

purpose: to promote being **Word-filled** (Col.3:16; Eph.5:18)!

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master and be mastered by It
Mastery of the Bible!
SS/Bible Study
Joshua 1:8

How to Study the Bible
II Tim. 2:15
1. **mark** – take the time/incorporate
2. meditate
3. **memorize**
4. master – incorporate/enjoy
Focus on Who He is over what I
am to do. **Dan. 11:32**

A. What is the Bible? the self revelation of God through the Word; the revealed word of God (II Tim. 3:16, 17); the mind of God (40 men over 1500 years)

B. How is It organized?

a. two testaments, the OT and the NT

b. 66 books; 39 in the OT and 27 in the NT

c. How are the OT and the NT organized?

OT: 5-12-5-5-12 NT: 4-1-13-8-1

5 law 4 gospels

12 history 1 history

5 poetry 13 Pauline epistles

5 major prophets (length) 8 general epistles

12 minor prophets 1 apocalypse

C. What are the themes of each book? (other sheet)

D. What is a **key verse** (purple), the **admonition/message** (green), an **outline** (teal), the **theme** (orange), **personal** (red), and a **key commentary** (indigo) of each of the books of the Bible?

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

1. **Genesis** (1:1; 12:1-3): **beginnings; creation, fall, judgment, line of Messiah**

Believe that God created and sustains all things, that man sinned (and sins), and that God provided for our redemption and providentially guides all things.

John Davis *Paradise to Prison*, 1975

H.C. Leupold *Expositions of Genesis*, 1956

Derek Kidner *Genesis*, 1967

(1-11) Primeval history of mankind

(12-50) The Patriarchs

The ten stories (toledoth)

(1-5) Adam

(21-26) Isaac

(6-11) Noah

(27-36) Jacob

(12-20) Abraham

(37-50) Joseph

So Job died, being old and full of days.

When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves.

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

2. **Job** (42:17; 41:25; Jms. 5:11): **the divine Person: Who He is and what He does; God's saint – perfecting process in the life of godly Job**

Trust Him though He slay you (13:15).

Albert Barnes *Notes on Job*, 1844

(1,2) Setting

(3-25) The Great Debate: Job vs. three friends

(26-31) Job speaks

(32-37) Elihu speaks

(38-41) God speaks

(42) Resolution

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels (1:5).
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction (1:7).

3. **Proverbs** (pithy maxims, superiority in mental action) (1:5, 7, 20; 2:1-9; 4:7; the 50! about 900 proverbs): the transfer of wisdom, both its giving and getting; wisdom (its acquisition and practice); walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called (Eph. 4:1; Co. 1:10); consequences of being wise and unwise

Get wisdom (4:7).

Charles Bridges *Proverbs*, Banner of Truth Trust, 1846, 1983

- (1) Instructions on Wisdom (GCM); Wisdom for Young Men (LAB)
- (2) First Collection of Proverbs; Wisdom for All
- (3) Second Collection of Proverbs; Wisdom for Leaders

The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea, And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, in departing from the LORD (1:2).

Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts (2:2);

And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt (2:15).

O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy (14:1-3).

Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein (14:9).

4. **Hosea** (“deliverer,” Jehovah is salvation”) (1:2; 2:2, 15; 14:1-3,9): groaning and unfaithful Israel is to be restored to her faithful husband/God

“Pray this prayer” (14:1-3), and flourish (14:4-8), nationally and individually (14:9). Our punishment is delighting in foolish things/manure and not in beautiful/pleasant things of God (8:12; 9:10).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

Six cycles of sin/chastening/restoration (1, 2, 3, 4-5, 6-11, 12-14)

(1-3) Hosea and Gomer (picture)

(4-7) Sins of Israel exposed!

(8-13) Judgment on Israel pronounced!

(14) Call to repentance and promise of restoration (the invitation)!

Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as destruction from the Almighty shall it come (1:15).

5. **Joel** (“Jehovah is God”) (1:2-3, 15; 2:11-12, 27-32): the day of the LORD (1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14, 18)

Turn to God wholeheartedly (2:12-13, 32), prepare to meet thy God (Amos 4:12).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

- (1) The day of the LORD in retrospect (locust army)
- (2) The imminent day of the LORD (Assyrian invasion)
- (3) The ultimate day of the LORD (Second Coming, 2:18-3:18)

Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities (3:1-2).

For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live (5:4).

6. **Amos** (“a burden”) (3:1-2; 5:4-8): righteous judgment on Israel and surrounding six nations

Prepare to meet thy God (4:12); seek the LORD, and ye shall live (5:3, 6, 8).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

- (1-2) Eight judgment prophecies (against eight nations)
- (3-6) Three sermons (against Israel and the “whole family” 3:1)
- (7-9) Five (or three) visions and a narrative (7:10-17) and five promises (9:11-15)

The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground (v. 3)?

7. **Obadiah** (“servant or worshiper of the Lord”) (vs. 3, 10, 15, 17, 21): the doom of Edom (and other nations) because of their mistreatment of Israel

Do not be deceived by the pride of your heart (v. 3); do not “look on” Israel in the day of his distress (v. 12); know that “upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness” (v. 17).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1-9) Edom to be brought down

(10-14) Edom’s sins against Jacob

(15-21) The Day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen, and Israel will be restored

They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy, But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD (2:8-9).

8. **Jonah** (“dove”) (1:1; 2:8-9; 3:1; 4:10-11): “salvation is of the LORD” (2:9) for God’s man and all the world
Be transparent with God and others and be teachable, don’t be peeved over insignificant (4:6-11).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) Jonah is called the first time and disobeys.

(2) Jonah cries out to God who delivers him.

(3) Jonah is called the second time and obeys.

(4) Jonah complains.

Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the LORD from His holy temple, For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of His place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth (1:2-3).

O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD straitened? are these His doings? do not My words do good to him that walketh uprightly (2:7)?

9. **Micah** (“who is like Jehovah?”) (1:2-3; 2:7; 5:1-2; 6:8; 7:18): coming judgment on Samaria (primarily) and Jerusalem (for ungodliness of individuals and leaders) (he lived in Judah)

Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God (6:8).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1-3) The LORD will **judge** Israel’s people and leaders.

(4-5) The LORD will **rule** everywhere as the Deliverer.

(6-7) The LORD will **help** man with what He requires.

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him (1:7)

10. **Nahum** (“consolation”) (1:7): the doom of Nineveh (1:1)
Trust that “the LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him” (1:7).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) Who God is (and therefore does)

(2) How God will do it (destroy Nineveh)

(3) Why God will do it

O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto Thee of violence, and Thou wilt not save (1:2)?

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he (1:13)?

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved (2:1).

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith (2:4).

O LORD, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy (3:2).

11. **Habakkuk** (“to embrace”) (1:2, 13; 2:1, 4; 3:2, 17-19): the doom of Babylon; the just shall live by faith, and God matures His children; from frustration to faith (MMin); problems of faith (GCM)
Know that “the just shall live by his faith” (2:4), and “joy in the God of my salvation” (3:18-19).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

(1) Coming invasion of the Chaldeans

(2) Coming judgment of God on the Chaldeans

(3) Coming of the LORD

(1:1-11) Habakkuk’s first question and God’s answer

(1:12-2:20) Habakkuk’s second question and God’s answer

(3:1-19) Habakkuk’s hymn of prayer, praise, and testimony!

The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness (1:14-15).

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger (2:3).

The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing (3:17). "Jn. 3:16 of OT!"

12. **Zephaniah** ("the LORD hides") (1:7, 14-15, 17; 2:3; 3:17): the day of the LORD and coming judgment on Judah and surrounding nations "because they have sinned against the LORD" (1:17), and the remnant (2:7, 9; 3:13) Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth (2:3); be glad and rejoice now for what is coming (3:14); rest in the LORD's love (3:13, 17).

Charles L. Feinberg *The Minor Prophets*, 1952

- (1) Judgment on Judah (1:1-2:3)
- (2) Judgment on nations surrounding Judah
- (3) Judgment on Jerusalem and restoration (3:9-20)

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

13. **Matthew** (16:16): **Jesus Christ the King**
Receive Him as King.

G. Campbell Morgan *Gospel According to Matthew*, 1929

- (1-3) Confirmation of the King (incl. 4:1-11)
- (4-18) Galilee and north
- (19-28) Jerusalem and south

- (1-4) Presentation of the King
- (5-7) Principles of the rule of the King (Sermon on the Mount)
- (8-12) Jurisdiction of the King manifested and rejected (12:24)
- (13) Mysteries of the Kingdom between the Advents
- (14-23) Ministry of the rejected King
- (24-25) Predicted return of the King (Olivet Discourse)
- (26-28) Death and resurrection of the King

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

14. **Mark** (10:45;1:1): **Jesus Christ the Servant**
Give your life in service to others.

D. Edmond Herbert *The Gospel of Mark*, 1974

- (1-10) Serve (10:45)
- (11-15) Suffer (8:34-37)
- (16) Succor (16:20)

- (1-9) Galilean ministry
- (10-16) Judean ministry

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

15. **John** (20:31): **Jesus is the Son of God**
Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and have true life.

Homer Kent *Light in the Darkness*, 1974

- (1-4) Jesus' Presentation
- (5-12) Jesus' Confrontations
- (13-17) Jesus' Private Instruction
- (18-21) Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

16. **Acts** (1:8): **witnesses**
Go! As ye are going, give the gospel.
Homer Kent *Jerusalem to Rome Studies in Acts*, 1972
- (1-7) Jerusalem
 - (8-12) Judea and Samaria
 - (13-28) Uttermost parts of the earth

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

17. **Romans** (1:16, 17; 6:23): **the righteousness of God, obtained (1-11) and practiced (12-16)** Here is the most complete explanation of the gospel, continues last verse of Acts;→ (I Cor. carnality problem)

Know, receive, and work out the gospel.

John Phillips *Exploring Romans*, 1969

- (1-3) Condemnation
- (4-5) Justification
- (6-8) Sanctification
- (9-11) Vindication
- (12-16) Application

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

18. **I Corinthians (1:10; 5:7;12:1): carnalities corrected and spiritualities constructed**

Promote the purity and unity of the church.

(Within the church) Purge out...the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump; fresh loaf, uncontaminated
don't become part of spiral!
maintain separated mindset

Matthew Henry *I, II Corinthians*, 1706

(1-11) Carnalities corrected

(12-16) Spiritualities constructed

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

19. **II Corinthians (4:1, 5, 6): restoration of a relationship and financial giving**

Restore broken relationships.

Matthew Henry *I, II Corinthians*, 1706

(1-7) Explanation of Paul's ministry

(8-9) Collection for the poor saints

(10-13) Enforcement of authority for edification

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

20. **Galatians (2:20): the just shall live and walk by faith Walk by faith.**

Martin Luther *Galatians*, Kregel, 1978

(1-2) Doctrine defended

(3-4) Doctrine explained

(5-6) Doctrine applied

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

21. **Ephesians (1:3; 4:1): doctrine (1-3) and duties (4-6) concerning the church our body here – our fellowship, most glorious!**

Know and rejoice in our relationship to Christ!

Homer Kent *The Glory of the Church*, 1971; John Stott *God's New Society*, 1979

(1) Blessings of redemption

(2) God's plan of salvation

(3) Paul's ministry

(4) Walk worthy

(5) Walk in Spirit, and relationships

(6) Spiritual warfare

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

22. **Philippians (4:4): the all sufficiency of Christ The world seeks joy in circumstances; the Christian life seeks it in everything.**

Find your sufficiency and joy in Christ.

William Hendriksen *Exposition of Philippians*, 1962

(1) Joy in suffering

(3) Joy in knowing Christ

(2) Joy in humiliation

(4) Joy in everything

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

23. **Colossians (1:17): the preeminence of Christ Be Christ-centered and fear the Lord!**

Homer Kent *Treasures of Wisdom*, 1978

(1) Christ's roles: Ruler, Redeemer, Image, Creator, Sustainer, Head of Church, Reconciler

(2) False philosophies: ritualism, angelism, asceticism

(3-4) Exalted living: put off-renew-put on, domestic duties; pray-walk-speak, greetings

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

24. **I Thessalonians (2:12,13; 4:10): establishing the Thessalonians in holiness—here's this theme again!; be established in holiness; separated mindset**

Increase more and more!

Edmund Hiebert *I and II Thessalonians*, 1992

(1-3) Paul's personal ministry - thanks, with them, away from them

(4-5) Paul's practical message - sanctification, rapture, Second Coming

- (1) Salvation, (2) Service, (3) Suffering,
- (4) Sanctification, (5) Security

So that ye were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

25. **II Thessalonians (1:7): suffering, Second Coming, and separate**

Continue standing knowing what's coming.

Edmund Hiebert *I and II Thessalonians*, 1992

- (1) (Sense in) suffering
- (2) Second Coming
- (3) Separate

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

26. **I Timothy (1:18; 4:12): the ministry and how to behave in church**

Hold yourself and your flock accountable for right doctrine and practice.

Homer Kent *The Pastoral Epistles*, 1958

- (1) (Right) doctrine
- (2) Public worship
- (3) Leadership and creed
- (4) The times and ministry
- (5) Fellow treatment: elders, others, widows
- (6) Doctrine, walk, accountability

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

27. **II Timothy (3:14): the ministry—encouragements**

Be encouraged to minister.

Homer Kent *The Pastoral Epistles*, 1958

- (1) Be unafraid
- (2) Serve seven-fold (pictures): son, soldier, athlete, farmer, student, vessel, servant
- (3) Withstand apostasy
- (4) Preach the word

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

28. **Titus (3:8): what we all should be**

Maintain good works.

Homer Kent *The Pastoral Epistles*, 1958

- (1) Elder qualifications – what we all should be!
- (2-3) Becoming sound doctrine

Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels.

29. **Philemon (v. 12): how to ask a favor (a model of influencing behavior which you can't command; direct behavior)**

Practice Christian forgiveness and acceptance.

Homer Kent *Treasurers of Wisdom*, 1978

(vs. 1-7) Paul's relationship with Philemon

(vs. 8-25) Philemon's relationship with Onesimus

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

30. **Revelation (1:1, 19; 21:3): the second unveiling of Jesus Christ to show His servants the future**

Live in light of the future.

Robert L. Thomas *Revelation*, 1992

W. A. Criswell, *Revelation*, 1962

(1-3) Church age

(4-18) The tribulation (from rapture to return)

(19-22) The millennium and eternity

How to Interpret the Bible

II Timothy 2:15

1. Literal vs. symbolic (Pro. 30:6)
2. Comparing scriptures (I Cor. 2:13) (in context of whole, rhema and logos) (progressive and systematic)
3. Reliance on Spirit (I Cor. 2:13)
4. Understanding of church (II P. 1:20)
5. Christ-centered (Jn. 5:39)

Other Study Helps

read cross references
attitude – early will I seek
separate Bible reading from study
simple reading
8 x through to remember
Word-study Bible

How to Pursue God

Pro.2:1-9; 4:7; Mt.6:33; Ps.42:1; 105:3-4; Is.55:6-time; Dt.12:5-place;
Phil.3:7-14

1. Study the Bible (and have your own notes) (II Tim.2:15).
2. Pray (II Chron.7:14).
3. Obey – He is known by obedient learning (II Chron.15:2; 31:21).
4. Enjoy and contemplate His creation (Ps.19:1-6; Pro.1:20).
5. See Him as your Beloved, Friend, Lord, God, King, and Father (SS.5:16; Jn.20:30; Rev.19:16; Mt.6:9).
6. Pray for illumination (Ps.119:18; Jn.6:45; Eph.1:18; 3:18; Col.2:2; Heb.10:32).