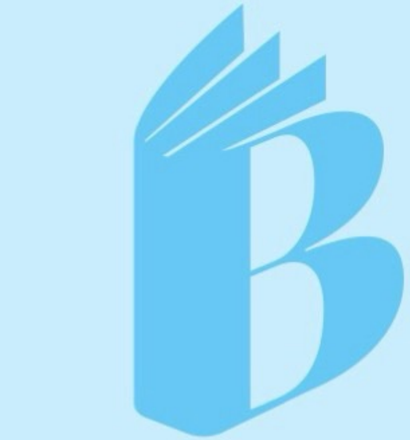


Book By Book

WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To give you the tools to study the Bible on your own with confidence, providing a better understanding of God and your relationship with him.

THE PLAN

Each month, we will introduce another book of the Bible and give you some guidance to help you study on your own.

LET'S ZOOM OUT

This year, we have started a three-year journey through the Old Testament.

Let's take a look at where we are.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
  What does the text say?
  (who, what, when, where, why and how?)

- **INTERPRETATION:**
  What does it mean?

- **APPLICATION:**
  What did I learn that should affect my life?
  (Is there a behavior, attitude or understanding that should change in my life?)

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Ask questions to understand the context:

- Who is speaking or who is this about?
- What is the subject or event being discussed?
- When, Where & Why did or will something happen to a particular person, people, or nation?
- How will it happen or how is it to be done?

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Look for Key Words and Phrases

- Key words and phrases are often repeated throughout a text for emphasis.

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Look for Lists

- Notice a group of related thoughts or instructions given.
- Follow a key word through a passage and note what is said each time it is used.

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Look for Contrasts and Comparisons

- These are highly descriptive and often create word pictures that make it easier to remember the truth being taught.

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Notice Expressions of Time

- Sometimes we overlook dates and times given that can shed light on the meaning of the text.
- Also, look for words such as *until, then*, *when*, and *after*, which helps us understand the sequence of events.

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Terms of Conclusion

- These usually follow an important sequence of thought that helps us understand the message.

  wherefore [that is why], therefore, for this reason, finally, so, so that

OBSERVATION – "HOW TO"

Take Your Time!

The more time you spend in Observation, the less time you will need to spend in Interpretation and the more accurate your results will be. The less time you spending Observation, the more time you will need to spend in Interpretation and the less accurate your results will be.

—Howard Hendricks

LOOKING BACK

DEUTERONOMY

REMEMBER, OBEY, TEACH

THE SETTING

On the 40th year, first day of the 11th month after the people had come out of Egypt.

Camped on the Plains of Moab, opposite Jericho

Moses spoke to all Israel (the young generation).

WHEN GOD'S ANSWER IS NO

23 "At that time I pleaded with the LORD and said, 24 'O Sovereign LORD, you have only begun to show your greatness and
the strength of your hand to me, your servant. Is there any god in heaven or on earth who can perform such great and
mighty deeds as you do? 25 Please let me cross the Jordan to see the wonderful land on the other side, the beautiful hill
country and the Lebanon mountains.'

26 "But the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he would not listen to me. 'That's enough!' he declared. 'Speak
of it no more. 27 But go up to Pisgah Peak, and look over the land in every direction. Take a good look, but you may not
cross the Jordan River.

OR JUST “NOT NOW”

[28] About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. [29] And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. [30] Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. [31] They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Luke 9:28-31

DECREES & REGULATIONS

REASONS & CONSEQUENCES

WHY LISTEN? OR OBEY?

“And now, Israel, listen carefully to these decrees and regulations that I am about to teach you. Obey them so that you may live, so you may enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

Deuteronomy 4:1

THEN WHAT?

6 Obey them completely, and you will display your wisdom and intelligence among the surrounding nations. When they hear all these decrees, they will exclaim, ‘How wise and prudent are the people of this great nation!’ 7 For what great nation has a god as near to them as the Lord our God is near to us whenever we call on him? 8 And what great nation has decrees and regulations as righteous and fair as this body of instructions that I am giving you today?

Deuteronomy 4:6-8

RUNAWAY MEMORIES

9 “But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren.

Deuteronomy 4:9

GROUP TALK

Sharing our faith and our memories

Here's something to discuss:

Have you tried to share your personal story – your faith journey with your children and grandchildren? How is that going?

BE CAREFUL – VERY CAREFUL!

Don’t make any idols.

Don’t worship the sun, moon or stars.

Do not make idols of any shape or form.

IF THE PEOPLE BREAK THE COVENANT

26 “Today I call on heaven and earth as witnesses against you. If you break my covenant, you will quickly disappear from the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy. You will live there only a short time; then you will be utterly destroyed. 27 For the Lord will scatter you among the nations, where only a few of you will survive. 28 There, in a foreign land, you will worship idols made from wood and stone—gods that neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

WHEN YOU SEARCH FOR GOD

29 But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.! 30 “In the distant future, when you are suffering all these things, you will finally return to the LORD your God and listen to what he tells you. 31 For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon you or destroy you or forget the solemn covenant he made with your ancestors.

Deuteronomy 4:29-30

GOD MADE A NATION FOR HIMSELF

34 Has any other god dared to take a nation for himself out of another nation by means of trials, miraculous signs, wonders, war, a strong hand, a powerful arm, and terrifying acts? Yet that is what the LORD your God did for you in Egypt, right before your eyes.

Deuteronomy 4:34

BUT WHY?

35 “He showed you these things so you would know that the LORD is God and there is no other. 36 He let you hear his voice from heaven so he could instruct you. He let you see his great fire here on earth so he could speak to you from it. 37 Because he loved your ancestors, he chose to bless their descendants, and he personally brought you out of Egypt with a great display of power. 38 He drove out nations far greater than you, so he could bring you in and give you their land as your special possession, as it is today.

Deuteronomy 4:35-38

BUT WHY?

39 “So remember this and keep it firmly in mind: The LORD is God both in heaven and on earth, and there is no other. 40 If you obey all the decrees and commands I am giving you today, all will be well with you and your children. I am giving you these instructions so you will enjoy a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”

Deuteronomy 4:39-40

GOD'S PROMISE REPEATED

33 Stay on the path that the LORD your God has commanded you to follow. Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

Deuteronomy 5:33

If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. 3 Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Deuteronomy 6:2-3

JESUS QUOTED FROM DEUTERONOMY

5 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5

And you must **love the LORD** your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' Mark 12:30

PASSING OUR FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

18 “So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands
and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 19 Teach them to your children. Talk about
them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and
when you are getting up. 20 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your
gates, 21 so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may
flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

LOOK OUT WHEN….

11 The houses will be richly stocked with goods you did not produce. You will draw water from cisterns you did not dig, and you will eat from vineyards and olive trees you did not plant. When you have eaten your fill in this land, 12 be careful not to forget the LORD, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

BUT WHY THEM??

7 “The LORD did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous
than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! 8 Rather, it was simply that
the LORD loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is
why the LORD rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the
oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. 9 Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God
is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations
and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.

BENEFITS OF FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE

(DEUTERONOMY 7:12-15)

The Lord will keep his covenant of unfailing love.

He will love you and bless you.

He will give you many children.

He will give fertility to your land and your animals.

You will have large harvests of grain, new wine, and olive oil.

You will have great herds of cattle, sheep and goats.

All of your livestock will bear young.

The Lord will protect you from all sickness.

He will not let you suffer from the terrible diseases you knew in Egypt.

ANOTHER QUOTE

3 Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 8:3

But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live **by bread alone**, but **by** every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4

AMONG SO MANY OTHER MIRACLES…

4 For all these forty years your clothes didn't wear out, and your feet didn't blister or swell.

Deuteronomy 8:4

SUMMED UP IN TWO...

6 “So obey the commands of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and fearing him.

Deuteronomy 8:6

DON'T EVEN SAY THIS IN YOUR HEART

4 "After the LORD your God has done this for you, don't say in your hearts, 'The LORD has given us this land because we are such good people!'

Deuteronomy 9:4

No, it is because of the wickedness of the other nations that he is pushing them out of your way. 5 It is not because you are so good or have such integrity that you are about to occupy their land. The LORD your God will drive these nations out ahead of you only because of their wickedness, and to fulfill the oath he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6 You must recognize that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land because you are good, for you are not—you are a stubborn people.

Deuteronomy 9:4-6

LOVE & OBEDIENCE

12 “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 10:12

FOLLOW CLOSE

22 “Be careful to obey all these commands I am giving you. Show love to the LORD your God by walking in his ways and holding tightly to him.

~~Deuteronomy 10:22~~

Deuteronomy 11:22

REQUIREMENTS FOR A KING

Must be a fellow Israelite.

Must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send people to Egypt to buy horses.

Must not take many wives for himself.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A KING

Must not accumulate large amounts of wealth in silver and gold for himself.

When he sits on the throne, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A KING

He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives.

That way he will learn to fear the Lord his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees.

This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A KING

It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way.

It will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel.

FALSE PROPHET?

21 “But you may wonder, ‘How will we know whether or not a prophecy is
from the LORD?’ 22 If the prophet speaks in the LORD’s name but his
prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the LORD did
not give that message. That prophet has spoken without my authority and
need not be feared.

WORTH MEMORIZING

29 “The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

Deuteronomy 29:29

IN THE FUTURE
(DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10)

"In the future, when you experience all these blessings and curses I have listed for you, and when you are living among the nations to which the LORD your God has exiled you, take to heart all these instructions. 2 If at that time you and your children return to the LORD your God, and if you obey with all your heart and all your soul all the commands I have given you today, 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes. He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you.

IN THE FUTURE
(DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10)

4 Even though you are banished to the ends of the earth, the LORD your God will gather you from there and bring you back again. 5 The LORD your God will return you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will possess that land again. Then he will make you even more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors!

IN THE FUTURE

(DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10)

6 “The LORD your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live! 7 The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate and persecute you. 8 Then you will again obey the LORD and keep all his commands that I am giving you today.

IN THE FUTURE
(DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10)

9 “The LORD your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the LORD will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors.

IN THE FUTURE

(DEUTERONOMY 30:1-10)

10 The LORD your God will delight in you if you obey his voice and keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

THE CHARGE TO JOSHUA

6 So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

CLOSING OUT THE BOOK

- Moses' Song (chapter 32)
- Moses' Blessings (chapter 33)
- Moses' Death (chapter 34)

NEXT BOOK

JOSHUA

Strong and Courageous

Promises Made & Fulfilled

Unlikely Heroes

Victories & Defeats

Astonishing Miracles

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.

For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

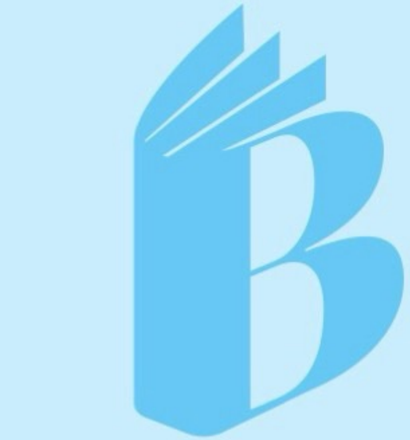
GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read at least two chapters of Joshua every day.
(There are only 24 chapters.)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain
as your read and study along with
any questions you encounter.

WANT MORE NOTES?

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