

STUDY GUIDE

Basic Skills of Bible Study

- 1) Name three excuses that people give for not studying the Bible.
- 2) The Bible is a collection of _____ books, categorized into the divisions of _____ and _____.
- 3) The Bible was written by _____ authors over a period of _____ years.
- 4) The Spirit uses the Bible to reveal the _____, _____, and _____ of God.
- 5) Name two important reasons to study the Bible.
- 6) Name four important basic principles to keep in view for proper biblical interpretation.
- 7) What is meant by the Bible being its own interpreter?
- 8) The Bible provides at least three levels of meaning. What are they?
- 9) Why is revelation important in studying the Word of God?
- 10) The Bible is a _____ book backed by archeology, and a _____ book that has lived up to all of its claims thus far.
- 11) All scripture is given by _____ and is profitable for _____, for _____, for _____, for _____.
- 12) What is meant by the scripture being “inspired?”
- 13) Why can we trust God that He is true?
- 14) By what three general standards can we conclude that the Bible is true?
- 15) What are the Dead Sea scrolls? What is significance of the Dead Sea scrolls?
- 16) What was Jesus’ view of the then-known Bible?
- 17) What are presently two original manuscripts available for translators to use?
- 18) From which was the King James Version translated from?
- 19) Why was this particular manuscript so important?
- 20) What was the Septuagint?
- 21) What is the difference between a translation and a paraphrase of the Bible?
- 22) What is an example of a paraphrase?
- 23) Name four of the major English translations of the Bible.
- 24) According to one source, which version of the Bible is “rapidly developing into the closest thing to a standard Bible among evangelical Bible-reading people in America?”
- 25) What is unique about “The Message” version of the Bible as it relates to the vernacular of biblical times?
- 26) At that time in the Greek-speaking world, there were two levels of language: _____ and _____.
- 27) The _____ level was used to write philosophy, history, government decrees, and epic poetry.
- 28) The purpose of The Message was not to render a _____ conversion of Greek into English, but rather to convert the tone, the rhythm, the events, and the ideas into the way that we actually think and speak.
- 29) What was probably the greatest weakness of the *King James Version* was the fact that _____.

- 30) Give an example in the Scripture where the placement of a comma makes a difference in the meaning of the passage.
- 31) List ten important types of books that are necessary for effective Bible study.
- 32) Give an example or specific title of each.
- 33) Complete the following:
- “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, _____
_____.” (2 Timothy 2:15).
 - “All scripture is given by _____...” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - “Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that _____ . For precept must be _____, precept upon precept; line upon _____, line upon line: here _____ and there _____ . (Isaiah 28:9-10).
 - Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture _____
_____. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but _____ (2 Peter 1:20-21).
- 34) Who were the Bereans? What were they noted for?
- 35) What is the difference between “exegesis” and “eisogesis?”
- 36) What is meant by carefully considering the “context of a passage?”
- 37) What is “typology?”
- 38) Why is it important to consider the culture of the time the Scripture was written?
- 39) Give an example from Scripture where knowledge of the culture is important.
- 40) What is meant by “interpreting scripture by other scriptures?”
- 41) What is the science of interpretation called?
- 42) How is the principle of the Bible, “...established in the mouth of two or three witnesses,” applied to Bible interpretation?
- 43) What is meant by “the law of first mention?” Give an example.
- 44) Name five practical rules for profitable Bible Study.
- 45) What resource can be used by a layman who does not understand the ancient languages in understanding particular words in the original Greek or Hebrew?
- 46) What is the difference between an allegory and a parable?
- 47) Where would you advise a new believer to begin studying the Bible?
- 48) What is meant by the “topical” method of studying the Bible?
- 49) Name a popular Topical Bible.
- 50) What is meant by the “exegetical” method of Bible study?
- 51) Name the six steps of the Exegetical Method.
- 52) In what important way does secular history recognize the existence of the person of Jesus Christ in terms of dates?
- 53) What does BC mean? AD? BCE?
- 54) All of the historical events chronicled in the Bible occurred either before the birth of Jesus or within _____ of His birth.
- 55) Why is it not necessary to remember exact dates of Bible events?

- 56) A Timeline for remembering the important events of the Bible center around five individuals, separate in general by 500 years. Who are these five persons, and what is the general timeline of each?
- 57) Name at least three Biblical characters associated with each of the above 500-year periods.
- 58) Know the symbolic meanings of the words given in Lesson 8.
- 59) Know the following symbols used in Revelation:
- a) Air.
 - b) Babylon.
 - c) Beast.
 - d) Blood.
 - e) Bride.
 - f) Candlesticks.
 - g) City.
 - h) Crown.
 - i) Darkness.
 - j) Dust.
 - k) Earth.
 - l) Flood.
 - m) Garments.
 - n) Golden.
 - o) Green.
 - p) Heaven.
 - q) Incense.
 - r) Jezebel.
 - s) Jerusalem.
 - t) New Jerusalem.
 - u) Lamb.
 - v) Lion.
 - w) Linen.
 - x) Mountain.
 - y) Naked.
 - z) Pearl.
 - aa) Pillar.
 - bb) Plagues.
 - cc) Purple.
 - dd) Rainbow.
 - ee) Rod.
 - ff) Stars.
 - gg) Tabernacle.
 - hh) Temple.
 - ii) Throne.
 - jj) Trumpet.
 - kk) Vials.
 - ll) War.
 - mm) Water.
 - nn) Waters.

- oo) White.
- pp) Whore.
- qq) Winepress.
- rr) Woman.

60) Know the following Bible weights and measures:

- a) Cubit
- b) Farthing.
- c) Mite.
- d) Penny
- e) Pound
- f) Shekel.
- g) Talent.
- h) Sabbath Day's Journey.