

VISUALIZED BIBLE STUDY SERIES OUTLINE

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable, (unchangeable).

Read it to be wise, believe in 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 charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mind of wealth, a paradise of glory, and river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and be remembered forever. It will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with the sacred contents. (Writer Unknown)

This study lesson is outlined, formatted and "datarized", (data presented and discussed), for the purpose which it is hoped, and prayerfully so, to be explained in biblical truths by God breathed words of understanding so that the most benefit can be derived there from. There is the need for one to have a desire to know and understand the message of the bible. Man, God's creation, His greatest creation, does have a need to know the bible. Had not God created mankind there would not have been a need, the need for the Bible.

As we study this lesson we will learn and thus know, and yes understand great historical facts and truths about God and His word, the Bible. In this study we will come to know why man's need is so great to know the truth and come to realize and acknowledge this great need and benefit it is to him.

The Bible is the most important book on earth because it is God's only *written revelation* to us. We need to know the importance of the word, the written revelation, because each of us will be judged by "*The Bible.*" This we are told in Revelation 20:12. It's called or referred to as "The Book of Life."

You and I must have this knowledge. It is for one's own good and application to our lives by obedience and for the purpose of teaching its truths to others. There are important data, which are listed in this study writing. Again, it is for our benefit and for the already stated purpose. To get to Heaven we must have our name written in the Book of Life.

About forty different men of varying backgrounds wrote the Bible. It was written over a period of 1600 years with remarkable unity of message and harmony of purpose. This is known to be and credited to the fact that Divine Wisdom guided the writers.

Note what is said by Peter in 2 Peter 1:21:

“...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the HOLY SPIRIT.”

Galatians 1:11, 12, explained it, Paul speaking, and he said:

“But I make known to you brethren that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Again, Paul in 1Corinthians 2:12, 13 said:

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the SPIRIT who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the HOLY SPIRIT teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

Therefore, the Bible is the mind of God in human language. Isn’t that a blessing? Yes! The Bible is actually a library of 66 books. There are 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament. Both are very important to us and that will be explained as we continue. It is pointed out here that the New Testament books are the Christian’s guide for today. The Bible tells us in, Hebrews 1:1, 2 that in the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets. He spoke to them many times and in many different ways. It says that God has, in these last days, spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir to all things through whom also He made the Worlds.

In studying about the Bible and how it is arranged we need to consider it from the standpoint of its three periods of history. These are: *The Patriarchal Age, the Mosaic Age, and the Christian Age*. Now what we need to do is look at each Age and learn how God deals with man and our relationship to the whole scheme.

God spoke in the first period of time, (The Patriarchal Age), to the fathers of households such as Adam. The Patriarchal Age, the first period of Bible history began with the Creation. The recording of this begins in the first verse of the first

book of the Bible, Genesis. Which says, "*IN THE BEGINNING GOD...*" When God began to create He Created the heavens and the earth. Yes, that was what happened, and it was. And aren't we blessed.

Scientists now recognize five components, which make up the world: Time, force, energy, space and matter. All these components are in the very first words of the Bible: "In the beginning (time), God (force) created (energy) the heaven (space) and the earth (matter)."

There are many interesting and detailed events set forth in the Word of God's of the creation. These events or happenings are explained in detailed which God provides in Genesis, the book of the beginnings. In reading and studying of the creation it is very interesting and note is given that God created all things in logical order. He created them by speaking them into existence. God spoke and it was.

Having prepared the earth for man's home with plant and animal life to sustain him (man), God then said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." God completed, what was called His work in six days. It was on the sixth day that God created man. God saw that everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good (Genesis 1:31). On the seventh day God ended His work, which He had done. He rested from all His work (Genesis 2:1-3).

Do we realize how great God is? Think about it, and knowing that God created all things, yea all things; in an expression of today we'd say, AWESOME! That is, inspiring awe, in explanation). All things that God created from the beginning was for preparation and benefit of man and God gave it to man to have dominion over...to rule over all His creation. That's a gift from God, a contract of sorts, with only one provision, well two really, love through faith and obedience.

How well man performed after his responsibilities were given to him, and how God dealt with man is set forth in the history pages of the *Patriarchal Age* which began with Adam, the first man, and his wife Eve, in the Garden of Eden, a paradise on earth provided to man by God.

Adam and Eve were blessed to have the power of choice, a blessing given them, by God. We have the same blessing today, and it will be so as long as man remains here on earth. In the Garden Adam and Eve made a bad choice, they disobeyed. They were warned; they were forbidden; they were tempted; they yielded; their choice was a bad choice; they sinned; they were separated from God! Death came as the result of sin. Death means "*separation.*" Separation from God means spiritual death and eternal doom to their souls. But God had a plan, even before He created the world. It will be revealed.

The scripture study of the Patriarchal Age is inclusive in Genesis 1 through Exodus 12:51 when the LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies. Stories happenings, situations and conditions among men and their disobedience and resulting punishments are detailed also of the people in this period of Biblical History.

To identify and learn of some of these Patriarchal Age happenings we can look and study the situation identified by these headings: *GARDEN OF EDEN; SACRIFICE FOR SIN; WICKEDNESS AND EVIL HEARTS; NOAH AND THE FLOOD; HISTORY OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC; THE STORY OF JACOB AND JOSEPH; THE STORY OF JOSEPH IN EGYPT; BIRTH OF MOSES; MOSES FREES ISRAEL*. The study of these biblical stories and happenings are found in the Book of Genesis through Exodus 18. It is a great study for everyone. And yes, we all should study this period of history. It is one of the paths, which leads us to where we need to go, to the next path, which is: "The Mosaic Age"

The Mosaic Age, (the second Age of Bible history), is named after Moses, through whom God gave the OLD TESTAMENT LAW to the Jews, (John 1:17). This age begins with Moses and covers Old Testament history through the life and times of Jesus to his death on the cross. It is sometimes said this way, "From Moses to the Cross." An interesting note I want to make in the study of the Mosaic Age in which the history of events are highlighted. Can you, in your mind, imagine the "Wilderness Wanderings", as it is referred to, and is the first, of ten, event highlighted in the Mosaic Age, and the wanderings lasting for 40 years?

The ten highlighted event of the Mosaic Age are: (1) About the Israelites in the WILDERNESS; (2) MOUNT SINAI; (3) The TABERNACLE; (4) how the Children of Israel entered CANAAN; (5) the JUDGES; (6) the KINGS; (7) the DIVIDED KINGDOM - JUDAH & ISRAEL; (8) the PROPHETS; (9) JESUS' BIRTH; and, (10) JESUS' MINISTRY.

So great the reward, and the joy of heart it is to study the history of mankind. So great the knowledge one can gain by study of man's Creator, The God of Heaven and Earth, the Creator of the Universe and all that was *created* and or *made*. Note the expression, "made." Is there a question?

The study of the Mosaic Age is a study of (time-events) which are analyzed by the Scriptures. They will impact all the emotions of man. And each event with its struggles lead to the next, then to the next, and they continue until the birth and ministry of Jesus Christ. Suffering, yes! Wandering...yes! Death...yes! Division...yes! Idolatry...yes! Prophecy...yes! Births...yes! In the study, of the Mosaic Age we will learn that with the death of Christ the second period of Bible History and The Old Testament Law both came to an end.

Next we will learn that the glorious resurrection of Jesus and His ascension back to God His Father in Heaven is the beginning of our own *CHRISTIAN AGE*. The highlights of this Age, the third and last Bible Age begins with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and will end when He comes again.

The study of the Christian Age you will see GOD'S SPIRITUAL KINGDOM The CHURCH established; the things necessary to make up a kingdom; blessings within the CHURCH- KINGDOM; and God's pattern for HIS CHURCH found only in the Bible: the beginning marks; unity in the ONE CHURCH; the organization; God's names for the redeemed; the rule of faith; the worship; the membership; and the mission of HIS CHURCH on earth. The details in explaining spiritual components necessary to the sustaining existence of each of these are exciting to ones' emotion and are faith and love strengthening.

In this study it will be interesting to learn exclusive names and phrases that God has chosen to use to identify HIS CHURCH and HIS PEOPLE. Most people are surprised to learn that God never chose one exclusive name for HIS CHURCH. However, when the Scriptures refer to the CHURCH, God has chosen descriptive phrases which set forth some of the most distinctive characteristics of the church.

In the study of the Christian Age there will be detailed explanations to GOD'S PATTERN for not only "Beginning Marks" of HIS CHURCH and HIS PEOPLE names, but also for UNITY; ORGANIZATION; GOD'S NAMES; RULES OF FAITH; WORSHIP; MEMBERSHIP; and MISSION. All of these...all are written down in the Holy Word of God, the Bible. They are applicable to all mankind.

In closing the Christian Age study you are challenged with this significant thought. Just after the apostles had seen Jesus ascend through the clouds to return to His Father, angels of the Lord promised them that He would come again (Acts 1:10,11). The apostle John later said, "*Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him*" (Revelation 1:7). In His love and mercy God has made provisions for *everyone's salvation through Christ and HIS CHURCH* (Revelation 1:5, 6). During the present Christian Age each of us must choose where he will spend eternity (2 Corinthians 5:10). If we are unprepared for heaven when Christ returns we can blame only ourselves (Hebrews 2:3).

There is a lesson, #4, in the Visualized Bible Study Series, the title is, "God's Plan for Redeeming Man." We all need to study, and teach this lesson. It is powerful and I want to set forth a couple of paragraphs to introduce the lesson to you. The first paragraph of the lesson is given the titled: "Purpose of The Lesson."

The purpose is:

1. To set forth God's plan of redemption through the precious blood of Jesus.
2. To show where a person must come in contact with the blood before he can be saved.
3. To assure a person that he can know where he stands with God.

Lesson #4 Synopsis:

Every person on earth is hopelessly lost until he is delivered from the bonds of sin. God sent His Son into the world to deliver the sinner from eternal punishment. God's love and concern for mankind is manifest through the various miracles of Jesus. Jesus announced the plan of redemption to His disciples who in their ministry gave us examples of Bible conversion. A person must meet the conditions of salvation through faith in Jesus before he can be redeemed.

There is a lesson, #5, and the final lesson, in the series of study. The purpose of lesson #5 is:

1. To give a brief summary of mankind from the very creation, showing how men have continually left God and His divine will and in doing so have brought upon themselves misery and headaches.
2. Showing also how men in our Christian era left God's New Testament truth, which has resulted in the doctrine of men and religious strife and divisions.
3. To assure the believer that religious unity is possible through the Lord's church, which is founded upon Christ and His Holy Word.

Lesson #5 Synopsis:

Beginning with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, man has always tended to depart from God. Even after Jesus established His church men continued to depart from God's way. Religious leaders departed from God's way by substituting their own ways for God's Way. These departures resulted in gradual development of the Roman State Church or Catholicism in the sixth century followed by the establishment of various denominations in the sixteenth and following centuries. Our lesson closes with the plea voiced by members of Christ's Church, throughout the world: let us all go back beyond Denominationalism and Catholicism to God's Way as revealed in the New Testament. In this way all may be one in Christ Jesus.

This writing is an outline of the “Visualized Bible Study Series.” I prepared this with a prayer that you study this outline with an open and receptive heart and that you became motivated, by love, resulting in a great desire to study with me the Visualized Bible Study Series in their entirety. We can study the lessons, along with our Bible with assurance and a blessing of heart. The lessons content are God’s Word reviewed, explained, and are applicable. They are a great Bible study!

If, after study of this outline and after considerations we can, if you wish, go over this outline together, then if you wish we can view and study the five lessons together. We can study in the privacy of your home, my home, or at the church building...day or night, anytime! I’m retired from public work and I am serving God and you! The lessons are on video and thus a very convenient way to view and study them.

The Visualized Bible Study Series is a great way to study, learn and teach and teach others to teach. These lessons are a challenge to anyone to become an obedient child of God and walk with Him, doing His Will, diligently and faithfully. You can come to know without any-shadow-of- a-doubt that you are saved and that you and will go to Heaven and be with God and ALL the SAINTS forever. God invites!

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PS: If you, any one in your family, or all of a total family haven’t viewed the Visualized Bible Study Series, and you or they have the desire to be familiar with the use of the equipment and operation and lesson content, so that you can use it in bible studies, I am ready, and desirous to help you. It is a great way to study with someone. Helping you or anyone will help me and answer my prayers. I’ll tell you... I love, and want to be your servant. God bless all of us!