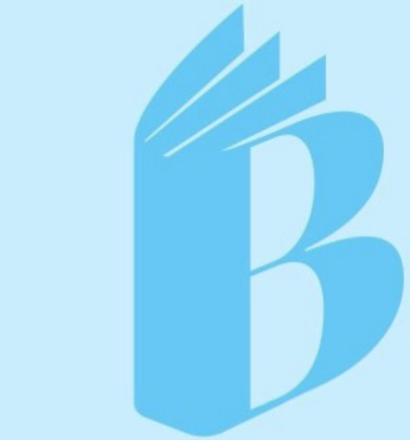


Book By Book

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.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
  What does the text say?
- **INTERPRETATION:**
  What does it mean?
- **APPLICATION:**
  What did I learn that should affect my life?

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)

THE TIMELINE

The Old Testament covers approximately 4,000 years.

Just the book of Genesis covers about 2,300 years.

GENESIS

Creation (Genesis 1,2)

The Fall (Genesis 3:1-7)

The Promise (Genesis 3:15)

Does it really matter?

IT'S PERSONAL, HERE'S WHY

Creation (Genesis 1,2)

- where we came from & why we're here
- what our world was like when everything was just as God designed it to be

(and what we can look forward to in the future)

IT'S PERSONAL, HERE'S WHY

The Fall (Genesis 3:1-7)

- what our ancestors did that still impacts us today
- explains the cause of all our suffering in this life

IT'S PERSONAL, HERE'S WHY

The Promise (Genesis 3:15)

- God's plan of redemption

  ...for the world and for each of us individually

THE PROMISE

"And I will put enmity (open hostility)
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed;
He shall [fatally] bruise your head,
And you shall [only] bruise His heel."

Genesis 3:15 (AMP)

THE PROMISE – HE'S COMING!

About 2,000 years later....

Abraham (Genesis 12:3)

Isaac (Genesis 17:19)

Jacob (Genesis 28:14)

Jacob’s prophecy over his sons (Genesis 49)

”The scepter shall not depart from Judah” (49:10)

AND THEN...

430 years of slavery in Egypt

40 years of wandering in the wilderness

Conquest of Canaan

Over 300 years under the Judges

THE UNITED KINGDOM

Kings Saul, David, and Solomon

The Messiah will come through the lineage of David.
(2 Samuel 7:12-13)

AN OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

GROUP TALK

Today's Headlines:
Looking Back and Looking Forward

Here's something to discuss:

What do you believe is the significance of the events in transpiring in Israel today?

REVIEW

RUTH

A PORTRAIT OF GRACE

A BAD DECISION

There was a famine in the land of Judah.

In reaction to the famine, a family from Bethlehem went to Moab, planning to be there only temporarily.

While on this temporary journey, Elimelech died.

Then the sons, Mahlon and Chilion married women from Moab.

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

They lived there about ten years.

Then Mahlon and Chilion died.

This left Naomi with Orpah and Ruth. All three widows.

A NEW SEASON

Word came that the famine was over in Judah.

Naomi decided to go back home and started out with Orpah and Ruth going with her.

Then, Naomi tried to persuade them to return to their people and their gods.

Orpah went back, but Ruth refused to leave Naomi.

When they came to Bethlehem, it was the beginning of barley harvest.

Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters and happened to go to the field belonging to Boaz who was a relative of Elimelech.

Boaz noticed Ruth right away and asked the foreman of the harvesters about her.

Boaz spoke to Ruth and let her know about special arrangements he made for her provision and protection.

When Ruth returned to Naomi that day, she had collected an entire basket [bushel] of barley along with some leftovers from lunch that had been provided by Boaz.

When Naomi found out Ruth had been gleaning in the field belonging to Boaz she was excited to let Ruth know that he was a close relative.

Ruth continued to work in that field throughout the barley harvest and continued through early summer for the wheat harvest. During all this time, she continued to live with Naomi.

AN UNLIKELY LOVE STORY

When it was time for threshing barley at the threshing floor, Naomi instructed Ruth to clean up, dress up and put on perfume. Then, she was to go to the threshing floor and wait for Boaz to lie down and sleep.

After Boaz was asleep, Ruth uncovered his feet, lay down and waited. When he awakened around midnight, Ruth asked him to redeem her.

Boaz explained that there was someone else more closely related, so he must be given the opportunity to redeem her first.

A HAPPY ENDING

Boaz called the close relative along with ten leaders of the town to be witnesses. He proposed the opportunity to redeem all of Elimelech's property, along with taking Ruth to be his wife.

The closer relative said he could not redeem the property and Ruth, because it might endanger his own estate.

That allowed Boaz to redeem [purchase] all of Elimelech's property from Naomi and take Ruth to be his wife.

After they were married, Ruth gave birth to Obed His son was Jesse who was the father of King David.

NEXT BOOK

1 SAMUEL

From Anarchy to Monarchy

A Dramatic Answer to Prayer

The Last of the Judges

A Priest Who Failed as a Father

Israel's First King and His Rebellion

A New King on the Run

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

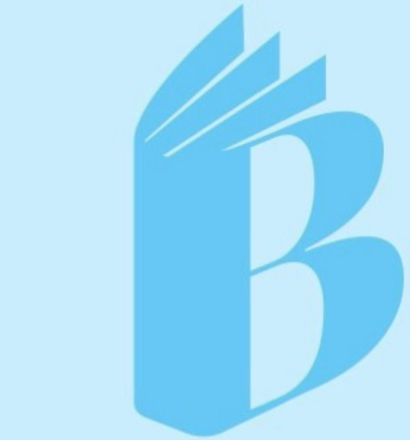
Read the book of 1 Samuel – at least once.

(There are 31 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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