED AND MOCK TRIAL
JOHN 18:12



CRUCIFIXION
JOHN 19:18



RESURRECTION
LUKE 24:6, JOHN 19:18



ASCENSION
LUKE 24:51

#2 HISTORY - THE BOOK OF ACTS

THE GOSPEL AMONG JEWS (CH. 1-12)

- Pentecost - birthday of the church
- Peter's sermon - 3,000 saved
- Prayer in every chapter
- First church problems
- Miracles and Martyrdom

THE GOSPEL AMONG GENTILES (CH. 13-28)

- Saul's conversion (*Read Ph. 3:4-7, Ac. 9:1-6*)
- Paul's three missionary journeys
- Paul and Barnabus
- Paul and Silas
- Paul in Ephesus - three years

PAUL ARRESTED AT JERUSALEM (CH. 21-28)

- Caesarea prisoner for two years
- King Agrippa confronted
- Paul appeals to Caesar in Rome
- On house arrest for two years; writes "prison epistles"

#3 LETTERS - THE PAULINE EPISTLES AND GENERAL EPISTLES

PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHURCHES (9)

BOOK	THEME	TOPIC
Romans	Righteousness	Most complete doctrine of salvation by grace through faith
I Corinthians	Church problems	Practical letter dealing with problems in the church
II Corinthians	Paul's defense	Paul defends his apostolic call, character and credentials
Galatians	True freedom	Written to Paul's earliest converts to refute legalism
*Ephesians	Believer's position	Explains the believer's <i>In Christ</i> position and inheritance
*Philippians	Joy	Paul writes a joyful 'thank you' letter despite trials
*Colossians	Preeminence	The believer's response to the preeminence of Christ
I Thess.	Christ's Return	Paul commends their purity and focus on Christ's return
II Thess.	Day of the Lord	Paul corrects false conclusions and inspires diligence

PAUL'S LETTERS TO PEOPLE (4)

BOOK	THEME	TOPIC
I Timothy	Leadership manual	Paul counsels his spiritual son on church issues
**II Timothy	Endurance	Paul's last letter before execution inspires endurance
Titus	Church manual	The pastor on Crete Island gets leader's qualifications
*Philemon	Redemption	Spiritual maturity exposes false teachers

* Written while on house arrest for two years

**Written in Roman prison

Understanding Bible basics puts an unshakeable foundation in you.

GENERAL EPISTLES (8) LETTERS FROM OTHER CHURCH LEADERS

BOOK	THEME	TOPIC
Hebrews	Superiority of Christ	Doctrinal book confirms Jesus fulfilled the OT priesthood
James	Practical faith	Hebrew-Christians defend faith through good works
I Peter	Suffering	The correct response to suffering for Christ
II Peter	False Prophets	Spiritual maturity exposes false teachers
I John	Fellowship w/God	Explores fellowship between the redeemed and their God
II John	False teachers	John commends apostolic loyalty and warns of heresy
III John	Godly fellowship	Support only those who support apostolic truth
Jude	A Warning	Jude exposes false teachers and contends for the faith

#4 PROPHECY - THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation is a prophetic book issuing 7 report cards to churches and dealing with the nature and chronology of the end times.

I. Revelation of the Glorified Christ (*Ch. 1*)

II. Message (Report Cards) to Asia's Seven Churches (*Ch. 2-3*)

Ephesus	C
Smyrna	A+
Pergamos	C
Thyatira	C
Sardis	F
Philadelphia	A+
Laodicea	F

III. Prophecies of Tribulation

Seven seals of judgement - *Rev. 6*
 Seven trumpets of judgement - *Rev. 8*
 Seven bowls of judgement - *Rev. 16*

IV. Prophecies of the Second Coming

Marriage supper of the Lamb - *Rev. 19*
 Second coming of Christ - *Rev. 19*

V. Prophecies of the Millenium

Satan is bound 1,000 years - *Rev. 20*
 Saints reign 1,000 years - *Rev. 20*
 Great white throne of judgement - *Rev. 20*

VI. Prophecies of the Eternal State

New Heaven and Earth are created - *Rev. 21*
 New Jerusalem - *Rev. 21*
 Victorious Conclusion - *Rev. 22*



I USED TO
 THINK THE
 EPISTLES WERE
 THE WIVES OF
 THE APOSTLES.

THE SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

01

The four gospels are eyewitness accounts of Jesus while on earth.

02

Acts is a historical account of the mission and miracles in the early church.

03

The 21 letters from church leaders include inspiration and instruction for believers.

04

The last book, Revelation, is a prophetic glimpse into future events.



Supporting Scriptures

Mat. 28:19

Jn. 21:11

Ac. 1:1-3

Ac. 4:13

Ac. 17:6b

Heb. 13:8

I Jn. 2:7

Rev. 22:12

Soap Is A Friend

You are already clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. Jn. 15:3

Four-year-old Levi befriended a lonely mud puddle and never noticed it followed him home. As moms do, she hosed Levi down outside and stripped him down before coming inside. It took three baths to get the sun-baked mud out of his hair. Levi protested the process, but he did admit at bedtime that it felt good to be clean.

S.O.A.P. BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- S** - Scripture - Write out a scripture
- O** - Observation - What stood out to you? Are there any commands?
- A** - Application - How can you apply this to your life?
- P** - Prayer - Ask the Lord to help you and listen for His reply.



God's Word keeps us clean.

Reflection



SEARCH

MESSIAH

The person who would save Israel's people and bring them back to God.
Jn. 20:31

Bible words explained

Chapter 7

SEEING CHRIST IN THE BIBLE

Before the luxury of electricity, one had to depend on the oil in their lanterns to see in the dark. That is still the case when you read your Bible, especially the Old Testament. You can depend on the oil of the Holy Spirit to illuminate exactly what you need to know. *Just ask Him!*



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Seven Scriptures in your Bible

LUKE 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets,
He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the
things concerning Himself.

COLOSSIANS 2:16-17

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or
regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which
are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is
of Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD

- 350 FYIs: He's coming!
- 50 hidden pictures
- Let the search begin

*The Old Testament is the shadow.
The New Testament is the substance.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

SEEING CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

To properly understand the Bible Story, we must remember that a picture of Christ is found in every book. You must read each book searching for that picture. It's all too easy to get bogged down with historical details or distracted by localized stories. Resist that temptation for now. You are learning the Bible as a story with a message, and that message is Christ.

There are two ways that Jesus is primarily revealed in the Old Testament:

- **Prophecies** - Jesus fulfilled approximately 350 prophecies in His first coming.
- **Types and Shadows** - There are at least 50 Old Testament types of Christ.

CHRIST IS HIDDEN IN TYPES AND SHADOWS

The description of "Shadows" is fitting because, but you cannot see a shadow unless there is an object to cast a shadow. For example, you can see the shadow of a tree, but you can not climb it. If you want to climb a tree, you'll need the real thing. The shadow points to the real thing, and it's visible because of the light.

A BIBLICAL TYPE AND SHADOW DEFINED:

- a) A God-ordained means of communicating truth in illustrative form
- b) Attributes and actions "typical" of another person, place or thing
- c) Pictures or object lessons by which God teaches us of His future redemptive plan for man



THE OLD TESTAMENT
SERVES AS A TREASURE
MAP WHICH LEADS US
TO JESUS.

MOVIE TRAILERS

A type and shadow can be compared to watching the movie previews in a theatre. That two-minute trailer whets your appetite for a coming attraction, leaving you with a desire to watch for its arrival. Each glimpse ends with this caption flashing across the big screen:



For example, The Passover Lamb is a shadow of the Lamb of God that was to come. The Brazen Serpent on the pole is only a shadow cast by Christ on the Cross of Golgotha's hill. The Old Testament types and shadows were given for the purpose of illustrating or throwing light on Jesus as the promised Messiah and the great precepts and doctrines later revealed in the New Testament. As you search for Christ throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit will shed light (illuminate) a deeper picture that meets the natural eye.

Types usually relate to redemption, either to the Person or work of Christ. Most of these types of Christ are found in the Pentateuch. There are some types that relate to the Holy Spirit and the Church, but our purpose today is to understand the Bible as a story. That story is about Jesus Christ.

**Which do you prefer?
The shadow or the substance of a hamburger?**

CHRIST IS SEEN AS A PERSON

- Adam – A type of Christ *Rm. 5:14*
- As head of creation *Gen. 1:26, 2:19, Ps. 8:3-6, Heb. 2:5-9*
- As head of the race – The first Adam of a fallen race, the last Adam of the Redeemed race
- Melchizedek – A type of Christ the King - Priest *Gen. 14:18, Heb. 6:20, 7:1-4, 23-24*

CHRIST IS SEEN IN CEREMONIES

- The Passover *Ex. 12, John 19:32-36, I Cor. 5:7*
- The Tabernacle *Heb. 9:1-18*

CHRIST IS SEEN IN HISTORICAL EVENTS

- The Passover – Redemption by blood *Ex. 12, Eph. 1:7*
- The Red Sea – Leaving the world behind *Ex. 14, Gal. 1:4, 6:14*
- Manna and water – Jesus is the Bread of Life and Living Waters *Ex. 16-17, Jn. 6:35, Jn. 7:38 7*

There are at least 50 Old Testament types of Christ.

JESUS KNEW THE OLD TESTAMENT POINTED TO HIM

These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” Luke 24:44

The New Testament sits squarely upon the shoulders of the Pentateuch. These five books supply hidden types and shadows of Christ and invaluable doctrine on which we build our lives.

*The New is in the Old contained,
The Old is in the New Explained.
St. Augustine*

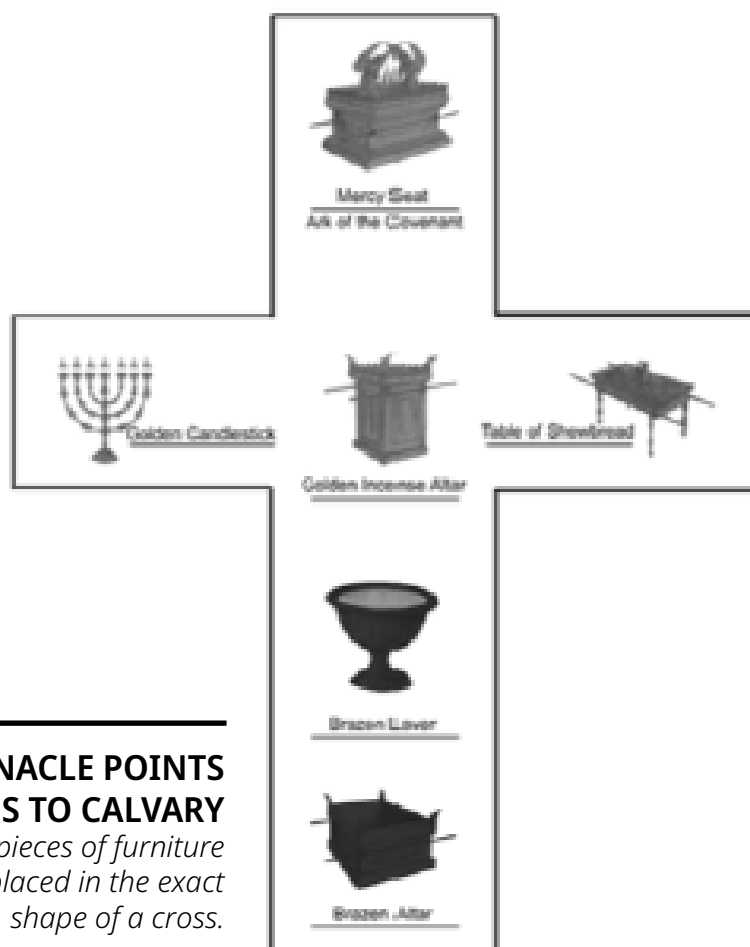


THE BEST
VITAMIN FOR
A CHRISTIAN IS B1.

SEEING JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE

Ex. 25-27, Heb. 9:1-18

FURNITURE	NATURAL FUNCTION	SYMBOLIC MEANING	TYPE & SHADOW	SCRIPTURE	REWARD
Brazen Altar	Animal Sacrifice	The payment for sin is blood.	Jesus, Lamb of God	<i>Lev. 17:11 Heb. 9:13</i>	Forgiveness
Laver	Ceremonial Cleansing	God's Word cleanses us and prepares us for service.	Jesus, the Word	<i>Jn. 1:1 Eph. 5:26</i>	Cleansing
Table of Shewbread	Food for Priests	Only Jesus can satisfy.	Jesus, Bread of Life	<i>Jn. 6:35</i>	Nourishment
The Golden Candlestick	Provide Light	Illumination of the Holy Spirit	Jesus, The Light of the World	<i>Jn. 8:12 Ps. 119:18 Rev. 1:20</i>	Revelation
Altar of Incense	Burn Incense	Prayers and Worship	Jesus, Our Intercessor	<i>Heb. 7:25</i>	Answered Prayer
Ark of Covenant	Contains Sacred Items	God's Law/Presence	Jesus, the Messiah	<i>Is. 53:2</i>	Atonement
Mercy Seat	Lid	Mercy covers the Law	Jesus, Our High Priest	<i>Heb. 10:21</i>	Mercy



THE TABERNACLE POINTS US TO CALVARY

These seven pieces of furniture were placed in the exact shape of a cross.



PRACTICE THIS PRAYER:

"Father, as I read Your Word, open my eyes to see Jesus."

SEEING CHRIST IN THE BIBLE

01

Descriptions of Jesus are hidden in every Old Testament book.

02

The Old Testament reveals Jesus in two ways; prophecies and types and shadows.

03

A type and shadow is a hidden picture in the OT that describes who Jesus is today.

04

Types and shadows of Christ can be seen in a person, ceremony or historical event.



Supporting Scriptures

Jn. 1:45

Lk. 24:44

Jn. 5:39

Jn. 5:46

Col. 2:16 -17

Heb. 8:5

Heb. 10:1

Heb. 10:7

Night Lights

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Ps. 119:105

Night lights come in all shapes and sizes, but the objective to shine in the darkness is the same. The bigger the night light, the less likely you'll stumble in the darkness.

Where does light come from?

_____ *Jn. 1:5*

What does God's Word bring?

_____ *Ps. 119:130*

What promise belongs to Christians who feed on God's Word?

_____ *Prv. 4:18*

What does God's Word do through you?

_____ *Ph. 2:15-16*



God's Word is a light that guides us.

Reflection



SEARCH

GENTILE

A person who was not Jewish and excluded from God's blessings until Jesus Christ came and welcomed everyone back to the Father. *Acts 15:8*

Bible words explained

Chapter 8

THE STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

I am your constant companion. I am your greatest helper or heaviest burden. I will push you onward or drag you down to failure. I am completely at your command. Be firm with me, and I will place the world at your feet. Be easy with me, and I will destroy you.

Who am I? I am Habit.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

Highlight these Chapter Eight Scriptures in your Bible

PSALM 119:62

At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.

II TIMOTHY 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a
worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the word of truth.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Calling all caterpillars
- Five types of Bible study
- Three questions to truth

*Put the Word in you when you don't need it and
it will be there for you when you do need it.*

- Pastor Tommy Burchfield

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

THE STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

Be diligent (Study) to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Tim. 2:15



A Panoramic Overview (The Bird Approach)

Soaring over its contents for the purpose of understanding the Bible as a whole.



Devotional Reading (The Frog Approach)

The objective is personal inspiration for your relationship with God, which includes Spirit-led hopping throughout the Scriptures.



Studying (The Caterpillar Approach)

Studying the scriptures is systematic and focuses on smaller portions.

YOU AND YOUR BIBLE

Right now, you might be intimidated by your Bible. That's common. As you continue to grow in your faith, you will develop a beautiful relationship with your Bible. Once you realize that Jesus *is* the Word, your Bible will become the most valuable item you own. Let me explain.

- When the disciples had questions, they would go to Jesus.
- When disciples today have questions, they go to Jesus, the Word.
- When the disciples were discouraged, they would run to Jesus.
- When His disciples today are discouraged, they run to Jesus, the Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. Jn. 1:1

VISITING JESUS

If you could go visit Jesus and ask Him an important question, would you do that? The good news is that you *can* go visit Jesus anytime you'd like, because He is the Word. When you go to the Word, you're visiting Jesus. So remember that, as you deal with life's difficulties, go "visit Jesus" often. Talk to Jesus through prayer. He answers you through His written Word.

DEVOTIONAL READING VS. BIBLE STUDY

Daily Bible reading for the purpose of inspiration is an important part of walking with God. There are hardly any rules for this type of reading. Use any Bible translation. Hop around like a frog and enjoy whichever lily pad you land on. Read one chapter a day at first, whether you feel like it or not, and be amazed as your life enjoys a new sense of peace and purpose. But wait, there's more.

One of the greatest habits to develop is daily Bible reading.

BECOME A STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

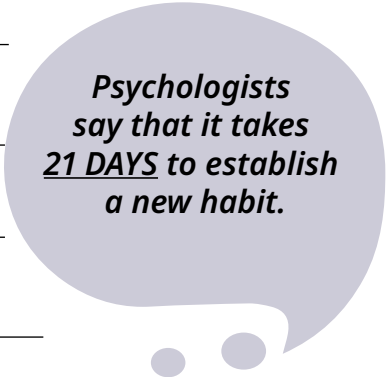
What is the distinguishing factor between a Bible student and a casual reader? The Bible student wants eternal Truth over momentary inspiration. They develop the discipline to be consistent and chew on smaller portions. The casual reader wants only a spiritual bandaid or a warm, fuzzy feeling, while the serious student wants God Himself. So, how do you begin?

Select a _____

Select a _____

Select a _____

Commit to _____



**Psychologists
say that it takes
21 DAYS to establish
a new habit.**

After one week, do it again. The benefits of creating this study habit reap immeasurable rewards. Start where you are, even if it's once a week, but here's a reasonable goal:

Devotional reading 15 minutes daily

Bible study 30 minutes, bi-weekly

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. Ac. 17:11

Few spiritual truths lie upon the surface. If a chapter does not yield at least one great truth upon your first reading, then you ought to read it again. Do not let that particular passage in the Word remain for you a barren area: keep drilling through the soil and rock until you strike Living Water. To "search the scriptures" requires a determination to slow down and refuse to move on until you are being nourished by its satisfying truths. Chew on, little caterpillar!

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY

The Bible deserves our devoted systematic study. What does that mean? It is an intentional, organized reading plan, not merely to inform, but to transform your life. Is it focused on head knowledge? Yes, but, as you practice this type of study, the truths will transform your life.

God sent His Son, but He left His book.

THE FIVE TYPES OF BIBLE STUDY

There are five main approaches to Bible study. Each is beneficial to students of the Bible.

01. **Study a Book**
Recommended books: Genesis, Proverbs, John, Romans, II Timothy
02. **Study a Chapter**
Recommended chapters: Genesis 3, Isaiah 53, Matthew 13, Romans 8, I Corinthians 13
03. **Study a Verse**
Exegetical: "dissecting" the original language and meaning of each word. Try Strong's Concordance and Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament online.
04. **Study a Person**
Character study: Abraham, Moses, Deborah, David, Paul
There are 2,930 separate persons mentioned in the Bible.
05. **Study a Topic**
Grace, Faith, Fear of the Lord

LINKING SCRIPTURES

What does the passage say? _____

What does it mean? _____

How does it apply to me? _____



There is one interpretation, but many applications. Interpretation is best when we let the context of passages speak for themselves. Martin Luther, the 1517 church reformer, referred to this as "*letting scripture interpret scripture*." This simple system is called cross-referencing.

Cross-Reference - A study tool used to point the reader to other passages that are linked together by related words or themes. It's easy.

- Look for tiny letters next to key words or names.
- Turn to that scripture for additional support or to amplify the meaning.

Helpful as they are, keep in mind they are the product of the publisher and not part of the original Bible.



**Q. WHAT DOES
"THERE WILL BE
SILENCE IN HEAVEN
FOR 30 MINUTES"
IN REV. 8:1 MEAN?**

**A. THE WOMEN
HAVEN'T ARRIVED.**

ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDY HELPS

- A notebook, journal, digital note taking apps such as Evernote or Simplenote
- Bible concordance; Strong's or Young's
- Bible dictionary
- Other Bible translations; New Living Translation, Amplified Classic
- Bible paraphrases; The Message, The Passion Bible; inspirational, but not for studying

CHOOSE A BIBLE MARKING PLAN

A Bible marking system helps the reader identify key elements in a passage, categorize and understand Scripture. The process involves reading through a chapter several times and marking it for future readings by:

- Use colored highlighters for themes.
Blue = heaven, Green = grow, Yellow = Promises
- Key Words - underline word or draw a square
- Margin notes - using a fine tip pen, write a few words
- Symbols - Cross = salvation scriptures, star = promises, heart = love

Congratulations on your lifelong occupation - becoming a student of the Bible.

*Sample pages and supplemental content can be found in Foundations-For-Life workbook, *How To Study Your Bible, Vol. 7.*



THE STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

01

Panoramic, Devotional Reading and Bible Study...all good.

02

Being a student of the Bible requires discipline and consistency.

03

Five types of Bible study include: a book, chapter, verse, topic, person.

04

The purpose of Bible study is to enjoy God and allow Him to transform your life.



Supporting Scriptures

Ps. 119:12

Ps. 119:27

Ps. 119: 67

Ps. 119:78

Ps. 119:82

Ps. 119:160

Ps. 119:130

Ps. 119:162

Miracle Grow

The seed is the Word of God. Lk. 8:11

Plant tomato seed
Plant bluebonnet seeds
Plant an apple seed
Plant a God-seed

A tomato plant grows
A bluebonnet grows
An apple tree grows
Everything God is grown

TRY THIS!

1. Write the name of someone you are hurt by or angry with _____
2. Plant these two scriptures-seeds in prayer for one week:
Mat. 5:44 - _____
Rom. 12:21 - _____
3. Water those seeds by quoting and obeying these seeds.
4. Watch the beauty of the Lord grow in you.



God's Word starts as a tiny seed that always grows greatness.

Reflection



SEARCH

MILLENNIAL
REIGN

A future event when Jesus Christ will physically return to Jerusalem and reign for 1,000 years. *Heb. 9:28*

Bible words explained

ADDENDUM

ANSWER KEY

CHAPTER	EXERCISE	ANSWERS	
Chapter 1	Five Ways the Bible is Superior	inspiration moved grace faith	gift lie do good
	8 Reasons You Can Trust Your Bible	• sin • Christ	• fellowship • Word of God
	9 Rewards of Bible Reading	1. E 2. C 3. G 4. I 5. F	6. H 7. A 8. D 9. B
Chapter 2	And So the Plot Thickens	make atonement	
Chapter 3	A Bible Overview	• The total books in the Bible • Old Testament and New Testament • 39 • 27 • approximately 1600 years • Hebrew and Greek • The gospel of John	• harmony and unity • Israel • The Church • The Church • 40 • Paul • no
Chapter 4	Devo: Refreshing Rain	1. C 2. A 3. F 4. D	5. E 6. B 7. G
Chapter 5	The Four Gospels	• Kingdom • Power	• The Son of Man • The Son of God
Chapter 7	Seeing Christ in the Old Testament	• prophecies, types and shadows	
Chapter 8	Become a Student of the Bible	• time • location	• system, • 7 days
	Ask Three Questions	• observation • interpretation	• application

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After fifty years of personal study, it is understandable that I have gleaned truth from a plethora of biblically sound teachers, most of whose names are not listed, yet deeply respected. To them we owe our lives.

What's So Different Between The Old and New Testaments?

EVERYTHING!



Old Testament -

Unholy men trying to reach a holy God

The covenant God made
with man about his salvation
before Christ came.

The Covenant of Law
Begins with God *Gen. 1:1*
The Old commences
The account of a nation
Gathers around Sinai
Associates with Moses
The foundation
Do it or die!
Brings bondage
Many priests
Yearly atonement
Many sacrifices
Animal sacrifices
Dead works
The Old Covenant
A good covenant
Costly program
A shadow
Good Promises
For Israel only



New Testament -

A holy God reaches down to unholy men

The covenant God made
with man about his salvation
after Christ came.

The Covenant of Grace
Begins with Christ *Mt. 1:1*
The New completes
The account of a Man
Gathers around Calvary
Associates with Christ
The superstructure
Believe and receive!
Brings liberty
One priest
Eternal Atonement
One sacrifice
Human sacrifice
Living service
A New Covenant
A better covenant
Free for all
The reality
Better promises
For all mankind

From Adam to Abraham we have the history of the **human** race.
From Abraham to Christ we have the history of the **chosen** race.
From Christ on we have the history of the **Church**.

BIBLE GLOSSARY

Abba - An Aramaic word that means "Father," and describes the protective, affectionate part of God's nature towards His children. This intimate "Daddy-God" word is found three times in Scripture - *Mk. 14:36, Rom. 8:15, Gal. 4:6*

Abrahamic Covenant - God's unconditional covenant with Abram who was promised a great land, nation, name and blessing (of redemption) that would extend to all the families of the earth. *Gen. 12:1-3*

Administration - One of the nine "Grace Gifts" of Romans ch. 12; Coordinating the activities of others to reach a common goal

Adultery - Sexual unfaithfulness of a husband or wife

Agape - The unconditional love of God; not determined by a person's value or performance, but based on the heart of God; the three Greek words for "love" are agape (God's love), phileo (brotherly love), and eros (sexual love)

Anointing - The tangible presence of God in a person, place or thing; Two types: Believer's anointing and Corporate

Anti-Semitism - Hostility toward or discrimination against the Jews

Apostasy - Desertion of one's faith or religion; renunciation of religion

Apostle - One of the five-fold ministry gifts which is anointed to build a ministry and establish His kingdom where it is not yet been, whether that be in Katy, TX or Thimphu, Bhutan; a pioneer, a sent one

Arrogance - Haughtiness; a feeling of superiority manifested in an overbearing manner; exaggerating one's own worth or importance in an overbearing manner; being exceedingly proud

Atheist - A person who denies the existence of Almighty God

Atonement - *Kaphar, Hbw.*, to cover; the Old Testament's remedy for sin

Attentiveness - Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions

Availability - Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving

Backsliding - To lapse, or fall away from morally and spiritually from God and religion

Believing (in) God - Not a mental assent, but a total relying on, trusting in, putting all our confidence in the sterling character of the God of the universe; a verb!

Bigotry - Total intolerance of any idea, theory, party, belief, or opinion that differs from one's own

Blasphemy - The act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God; the act of claiming the attributes of deity; irreverence toward something considered sacred

Exhorter - A person who is motivated to stimulate the faith of others

Familiar Spirits - A demon spirit that provides information, often pretending to be a deceased, loved one.

Fasting - A form of worship to God where food (or other pleasures) are withheld for the purpose of revelation or deliverance; both Spirit-led and self-disciplined fasts are biblical.

Favor - An invisible force from God that causes people to notice, applaud and promote you

Flexibility - Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others

Five-Fold Ministry Gifts - The Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher - Eph. 4:11 Equippers

Forgiveness - Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me

Fornication - Human sexual intercourse other than between a man and his wife; sexual intercourse between a spouse and an unmarried person

Generosity - Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes

Gentleness - Showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others

Giving - Entrusting personal assets to others to further the gospel

Gossip - The destructive habit of sharing negative information about someone when the motive for sharing it does not include the solution to that person's problem

Glory of God - The infinite beauty of greatness of God's manifold perfections; Jesus in His resurrected state

Grace - *Charis, Hbw.*, unmerited favor; a favor freely bestowed upon those totally unable to return the favor. God's Riches At Christ's Expense

Gratefulness - Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life

Hades - The Greek equivalent for *Sheol, Hbw.* meaning the "place of the dead" while waiting for the final resurrection; aka heaven, paradise, Abraham's bosom; *Lk 23:43, II Cor. 5:8, Ph. 1:23*

Heaven - The place where God dwells with angelic beings and His redeemed family

Hell - *Hinnom, Hbw.*, a place and state of punishment after death for those who have rebelled against God; also known as Gehenna or Tartarus.

High Priest - A mediator who represented Israel before God. In the Old Testament, it was a human. After Calvary, Jesus became our High Priest.

Homosexuality - Sexual behavior with someone of their same sex; this behavior is condemned in the Bible.

Hospitality - Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and hope with those God brings into my life

Humanism - A philosophy centered on human ability, interests and values instead of God's eternal values

Humility - Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for the achievements in my life

Hypocrites - The false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion; an act to make others believe something which is false as though it is genuine

Initiative - Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it

Joyfulness - The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord

Justification - *Dikaiosis, Gr.*, the act of God declaring men free from guilt and acceptable to Him based on the shed blood of Jesus Christ, thereby counting them righteous; it is a legal term which pictures the believer's new status before God as, not only pardoned, but just. *Just-as-if-I've-never-sinned*

Judgment Seat of Christ - This glorious future event involves believers giving an account of their lives to Christ. This "Awards Ceremony" does not determine salvation, but the rewards of faithfulness. *Rom. 14:10-12, II Cor. 5:10*

Judaizers - Jewish Christian who insisted Gentile converts abide by strict Old Testament rites, especially circumcision

Law of Moses - The first five books of the Bible, also known as the Pentateuch.

Lake of Fire - The final hell and place of eternal punishment and agony for all unrepentant rebels, both angelic and human. *Rev. 19:20, Rev. 20:14*

Legalist - An extreme rule-keeper to gain God's approval where life is a ledger and you're always trying to measure up

Logos - The written Word of God (Holy Bible) which is the standard of all truth and received intellectually. The two Greek words for God's "Word" are *logos* (written Word) and *rhema* (spoken Word) They never contradict each other.

Loyalty - Demonstrating my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve

Marriage Supper of the Lamb - A glorious celebration supper with Jesus, the Lamb of God, and His people. *Rev. 19*

Meekness - Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God; strength under control such as a stallion. The only two biblical men described as meek were Moses and Jesus.

Mercy - A disposition of compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power; punishment erased

Millennial Reign - Revelation 20:2-7 refers six times to a literal, physical Kingdom set up by Jesus Christ when He returns to Earth to rule for a thousand years.

Miracle - The suspension or superceding of natural laws which is unexplainable to natural thinking

Necromancy - Conjurage of the spirits of the dead for purpose of revealing the future or influencing the course of events; magic, sorcery and condemned in the Bible

Obedience - Freedom to be compliant to another's law or request under the protection of divinely-inspired authority

Oppression - To suppress; to crush or burden by abuse of power or authority; to burden spiritually or mentally as if by pressure; weigh down

Orderliness - Preparing myself and my surroundings so that I will achieve the greatest efficiency

Paradise - A place where Old Testament saints waited for the fulfillment of the Old Covenant and completion of the redemptive work of Christ *Lk. 23:43*

Patience - Accepting a difficult situation without giving God a deadline to remove it

Philosophy - A mindset created by man's attempt to find meaning in life and solutions for suffering without God

Powers & Principalities - A vast array of evil and malicious demonic spirits who make war against the people and purposes of God; subordinate to the Name of Jesus

Praise - *Halal, Hbw.*, to be clamorously foolish about the adoration of God (to praise Him with passion and fervency, yielding all hang-ups about who we are or are not)

Prophecy - To bubble up, to gush, boil up and over for the purpose of edification, exhortation and comfort; Different from the Ministry Office of a prophet, but available to all New Testament believers. The ability to prophecy doesn't make you a prophet.

Prophet - One of the Five-Fold Ministry gifts to the Body of Christ; a person anointed to proclaim truth, discern the mind and purposes of God and speak it forth. *An Eph. 4:11* equippier

Propitiation - The removal of wrath by the offering of a gift; ie., God's wrath was removed by the death and sacrifice of Jesus

Prudent - Practical wisdom; good management of talents and resources and the showing of wisdom with others

Psychic Medium - An individual who functions as a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of demonic spirits; condemned in the Bible

Punctual - Showing high esteem for other people and their time by supporting the mutually agreed to timeline.

Rapture - I Thessalonians 4:16-17 describes this glorious experience when the Church will be “caught up” to meet the Lord in the clouds. Jesus’ Second Coming is actually in two parts: first, He comes *for* His Church (rapture) and later, He’ll come *with* His Church (Millennial Reign)

Renewing your mind - A continual process of adjusting our thoughts until they agree with God’s Word. *Rm. 12:1*

Repent - To change one’s mind and behavior with respect to sin; agreeing with God’s perspective on sin

Resourcefulness - Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or dread

Responsibility - Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me

Rhema - An instant and spoken “living word” from God to a person for a specific occasion. A “rhema” occurs when the logos “jumps-off-of-the-page” and moves from our head to our heart; A rhema (spoken Word) will always agree with the logos (written Word)

Righteousness - *Dikafosune, Gr.*, the ability to stand in the presence of the Father without any sense of guilt, condemnation, or inferiority; as if your sin never existed. A gift, not a reward

Salvation - *Sozo, Gr.*, the all inclusive word of the gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes; there are seven Hebrew and Greek words for salvation. They are used 388 times and are translated by 23 English words, some with various endings

Security - Structuring my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away

Second Death - A reference to the Lake of Fire where those who are separated from God (by denying Jesus as Savior) will dwell for eternity. *Rev. 20:14, Rev. 21:8*

Self-control - Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God’s Spirit; the ability to say “no” now so I can say “yes” later. Valuing the benefits of long term success over instant gratification

Sensitivity - Exercising my senses so that I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me

Serving - Demonstrating love by meeting practical needs

Sin - A thought or action that transgresses the law of God and displays rebellion against God; to miss the mark

Sincerity - Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

Stronghold - A mindset impregnated with hopelessness so that an individual accepts as unchangeable that which God’s Word says can and should be changed.

Teacher - One of the Five-Fold ministry gifts that teaches with revelation, explaining God’s truth in a simple, easy-to-understand manner

The Tribulation - A future seven-year period of time when God will finish His discipline of Israel and finalize His judgment of the unbelieving world. *Rev. 6 - 16*

Thoroughness - Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words, if neglected; giving attention to detail

Tithe - The first tenth of all produce or profit due to God for the maintenance of the ministry as taught in Leviticus, endorsed by Jesus, and includes great rewards from God.

Truthfulness - Earning future trusts by accurately reporting past facts

Type and Shadow - An Old Testament historical fact that illustrates a New Testament description of the Person or work of Christ. There are at least 50 types of Christ hidden in the Old Testament.

Virtue - The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God’s Word

Washed in the Blood - A description of a person who has trusted in the shed Blood of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of their sin.

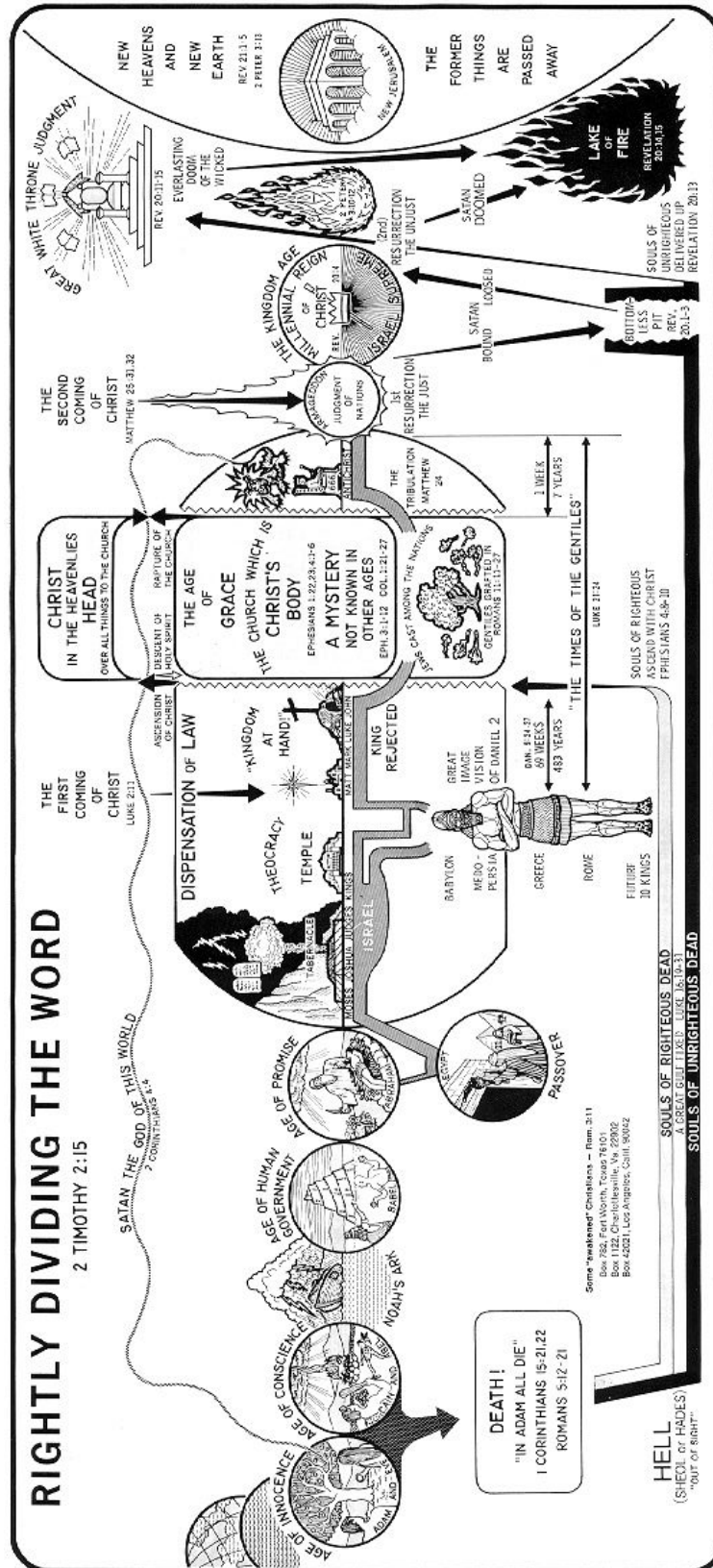
Waiting on the Lord - The determination to adjust one’s schedule and heart posture to focus on receiving divine guidance or simply to bring Him pleasure through worship

Wisdom - Seeing and responding to life situations from God’s frame of reference

World - The worldly system or political and social order that rejects God, is ruled by Satan, and governs the minds and manner of the unsaved.

Zeal of the Lord - The energy or enthusiasm of God in a person(s) for the pursuit of a godly cause.

THE SEVEN DISPENSATIONS



GOD'S WORD SUMMARIZED

This Book reveals
the mind of God,
the state of man,
the way of salvation
the doom of sinners, and
the happiness of believers,
Its doctrines are holy,
its precepts are holy,
its histories are true, and
its decisions are immutable.

READ IT to be wise,
BELIEVE IT to be safe, and
PRACTICE IT to be holy.

It contains:

LIGHT to direct you,
FOOD to support you, and
COMFORT to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map,
the pilgrim's staff,
the pilot's compass,
the soldier's sword,
and the Christian's character.
Here
Paradise is restored,
Heaven is opened, and
the gates of hell are disclosed.

CHRIST is its grand subject,
OUR GOOD is its design, and the
GLORY OF GOD is its end.

It should
fill the memory,
rule the heart, and
guide the feet.
Read it
slowly,
frequently, and
prayerfully.

It is
a mine of wealth,
a paradise of glory,
and a river of pleasure

It is
given you in life,
will be opened at the Judgement,
and will be remembered forever.

It
involves the highest responsibility,
rewards the greatest labor,
and condemns all who trifle with
its holy contents.

- Author Unknown

GOLDEN CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE

With 1189 chapters in your Bible, it's difficult to know where to read. These thirty chapters sparkle like gold and should be read frequently. Try reading one per day, and you'll finish in a month.

CHAPTER	MESSAGE
Genesis 1-2	Creation
Genesis 3	The fall of man
Genesis 22	Abraham's greatest test
Exodus 12	The Passover
Exodus 20	The Ten Commandments
Deuteronomy 28	The blessings of obedience
Psalms 8	God's glory and man's dominion
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Psalms 91	Protection for the godly
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Isaiah 53	The Messiah
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Daniel 3	3 Hebrews in fiery furnace
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Ephesians 6	God's Authority
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THE BIBLE STORY

Master the content of each book by enjoying this poem I found in *What The Bible Means* by Henrietta Mears.

OLD TESTAMENT

Pentateuch

In Genesis the world was made,
In Exodus the march was told;
Leviticus contains the law,
In Numbers are the tribes enrolled;
In Deuteronomy again
We're urged to keep God's law alone.
And these five books of Moses make
The oldest writings that are known.

Historical Books

Brave Joshua to Canaan leads,
In Judges oft the Jews rebel;
We read of David's name in Ruth,
And First and Second Samuel;
In First and Second Kings we read
How bad the Hebrew state became;
In first and Second Chronicles,
Another history of the same.
In Ezra captive Jews return,
While Nehemiah builds the wall;
Queen Esther saves her race from death.
These books "Historical" we call.

Poetical Books

In Job we read of patient faith,
In psalms are David's songs of praise;
The Proverbs are to make us wise;
Ecclesiastes next portrays
How vain fleeting earthly pleasures are;
The Song of Solomon is all
About the love of God, and these
Five books "Poetical" we call.

Prophetical Books

Isaiah tells of Christ to come,
While Jeremiah tells of woe,
And in his Lamentations mourns
The Holy City's overthrow.

Prophetical Books

Ezekiel speaks of mysteries,
While Daniel foretells kings of old;
Hosea calls men to repent;
In Joel, judgments are foretold.
Amos tells of wrath, and Edom
Obadiah is sent to warn,
While Jonah shows how Christ should rise,
And Micah where He should be born;
In Nahum, Nineveh is seen,
In Habakkuk, Chaldea's guilt;
Zephaniah, Judah's sins,
Haggai, the temple's built.
Zachariah tells of Christ,
And Malachi of John, his signs.
The Prophets number seventeen,
And all the books are thirty-nine.

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Tell of Christ, His life they trace;
Acts shows the Holy Spirit's work;
And Romans how we're saved by grace.
Corinthians instructs the church,
Galatians shows God's grace alone;
Ephesians, how we are "in Christ,"
Philippians, Christ's joys made known.
Colossians portrays Christ exalted.
And Thessalonians tells the end.
In Timothy and Titus both,
Are rules for pastors to attend.
Philemon pictures charity,
Thirteen Epistles, penned by Paul.
The Jewish law prefigured Christ;
And Hebrews clearly shows it all.
James shows that faith by works must live,
And Peter urges steadfastness,
While John exhorts to Christian Love;
And those who live it, God will bless.
Jude shows the end of evil men,
While Revelation tells of heaven.
These end the whole New Testament,
In all, they number twenty-seven.

JESUS IN EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE

BOOK	MESSAGE	BOOK	MESSAGE
Genesis	Seed of Woman	Micah	Messenger with Beautiful Feet
Exodus	Passover Lamb	Nahum	Avenger of God's Elect
Leviticus	High Priest	Habakkuk	Fiery Evangelist
Numbers	Pillar of Cloud by Day; Fire by Night	Zephaniah	Mighty to Save
Deuteronomy	Prophet Like Unto Moses	Haggai	Restorer of my Heritage
Joshua	Captain of Our Salvation	Zechariah	Cleansing Fountain
Judges	Faithful Judge and Lawgiver	Malachi	Son of Righteousness with Healing in His Wings
Ruth	Kinsman Redeemer	Matthew	Messiah
I&II Samuel	Trusted Prophet	Mark	Miracle Worker
I&II Kings	Reigning King	Luke	Son of Man
I&II Chronicles	Reigning King	John	Son of God
Ezra	Faithful Scribe	Acts	Baptizer in the Holy Ghost
Nehemiah	Restorer of the Brokenhearted	Romans	Justifier
Esther	Faithful Mordecai	I&II Corinthians	Sanctifier
Job	Everliving Redeemer	Galatians	Redeemer From the Curse of Law
Psalms	Good Shepherd	Ephesians	Christ of Unsearchable Riches
Proverbs	Wisdom	Philippians	Provider
Ecclesiastes	Wisdom	Colossians	Fullness of the Godhead
Song of Solomon	Lover & Bridegroom	I&II Thessalonians	Soon & Coming King
Isaiah	Prince of Peace	I&II Timothy	Mediator Between God & Man
Jeremiah	Branch of Righteousness	Titus	Faithful Pastor
Lamentations	Weeping Prophet	Philemon	Friend Who Sticks Closer Than a Brother
Ezekiel	Wonderful Four Face Man	Hebrews	Blood of the New Covenant, Lasting Forever
Daniel	Fourth Man In The Furnace	James	Great Physician
Hosea	Faithful Husband	I&II Peter	Chief Shepherd
Joel	Baptizer of the Holy Ghost	I,II,III John	Love
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TBI WORLD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (JOHN 3:16)

42 Countries

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May God continue to use you to share the good news of Jesus Christ in your nation!

English

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Spanish

Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que ha dado a su hijo unigénito, que todo aquel que cree en él no debe pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. *Juan 3:16*

Arabic

ملاعلا لال با اقل

Amharic (Ethiopia)

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Belize Creole

Yu si, Gaad lov di peep! dehn eena dis werl soh moch

Bengali (India)

কারণ ঈশ্বর জগৎকে এমন প্রমে করলিনে যে

Bulgarian

Защото Бог толкова възлюби света

Chamorro (Guam)

Sa taegüenao na jaguaeya si Yuus y tano

French

Car Dieu a tant aimé le monde

German

Denn also hat Gott die Welt geliebt

Haitian Creole

Paske, Bondye sitèlman renmen lèzòm

Hausa (Nigeria)

Gama Allah ya yi kamnar duniya

Hebrew

כי ככה תא מיהולא בהא הכה יי

Hindi (India)

परमेश्वर को जगत से इतना प्रेम था

Hungarian

Mert úgy szerette Isten e világot

Indonesian

Karena begitu besar kasih Allah akan dunia

Japanese

神は世を愛された

Jamaican Creole

Kaa, yu si, Gad lov di worl so moch

Korean

신이 세상을 너무 사랑했기 때문에

Mandarin Chinese

神愛世人

Maori (New Zealand)

Koia ano te aroha o te Atua ki te ao

Romanian

Fiindcă atât de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea

Russian

Ибо так возлюбил Бог мир

Setswana (Botswana)

Gonne Modimo o ratile lefatshe mo go kalo

Swahili

Kwa maana jinsi hii Mungu aliupenda ulimwengu

Tagalog (Philippines)

Sapagkat pag ibig ng Diyos sa sanlibutan

Tamil (Sri Lanka/India)

தவேன் இவ்வளவு உலகத்தில்
அன்பாகிறந்தார்

Thai

เพราะว่าพระเจ้าทรงรักโลก

Ukrainian

Так бо Бог полюбив світ

Zulu

Ngokuba uNkulunkulu walithanda izwe kangaka

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- Six Competing Worldviews
- Five Lies That Keep You Stuck
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* Compromise	<i>How To Boil A Frog</i>	1 / 41	Compromise is so gradual that it often goes unnoticed.
* Contentment	<i>Acres of Diamonds</i>	1 / 57	After a man sold his farm to pursue wealth, diamonds were discovered.
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Die To Self	<i>Mistake at the Morgue</i>	2 / 16	Funny. What it means to "die to self."
* Tongues	<i>Cannibals</i>	2 / 32	True story - Speaking in tongues saved a missionary's life.
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* Father's Love	<i>My Father Owns It All</i>	6 / 1	Two campers compare their fathers.
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* Forgiveness	<i>Louis Zamperini Story</i>	8 / 40	WWII vet in Japanese war camp returns to forgive.
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- I. The Superiority Of The Bible**
 - A. Eight reasons you can trust your Bible
 - B. Nine rewards for the Bible reader
 - C. *Ps. 19:11 Is. 40:8 Rom. 15:4*
- II. The Story Of The Bible**
 - A. Panoramic reading focuses on storyline, not details
 - B. A loving Father rescue mission to win His back back
 - C. *Rom. 5:8, I Jn. 3:1, Rev. 1:8*
- III. The Stats Of The Bible**
 - A. The twelve VIPs of the Bible
 - B. Backbone - 10 Doctrines
 - C. *Heb. 3:7, Ac 2:42, II Tim. 4:1-3*
- IV. The Structure Of The Bible - Old Testament**
 - A. Four categories and 39 books
 - B. The 12 historical highlights
 - C. *Lk. 24:44, Rom. 15:4, I Cor. 10:11*
- V. The Structure Of The Bible - New Testament**
 - A. Four categories and 27 books
 - B. The NT includes the gospels (4), history (1), letters (21), prophecy (1)
 - C. *Lk. 22:20, Ac. 1:1, Heb. 7:22*
- VI. The Survey Of The Bible**
 - A. The NT is God's fulfillment to redeem mankind.
 - B. Victorious living and anticipation for His return
 - C. *Ac. 1:8, Ac. 17:6b, Rev. 22:12*
- VII. Seeing Christ In The Bible**
 - A. The OT Types & Shadows are hidden descriptions of the Messiah.
 - B. The OT is the shadow. The NT is the substance.
 - C. *Jn. 5:39, Col. 2:16-17, Heb. 8:5*
- VIII. The Student Of The Bible**
 - A. Five types of Bible study: a book, chapter, verse, topic, person
 - B. The purpose of Bible study is to enjoy God and grow spiritually
 - C. *Ps. 119:12, Ps. 119:130, Ps. 119:162*

