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Excerpt from William Tyndale's Prologue
to the first printed English New Testament,
published in 1525:

I have here translated, brethren and sisters most dear and tenderly beloved in Christ, the New Testament for your spiritual edifying, consolation and solace, exhorting instantly and beseeching those that are more knowledgeable in the tongues than I, and that have higher gifts of grace to interpret the sense of Scripture, and meaning of the Spirit, than I, to consider and ponder my labor, and that with the spirit of meekness. And if they perceive in any places that I have not attained the very sense of the tongue, or meaning of the Scripture, or have not given the right English word, that they put to their hands to amend it, remembering that so is their duty to do. For we have not received the gifts of God for ourselves only, or for to hide them; but for to bestow them unto the honoring of God and Christ and edifying of the congregation, which is the body of Christ.

PREFACE

In this wonderful day of many new translations and revisions, we can greet another new one with either dread or joy! Dread that “people will become confused” or joy that some will understand more perfectly what the Bible is talking about. We choose the way of joy! For each new presentation of God’s Word will find its circle, large or small, of those to whom it will minister strength and blessing.

This book, though arriving late on the current translation scene, has been under way for many years. It has undergone several major manuscript revisions and has been under the careful scrutiny of a team of Greek and Hebrew experts to check content, and of English critics for style. Their many suggestions have been largely followed, though none of those consulted feels entirely satisfied with the present result. This is therefore a tentative edition. Further suggestions as to both renderings and style will be gladly considered as future printings are called for.

A word should be said here about paraphrases. What are they? To paraphrase is to restate something in different words than the author used, normally with the goal of clarifying the meaning of what was originally communicated. This book is a paraphrase of the Old and New Testaments. Its purpose is to say as exactly as possible what the writers of the Scriptures meant, and to say it simply, expanding where necessary to promote a clear understanding for the modern reader.

The Bible writers often used idioms and patterns of thought that are hard for us to follow today. Frequently the thought sequence is fast-moving, leaving gaps for the reader to understand and fill in, or the thought jumps ahead or backs up to something said before (as one would do in conversation) without clearly stating the antecedent reference. Sometimes the result for us, with our present-day stress on careful sentence construction and sequential logic, is that we are left far behind.

Then, too, the writers often have compressed enormous thoughts into single technical words that are full of meaning, but need expansion and amplification if we are to be sure of understanding

what the author meant to include in such words as “justification,” “righteousness,” “redemption,” “baptism for the dead,” “elect,” and “saints.” Such amplification is permitted in a paraphrase but exceeds the responsibilities of a strict translation.

There are dangers in paraphrases, as well as value. For whenever the author’s exact words are not translated from the original languages, there is a possibility that the translator, however honest, may be giving the English reader something that the original writer did not mean to say. This is because a paraphrase is guided not only by the translator’s skill in simplifying, but also by the clarity of his understanding of what the author meant and by his theology. For when the Greek or Hebrew is not clear, then the theology of the translator is his guide, along with his sense of logic, unless perchance the translation is allowed to stand without any clear meaning at all. The theological lodestar in this book has been a rigid evangelical position.


If this paraphrase helps to simplify the deep and often complex thoughts of the Word of God, and if it makes the Bible easier to understand and follow, deepening the Christian lives of its readers and making it easier for them to follow their Lord, then the book has achieved its goal.

KENNETH N. TAYLOR
Adapted from the preface to the
first edition of *Living Letters*



OLD
TESTAMENT

GENESIS

 **1** When God began creating* the heavens and the earth,² the earth was* a shapeless, chaotic mass,* with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.*

³Then God said, “Let there be light.” And light appeared. ⁴⁻⁵And God was pleased with it and divided the light from the darkness. He called the light “daytime,” and the darkness “nighttime.” Together they formed the first day.*

⁶And God said, “Let the vapors separate* to form the sky above and the oceans below.” ⁷⁻⁸So God made the sky, dividing the vapor above from the water below. This all happened on the second day.*

⁹⁻¹⁰Then God said, “Let the water beneath the sky be gathered into oceans so that the dry land will emerge.” And so it was. Then God named the dry land “earth,” and the water “seas.” And God was pleased. ¹¹⁻¹²And he said, “Let the earth burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant, and fruit trees with seeds inside the fruit, so that these seeds will produce the kinds of plants and fruits they came from.” And so it was, and God was pleased. ¹³This all occurred on the third day.*

¹⁴⁻¹⁵Then God said, “Let bright lights appear in the sky to give light to the earth and to identify the day and the night; they shall bring about the seasons on the earth, and mark the days and years.” And so it was. ¹⁶For God had made two huge lights, the sun and moon, to shine down upon the earth—the larger one, the sun, to preside over the day and the smaller

one, the moon, to preside through the night; he had also made the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the sky to light the earth, ¹⁸and to preside over the day and night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God was pleased. ¹⁹This all happened on the fourth day.*

²⁰Then God said, “Let the waters teem with fish and other life, and let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.” ²¹⁻²²So God created great sea animals, and every sort of fish and every kind of bird. And God looked at them with pleasure, and blessed them all. “Multiply and stock the oceans,” he told them, and to the birds he said, “Let your numbers increase. Fill the earth!” ²³That ended the fifth day.*

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth every kind of animal—cattle and reptiles and wildlife of every kind.” And so it was. ²⁵God made all sorts of wild animals and cattle and reptiles. And God was pleased with what he had done.


²⁶Then God said, “Let us make a man*—someone like ourselves,* to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas.”

²⁷ So God made man like his Maker.
Like God did God make man;
Man and maid did he make them.

²⁸And God blessed them and told them, “Multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; you are masters of the fish and birds and all the animals. ²⁹And look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. ³⁰And I’ve given all the grass and plants to the animals

1:1 *When God began creating*, or “In the beginning God created.” **1:2** *the earth was*, or “the earth became.” *a shapeless, chaotic mass*, or “shapeless and void.” *over the dark vapors*, or “over the cloud of darkness;” or “over the darkness and waters,” or “over the dark gaseous mass.” There is not one correct way to translate these words. **1:4-5** *Together they formed the first day*, literally, “And there was evening and there was morning, one day (or ‘period of time’).” **1:6** *Let the vapors separate*, literally, “Let there be a dome to divide the waters.” **1:7-8** *This all happened on the second day*, literally, “There was evening and there was morning, a second day (or ‘period of time’).” **1:13** *This all occurred on the third day*, literally, “And there was evening and there was morning, a third day (or ‘period of time’).” **1:19** *This all happened on the fourth day*, literally, “And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day (or ‘period of time’).” **1:23** *That ended the fifth day*, literally, “And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day (or ‘period of time’).” **1:26** *a man*, literally, “men.” *someone like ourselves*, literally, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness.”

and birds for their food.”³¹ Then God looked over all that he had made, and it was excellent in every way. This ended the sixth day.*

 **2** Now at last the heavens and earth were successfully completed, with all that they contained.² So on the seventh day, having finished his task, God ceased from this work he had been doing,³ and God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he ceased this work of creation.

⁴Here is a summary of the events in the creation of the heavens and earth when the Lord God made them.

⁵There were no plants or grain sprouting up across the earth at first, for the Lord God hadn't sent any rain; nor was there anyone to farm the soil.⁶ (However, water welled up from the ground at certain places and flowed across the land.)


⁷The time came when the Lord God formed a man's body from the dust of the ground* and breathed into it the breath of life. And man became a living person.

⁸Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, to the east, and placed in the garden the man he had formed.⁹ The Lord God planted all sorts of beautiful trees there in the garden, trees producing the choicest of fruit. At the center of the garden he placed the Tree of Life, and also the Tree of Conscience, giving knowledge of Good and Bad.¹⁰ A river from the land of Eden flowed through the garden to water it; afterwards the river divided into four branches.¹¹⁻¹² One of these was named the Pishon; it winds across the entire length of the land of Havilah,* where nuggets of pure gold are found, also beautiful bdellium and even lapis lazuli.¹³ The second branch is called the Gihon, crossing the entire length of the land of Cush.¹⁴ The third branch is the Tigris, which flows to the east of the city of Asher. And the fourth is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden as its gardener, to tend and care for it.¹⁶⁻¹⁷ But the Lord God gave the man this warning: “You may eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the Tree of Conscience—for its fruit will open your eyes to make you aware of right and wrong, good and bad. If you eat its fruit, you will be doomed to die.”

¹⁸And the Lord God said, “It isn't good for man to be alone; I will make a companion for him, a helper suited to his needs.”¹⁹⁻²⁰ So the Lord God formed from the soil every kind of animal and bird, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever he called them, that was their name. But still there was no proper helper for the man.²¹ Then the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the place from which he had removed it,²² and made the rib into a woman, and brought her to the man.

²³“This is it!” Adam exclaimed. “She is part of my own bone and flesh! Her name is ‘woman’ because she was taken out of a man.”²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife in such a way that the two become one person.*²⁵ Now although the man and his wife were both naked, neither of them was embarrassed or ashamed.

 **3** The serpent was the craftiest of all the creatures the Lord God had made. So the serpent came to the woman. “Really?” he asked. “None of the fruit in the garden? God says you mustn't eat *any* of it?”

²⁻³“Of course we may eat it,” the woman told him. “It's only the fruit from the tree at the *center* of the garden that we are not to eat. God says we mustn't eat it or even touch it, or we will die.”

⁴“That's a lie!” the serpent hissed. “You'll not die! ⁵God knows very well that the instant you eat it you will become like him,

1:31 This ended the sixth day, literally, “And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day (or ‘period of time’).” **2:7** from the dust of the ground, or “from a lump of soil,” or “from clods in the soil,” or “from a clod of clay.” **2:11-12** the land of Havilah, located along the border of Babylonia. **2:24** become one person, literally, “become one flesh.”

for your eyes will be opened—you will be able to distinguish good from evil!”

⁶The woman was convinced. How lovely and fresh looking it was! And it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit and gave some to her husband, and he ate it too. ⁷And as they ate it, suddenly they became aware of their nakedness, and were embarrassed. So they strung fig leaves together to cover themselves around the hips.

⁸That evening they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and they hid themselves among the trees. ⁹The Lord God called to Adam, “Why are you hiding?”*

¹⁰And Adam replied, “I heard you coming and didn’t want you to see me naked. So I hid.”

¹¹“Who told you you were naked?” the Lord God asked. “Have you eaten fruit from the tree I warned you about?”

¹²“Yes,” Adam admitted, “but it was the woman you gave me who brought me some, and I ate it.”

¹³Then the Lord God asked the woman, “How could you do such a thing?”

“The serpent tricked me,” she replied.

¹⁴So the Lord God said to the serpent, “This is your punishment: You are singled out from among all the domestic and wild animals of the whole earth—to be cursed. You shall grovel in the dust as long as you live, crawling along on your belly. ¹⁵From now on you and the woman will be enemies, as will your offspring and hers. You will strike his heel, but he will crush your head.”


¹⁶Then God said to the woman, “You shall bear children in intense pain and suffering; yet even so, you shall welcome your husband’s affections, and he shall be your master.”

¹⁷And to Adam, God said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit when I told you not to, I have placed a curse upon the soil. All your life you will struggle to extract a living from it. ¹⁸It will grow thorns and thistles for you, and you shall eat its grasses. ¹⁹All your life you will sweat to master it, until your

dying day. Then you will return to the ground from which you came. For you were made from the ground, and to the ground you will return.”

²⁰The man named his wife Eve (meaning “The life-giving one”),* for he said, “She shall become the mother of all mankind”; ²¹and the Lord God clothed Adam and his wife with garments made from skins of animals.

²²Then the Lord said, “Now that the man has become as we are, knowing good from bad, what if he eats the fruit of the Tree of Life and lives forever?” ²³So the Lord God banished him forever from the Garden of Eden, and sent him out to farm the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴Thus God expelled him, and placed mighty angels at the east of the Garden of Eden, with a flaming sword to guard the entrance to the Tree of Life.

 **4** Then Adam had sexual intercourse with Eve his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to a son, Cain (meaning “I have created”). For, as she said, “With God’s help, I have created a man!” ²Her next child was his brother, Abel.

Abel became a shepherd, while Cain was a farmer. ³At harvest time Cain brought the Lord a gift of his farm produce, ⁴and Abel brought the fatty cuts of meat from his best lambs, and presented them to the Lord. And the Lord accepted Abel’s offering, ⁵but not Cain’s. This made Cain both dejected and very angry, and his face grew dark with fury.

⁶“Why are you angry?” the Lord asked him. “Why is your face so dark with rage? ⁷It can be bright with joy if you will do what you should! But if you refuse to obey, watch out. Sin is waiting to attack you, longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it!”

⁸One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were together there, Cain attacked and killed his brother.

3:9 Why are you hiding? or “Where are you?” **3:20** Eve (meaning “The life-giving one”). Many Hebrew names are based on puns. In this instance the Hebrew word for Eve sounds similar to a Hebrew word that means “life-giving.”

⁹But afterwards the Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?”

“How should I know?” Cain retorted. “Am I supposed to keep track of him wherever he goes?”

¹⁰But the Lord said, “Your brother’s blood calls to me from the ground. What have you done? ¹¹You are hereby banished from this ground which you have defiled with your brother’s blood. ¹²No longer will it yield crops for you, even if you toil on it forever! From now on you will be a fugitive and a tramp upon the earth, wandering from place to place.”

¹³Cain replied to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴For you have banished me from my farm and from you, and made me a fugitive and a tramp; and everyone who sees me will try to kill me.”

¹⁵The Lord replied, “They won’t kill you, for I will give seven times your punishment to anyone who does.” Then the Lord put an identifying mark on Cain as a warning not to kill him. ¹⁶So Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

¹⁷Then Cain’s wife conceived and presented him with a baby son named Enoch; so when Cain founded a city, he named it Enoch, after his son.


¹⁸Enoch was the father of* Irad; Irad was the father of Mehujael; Mehujael was the father of Methusael; Methusael was the father of Lamech.

¹⁹Lamech married two wives—Adah and Zillah. ²⁰To Adah was born a baby named Jabal. He became the first of the cattlemen and those living in tents. ²¹His brother’s name was Jubal, the first musician—the inventor of the harp and flute.* ²²To Lamech’s other wife, Zillah, was born Tubal-cain. He opened the first foundry* forging instruments of bronze and iron.

²³One day Lamech said to Adah and Zillah, “Listen to me, my wives. I have killed

a youth who attacked and wounded me. ²⁴If anyone who kills Cain will be punished seven times, anyone taking revenge against me for killing that youth should be punished seventy-seven times!”

²⁵Later on Eve gave birth to another son and named him Seth (meaning “Granted”); for, as Eve put it, “God has granted me another son for the one Cain killed.” ²⁶When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. It was during his lifetime that men first began to call themselves “the Lord’s people.”*

 **5** Here is a list of some of the descendants of Adam*—the man who was like God* from the day of his creation. ²God created man and woman and blessed them, and called them Man from the start.

³⁻⁵*Adam*: Adam was 130 years old when his son Seth was born,* the very image of his father in every way.* After Seth was born,* Adam lived another 800 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 930.

⁶⁻⁸*Seth*: Seth was 105 years old when his son Enosh was born. Afterwards he lived another 807 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 912.

⁹⁻¹¹*Enosh*: Enosh was ninety years old when his son Kenan was born. Afterwards he lived another 815 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 905.

¹²⁻¹⁴*Kenan*: Kenan was seventy years old when his son Mahalalel was born. Afterwards he lived another 840 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 910.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷*Mahalalel*: Mahalalel was sixty-five years old when his son Jared was born. Afterwards he lived 830 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 895.

¹⁸⁻²⁰*Jared*: Jared was 162 years old when his son Enoch was born. Afterwards he

4:18 *Enoch was the father of*, or “the ancestor of,” and so also in the remainder of the verse. **4:21** *the inventor of the harp and lute*, literally, “the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe.” **4:22** *He opened the first foundry*, literally, “He was the father of all metal workers in bronze and iron.” **4:26** *It was during . . . “the Lord’s people,”* literally, “This man was the first to invoke the name of Jehovah.” **5:1** *Here is a list of some of the descendants of Adam*, literally, “This is the roll of Adam’s descendants.” *the man who was like God*, literally, “in the likeness of God.” **5:3-5** *when his son Seth was born*, or by Hebrew usage, “when his son, the ancestor (of Seth) was born.” So also in vv. 6, 9, 15, 18, 21, 25, 28, 32. *the very image of his father in every way*, literally, “in his own likeness, after his image.” *After Seth was born*, or by Hebrew usage, “After this ancestor of Seth was born.”


lived another 800 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 962.

²¹⁻²⁴*Enoch*: Enoch was sixty-five years old when his son Methuselah was born. Afterwards he lived another 300 years in fellowship with God, and produced sons and daughters; then, when he was 365, and in constant touch with God, he disappeared, for God took him!

²⁵⁻²⁷*Methuselah*: Methuselah was 187 years old when his son Lamech was born; afterwards he lived another 782 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 969.

²⁸⁻³¹*Lamech*: Lamech was 182 years old when his son Noah was born. Lamech named him Noah (meaning “Relief”) because he said, “He will bring us relief from the hard work of farming this ground which God has cursed.” Afterwards Lamech lived 595 years, producing sons and daughters, and died at the age of 777.

³²*Noah*: Noah was 500 years old and had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

 **6** Now a population explosion took place upon the earth. It was at this time that beings from the spirit world* looked upon the beautiful earth women and took any they desired to be their wives. ³Then Jehovah said, “My Spirit must not forever be disgraced in man, wholly evil as he is. I will give him 120 years to mend his ways.”

⁴In those days, and even afterwards, when the evil beings from the spirit world were sexually involved with human women, their children became giants, of whom so many legends are told. ⁵When the Lord God saw the extent of human wickedness, and that the trend and direction of men’s lives were only towards evil, ⁶he was sorry he had made them. It broke his heart.


⁷And he said, “I will blot out from the face of the earth all mankind that I created. Yes, and the animals too, and the reptiles and the birds. For I am sorry I made them.”

⁸But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord. Here is the story of Noah: ⁹⁻¹⁰He was the only truly righteous man living on the earth at that time. He tried always to conduct his affairs according to God’s will. And he had three sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Meanwhile, the crime rate was rising rapidly across the earth, and, as seen by God, the world was rotten to the core.

¹²⁻¹³As God observed how bad it was, and saw that all mankind was vicious and depraved, he said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all mankind; for the earth is filled with crime because of man. Yes, I will destroy mankind from the earth. ¹⁴Make a boat from resinous wood, sealing it with tar; and construct decks and stalls throughout the ship. ¹⁵Make it 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁶Construct a skylight all the way around the ship, eighteen inches below the roof; and make three decks inside the boat—a bottom, middle, and upper deck—and put a door in the side.

¹⁷“Look! I am going to cover the earth with a flood and destroy every living being—everything in which there is the breath of life. All will die. ¹⁸But I promise to keep you safe in the ship, with your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁹⁻²⁰Bring a pair of every animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you, to keep them alive through the flood. Bring in a pair of each kind of bird and animal and reptile. ²¹Store away in the boat all the food that they and you will need.” ²²And Noah did everything as God commanded him.

 **7** Finally the day came when the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I consider you alone to be righteous. ²Bring in the animals, too—a pair of each, except those kinds I have chosen for eating and for sacrifice: take seven pairs of each of them, ³and seven pairs* of every kind of bird. Thus there will be every kind of

6:1-2 *beings from the spirit world*, literally, “sons of God,” used here in the sense of his created, supernatural beings, but no longer godly in character (v. 3). Some commentators believe that the expression “sons of God” refers to the “godly line” of Seth, and “daughters of men” to women from the line of Cain. **7:3** *seven pairs*, literally, “the male and female.”


life reproducing again after the flood has ended. ⁴One week from today I will begin forty days and nights of rain; and all the animals and birds and reptiles I have made will die.”

⁵So Noah did everything the Lord commanded him. ⁶He was 600 years old when the flood came. ⁷He boarded the boat with his wife and sons and their wives, to escape the flood. ⁸⁻⁹With him were all the various kinds of animals—those for eating and sacrifice, and those that were not, and the birds and reptiles. They came into the boat in pairs, male and female, just as God commanded Noah.

¹⁰⁻¹²One week later, when Noah was 600 years, two months, and seventeen days old, the rain came down in mighty torrents from the sky, and the subterranean waters burst forth upon the earth for forty days and nights. ¹³But Noah had gone into the boat that very day with his wife and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives. ¹⁴⁻¹⁵With them in the boat were pairs of every kind of animal—domestic and wild—and reptiles and birds of every sort. ¹⁶Two by two they came, male and female, just as God had commanded. Then the Lord God* closed the door and shut them in.

¹⁷For forty days the roaring floods prevailed, covering the ground and lifting the boat high above the earth. ¹⁸As the water rose higher and higher above the ground, the boat floated safely upon it; ¹⁹until finally the water covered all the high mountains under the whole heaven, ²⁰standing twenty-two feet and more above the highest peaks. ²¹And all living things upon the earth perished—birds, domestic and wild animals, and reptiles and all mankind—²²everything that breathed and lived upon dry land. ²³All existence on the earth was blotted out—man and animals alike, and reptiles and birds. God destroyed them all, leaving only Noah alive, and those with

him in the boat. ²⁴And the water covered the earth 150 days.

 **8** God didn't forget about Noah and all the animals in the boat! He sent a wind to blow across the waters, and the floods began to disappear, ²for the subterranean water sources ceased their gushing, and the torrential rains subsided. ³⁻⁴So the flood gradually receded until, 150 days after it began, the boat came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat. ⁵Three months later,* as the waters continued to go down, other mountain peaks appeared.

⁶After another forty days, Noah opened a porthole ⁷and released a raven that flew back and forth* until the earth was dry. ⁸Meanwhile he sent out a dove to see if it could find dry ground, ⁹but the dove found no place to light, and returned to Noah, for the water was still too high. So Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back into the boat.

¹⁰Seven days later Noah released the dove again, ¹¹and this time, toward evening, the bird returned to him with an olive leaf in her beak. So Noah knew that the water was almost gone. ¹²A week later he released the dove again, and this time she didn't come back.

¹³Twenty-nine days after that,* Noah opened the door to look, and the water was gone. ¹⁴Eight more weeks went by. Then at last the earth was dry. ¹⁵⁻¹⁶Then God told Noah, “You may all go out. ¹⁷Release all the animals, birds, and reptiles, so that they will breed abundantly and reproduce in great numbers.” ¹⁸⁻¹⁹So the boat was soon empty. Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives all disembarked, along with all the animals, reptiles, and birds—all left the ark in pairs and groups.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar and sacrificed on it some of the animals and birds God had designated* for that purpose. ²¹And Jehovah was pleased with

7:16 *the Lord God*, literally, “Jehovah.” **8:5** *Three months later*, literally, “On the first day of the tenth month.” **8:7** *a raven that flew back and forth*. Apparently lighting from time to time upon carcasses of dead animals floating on the water. The dove that Noah next dispatched would not alight on such floating carrion and was thus a good indication of the water level. **8:13** *Twenty-nine days after that*, literally, “In the 601st year, in the first month, the first day of the month.” **8:20** *some of the animals and birds God had designated*, literally, “clean,” i.e., ritually approved by God.

BIBLE READING PLAN

INTRODUCTION

We usually think of the Bible as one book. That's logical because it looks like one book and claims to come from one Author. We also speak of it as God's Word. But when we read and study the Bible, we discover that it is actually an entire library between two covers. Not one book, but 66 (39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament)! Each book has its own style and uniqueness—yet each book contributes to the message God wants to convey throughout his Word. What's more, though we use the word book, some parts of the Bible are letters (like Paul's letter to the Romans) or song collections (like Psalms). Still, the overall message of the Bible is one message because it has one main Author—God. The styles throughout the Bible vary because God teamed up with dozens of people to write his Word.

HOW THIS PLAN IS DIFFERENT

There are many plans to help you read through the Bible library. You can even start at page one and read straight through. The approach taken here, however, is designed to help you get a taste of the whole Bible by reading short selections from it each day throughout the year. You will be reading the best-known stories and many of the most important passages. Some parts of the Bible offer so much help that they can be read every day. Among these are the Gospels, Psalms, and Proverbs. One way or another, you need to get into God's Word!

OLD TESTAMENT

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ISRAEL

in Old Testament Times

SCALE OF MILES



TOPICAL CONCORDANCE

A

ABANDONING

By God

Dt 31:17I will abandon them
Jgs 6:13.....Now the Lord has thrown us away
1 Kgs 14:16He will abandon Israel
2 Kgs 21:14..... I will hand them over to their enemies
Ps 22:1.....My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Ps 78:60.....he abandoned his Tabernacle
Is 2:6.....The Lord has rejected you
Jer 12:7.....I have abandoned my people,
Jer 23:33.....the Lord has cast you away!
Hos 5:15.....I will abandon them and return to my home

Of God and his laws

Dt 31:16worshipping foreign gods
Jgs 10:6.....Israel turned away from the Lord
1 Kgs 9:9Israel abandoned the Lord
2 Kgs 22:17..... people of Judah have thrown me aside
2 Chr 7:22Because his people abandoned the Lord
Ezra 9:10.....again we have abandoned you
Is 1:4.....they have turned their backs upon the Lord
Jer 2:13.....have forsaken me,

Of Christ

Mt 27:46.....My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Mk 14:50.....all his disciples had fled.
Mk 15:34.....my God, why have you deserted me?
Jn 6:66.....many of his disciples turned away

ABILITY

God-given

Ex 31:3giving him great wisdom, ability, and skill
Ex 36:1craftsmen with God-given abilities
Dn 1:17God gave these four youths great ability
Acts 2:4the Holy Spirit gave them this ability
1 Cor 12:1special abilities the Holy Spirit gives
1 Cor 12:11who gives all these gifts and powers,
1 Pt 4:10God has given each of you some special abilities;

Natural

Job 29:20.....my abilities were constantly refreshed

Prv 18:20.....Ability to give wise advice
Dn 1:4well informed, alert and sensible,
Mt 25:15.....in proportion to their abilities
1 Tm 3:10.....as a test of their character and ability,

ABUNDANCE

A gift of God

Dt 30:9your God will prosper everything you do
Job 36:31blesses the people, giving them food in abundance.
Is 30:23.....God will bless you with rain
Is 55:7he will abundantly pardon
Jer 2:7I brought them into a fruitful land,
Am 9:13..... there will be such abundance of crops,
Rom 5:20we see God's abounding grace
2 Cor 9:8giving you everything you need
Eph 2:8it too is a gift from God.
Phil 4:19it is he who will supply all your needs

ACCUSATION

False

Ex 23:1Do not pass along untrue reports.
Ex 23:7Keep away from falsely charging anyone
Lev 19:16Don't falsely accuse your neighbor
Dt 22:19he has falsely accused a virgin
1 Kgs 21:13two men who had no conscience accused him
Ezra 4:6they wrote him a letter of accusation
Is 58:9.....stop making false accusations
Mt 5:11lied about because you are my followers
Mt 27:12.....made their many accusations against him,
Mk 15:3-4chief priests accused him of many crimes,
Acts 6:11..... brought in some men to lie about him

ACHIEVEMENT, *See* SUCCESS

ADOPTION

Examples of

Gen 15:2-3another member of my household will inherit
Gen 48:5.....I am adopting them as my own,
Ex 2:10he became her son.
Est 2:7whom he had adopted into his own family
Acts 7:21found him and adopted him as her own son,

Of Israel by God

Ex 4:22Israel is my eldest son,
 Is 43:6.....I will bring my sons and daughters
 back
 Is 63:16.....surely you are still our Father!
 Jer 3:19.....I looked forward to your calling
 me Father,
 Jer 31:9.....I am a Father to Israel,
 Hos 11:1I loved him as a son, and brought
 him out of Egypt.

Of believers

Rom 8:15adopted into the bosom of his family,
 Rom 8:23our full rights as his children,
 2 Cor 6:18you will be my sons and daughters.
 Gal 4:5so that he could adopt us as his
 very own
 Eph 1:5plan has always been to adopt us

ADULTERY, See FORNICATION**Examples of**

Gen 38:18.....she let him come and sleep with her;
 2 Sm 11:4when she came David slept with her.
 2 Sm 16:22.....to lie with his father's wives.
 Mk 6:17-18Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.
 Jn 8:4caught in the very act of adultery.

Forbidden

Ex 20:14You must not commit adultery.
 Lev 20:10If a man commits adultery
 Dt 5:18You must not commit adultery.

Penalties of

Lev 19:20tried in a court but not put to death,
 Lev 20:10both shall be put to death.
 Jn 8:5Moses' law says to kill her.
 1 Cor 6:9-10...adulterers have no share in his
 kingdom
 Rev 21:8their doom is the Lake that burns
 with fire

Christ's teaching

Mt 5:28.....Anyone who even looks at a woman
 with lust
 Mt 5:32 he who marries her commits adultery.
 Mt 15:19.....from the heart come evil thoughts,
 murder, adultery,
 Mk 10:11.....if he marries someone else, he
 commits adultery

Figurative, See Idol worship**ADVOCATE, See HOLY SPIRIT****Christ our advocate**

Heb 7:25.....to remind God that he has paid for
 their sins
 1 Jn 2:1there is someone to plead for you

AFFECTION, See LOVE**AFFLICTION, See SUFFERING****The result of sin**

Dt 28:47-48..... you will become slaves to your enemies
 Dt 29:28..... the Lord rooted them out of their land
 Dt 30:18you shall surely perish;

2 Sm 12:14so your child shall die.
 2 Chr 7:20then I will destroy my people
 Ps 106:43.....were finally destroyed by their sin.
 Ps 107:12.....fell and none could help them
 Ezek 14:10all will be punished for their sins,

Prayer in

Ex 17:4Then Moses pleaded with Jehovah.
 Jgs 4:2-3they begged the Lord for help
 Jgs 6:6-7Israel began to cry out to the Lord
 1 Sm 1:10crying bitterly as she prayed
 2 Sm 12:16David begged him to spare the child,
 2 Kgs 19:15Then he prayed this prayer:
 Ps 4:1in my distress; now hear me as I call
 Ps 34:6.....This poor man cried to the Lord
 Jer 18:19.....O Lord, help me! See what they are
 planning

Lam 2:18 Then the people wept before the Lord.
 Joel 1:19help us! The heat has withered the
 pastures

Mt 14:30.....Save me, Lord! he shouted.
 Mt 26:39.....let this cup be taken away from me.
 Acts 7:59Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.
 2 Cor 12:8I begged God to make me well
 Jas 5:13.....He should keep on praying about it.

Benefits of

2 Chr 7:14forgive their sins and heal their land.
 Job 23:10.....he will pronounce me completely
 innocent
 Job 36:10to turn them away from their sin.
 Ps 66:12.....brought us into wealth and great
 abundance.
 Ps 94:12-13This makes us follow his paths,
 Ps 119:67.....now I closely follow all you say.
 Prv 3:11-12.....punishment is proof of his love.
 Ezek 14:11people of Israel will learn not to
 desert

Zec 13:9make them pure, as gold and silver
 Jn 15:2he prunes those branches that bear
 fruit

Acts 14:22Kingdom of God through many
 tribulations.

Rom 5:3help us learn to be patient
 Rom 8:37overwhelming victory is ours
 2 Cor 4:17will result in God's richest blessing
 Heb 12:11.....the result, a quiet growth in grace
 Jas 1:4.....strong in character, full and complete
 1 Pt 2:20.....patient beneath the blows, God is
 well pleased.

Endurance under

2 Sm 12:16lay all night before the Lord
 Job 1:22Job did not sin or revile God.
 Ps 15:4.....keeps a promise even if it ruins him,
 Ps 39:1.....I'm going to quit complaining!
 Ps 55:22.....He will not permit the godly to slip
 Dn 9:3I prayed, I fasted, and wore sackcloth,
 Mt 10:22.....you who endure to the end shall
 be saved.
 Lk 21:19stand firm, you will win your souls.

Rom 12:12Be patient in trouble,
 2 Thes 1:4your patience and complete faith
 in God,
 Heb 12:1run with patience the particular race
 Jas 1:4your patience is finally in full bloom,
 Jas 5:11stayed true to him

Consolation under

Gen 21:18I will make a great nation from
 his descendants.
 Ex 3:8I have come to deliver them from
 the Egyptians
 Ps 9:9He is a refuge for them in their
 trouble.
 Ps 23:4you are close beside me, guarding,
 guiding
 Is 25:4O Lord, you are a refuge from the
 storm,
 Is 40:1Comfort, oh comfort my people,
 Mt 5:4for they shall be comforted.
 Mt 11:28Come to me and I will give you rest
 Jn 16:33have peace of heart and mind.
 Rom 8:38nothing can ever separate us
 2 Thes 1:7God will give you rest
 Heb 4:15he understands our weaknesses,
 1 Pt 5:7Let him have all your worries
 and cares,

Deliverance from

Ps 34:4he answered me! He freed me
 Ps 40:2He lifted me out of the pit
 Is 63:9he personally saved them.
 Jon 2:2I cried to the Lord and he answered
 me;
 2 Tm 3:11but the Lord delivered me.
 2 Tm 4:17he saved me from being thrown to
 the lions.

AGONY, See SUFFERING; AFFLICTION**ALIENS****Privileges of**

Ex 22:21You must not oppress a stranger in
 any way;
 Lev 19:33do not wrong them.
 Nm 35:15for the protection of foreigners and
 travelers.
 Dt 10:19you must love foreigners.
 Jos 20:9Cities of Refuge were for foreigners
 Jer 22:3Protect the rights of aliens

ALONE, See LONELINESS**AMBITION****Examples of**

Gen 11:3-4they began to talk about building
 a great city,
 Nm 12:2Has the Lord spoken only through
 Moses?
 Nm 16:2to incite a rebellion against Moses.
 2 Sm 15:4I surely wish I were the judge;
 2 Sm 15:10he sent spies to incite rebellion
 against David

1 Kgs 1:5he decided to crown himself king
 Est 5:11had become the greatest man in
 the kingdom
 Mt 20:21let my two sons sit on two thrones
 2 Thes 2:4sit as God in the temple of God,
 3 Jn 1:9one who loves to push himself
 forward

Corrupted, See Lust

Ps 49:11You name your estates after
 yourselves
 Hab 2:5In their greed they have collected
 many nations,
 Hab 2:9getting rich by evil means,
 Mt 4:9if you will only kneel and worship
 me.
 Mt 18:1which of them would be greatest
 Lk 22:24as to who would have the highest rank
 Jas 4:2You long for what others have,
 1 Jn 2:16the ambition to buy everything that
 appeals to you,

Prescribed (Right)

Dt 4:29begin to search again for Jehovah
 Ps 14:2any who are wise, who want to
 please God.
 Prv 28:5they are much concerned about
 justice
 Mt 16:24deny himself and take up his cross
 Lk 11:9keep on asking and you will receive
 Lk 12:31make the Kingdom of God your
 primary concern.
 Lk 13:24-25Work hard to get into heaven
 Rom 15:20my ambition has been to go still
 farther,
 1 Cor 9:24So run your race to win.
 1 Cor 12:31try your best to have the more
 important gifts.
 1 Cor 14:12anxious to have special gifts from
 the Holy Spirit
 Phil 3:14I strain to reach the end of the race
 2 Tm 2:22to anything that makes you want to
 do right.

ANGEL(S)**Of the Lord**

Gen 16:7The Angel of the Lord found her
 Gen 21:17the Angel of God called to Hagar
 Gen 22:15the Angel of God called again
 Ex 3:2suddenly the Angel of Jehovah
 appeared
 Ex 23:23my Angel shall go before you
 Nm 22:24the angel of the Lord stood at a place
 Jgs 2:1the Angel of the Lord arrived at
 Bochim,
 Jgs 6:12The Angel of the Lord appeared
 to him
 1 Kgs 19:7the angel of the Lord came again
 Ps 34:7the Angel of the Lord guards
 Is 37:36That night the Angel of the Lord
 Zec 1:11reported to the Angel of the Lord,

Appearances of

Gen 18:2.....he noticed three men coming toward him.
 Gen 19:1.....two angels came to the entrance of the city
 Gen 28:12.....he saw the angels of God
 Jgs 13:2-3one day the Angel of the Lord
 2 Sm 24:17David saw the angel,
 1 Kgs 19:7the angel of the Lord came again
 Dn 6:22My God has sent his angel,
 Mt 1:20.....saw an angel standing beside him.
 Lk 1:30the angel told her,
 Acts 5:19angel of the Lord came at night,
 Acts 8:26as for Philip, an angel of the Lord said
 Acts 27:23..... an angel of the God to whom I belong
 Rev 1:1an angel was sent from heaven
 Rev 19:9the angel dictated this sentence

Duties and responsibilities of

Gen 3:24.....to guard the entrance to the Tree of Life.
 Gen 24:7 He will send his angel on ahead of you,
 Ex 23:20I am sending an Angel before you
 2 Kgs 1:15the angel of the Lord said to Elijah
 Ps 91:11.....he orders his angels to protect you
 Lk 16:22carried by the angels to be with Abraham
 Jn 5:4an angel of the Lord came from time to time
 Acts 10:3in this vision he saw an angel
 Acts 12:7The angel slapped him on the side
 Heb 1:7.....his angels as messengers swift as the wind

ANGER**Examples of**

Gen 4:5.....Cain both dejected and very angry,
 Gen 27:44.....until your brother's fury is spent,
 Ex 32:19in terrible anger he threw the tablets
 Jgs 8:1.....Ephraim were violently angry
 1 Sm 20:30Saul boiled with rage.
 1 Kgs 21:4to the palace angry and sullen.
 2 Kgs 5:11Naaman was angry and stalked
 Est 1:12The king was furious,
 Est 3:5-6Haman was furious,
 Job 32:3angry with Job's three friends
 Jon 4:1plans made Jonah very angry.
 Mt 2:16.....Herod was furious
 Acts 23:3God shall slap you,

Nature and effects of

Gen 44:18.....you can doom me in an instant,
 Ps 37:8.....worry—it only leads to harm.
 Ps 69:24.....the fierceness of your anger.
 Prv 15:18.....quick-tempered man starts fights;
 Prv 19:11.....wise man restrains his anger
 Prv 29:22.....gets into all kinds of trouble.
 Is 30:27.....Lord's lips are filled with fury;
 Jer 44:6.....fury and anger boiled forth
 Jas 1:20.....anger doesn't make us good,

Remedy for

Prv 15:1.....soft answer turns away
 Prv 21:14.....angry man is silenced by giving
 Eph 4:26.....Don't let the sun go down with you angry.

ANGER, DIVINE**Examples of**

Ex 22:24my anger shall flame against you,
 Nm 11:1His anger flared out against them
 Nm 25:3the anger of the Lord was hot
 Dt 29:20His anger and jealousy will be hot
 2 Kgs 22:12-13..you must be very angry with us,
 Job 9:13God does not abate his anger.
 Is 5:25.....the anger of the Lord is hot
 Is 13:9.....terrible day of his wrath
 Jer 4:4my anger will burn you
 Jer 32:37in my fury I will scatter them.
 Ezek 25:14They will carry out my furious vengeance.

Hos 11:9.....my fierce anger tells me to.
 Mk 3:5Looking around at them angrily,
 Jn 3:36wrath of God remains upon them.
 Rom 1:18God shows his anger from heaven
 1 Cor 10:22the Lord to be angry with you?
 Eph 5:6.....terrible wrath of God is upon all
 Heb 3:11full of this anger against them,
 Rev 14:10the wine of the anger of God;

Propitiation of

Rom 3:25Jesus to take the punishment for our sins
 Rom 5:9to save us from all of God's wrath
 Col 1:20.....Christ's death on the cross has made peace
 1 Thes 1:10Jesus our only Savior from God's terrible anger

ANOINTED ONE, See CHRIST, NAMES OF Of the Lord

1 Sm 12:3before his anointed king
 2 Sm 23:1the anointed of the God of Jacob;
 2 Kgs 9:3the Lord has anointed him to be king
 1 Chr 11:3anointed him as king of Israel,
 Ps 84:9.....on the one you have anointed as your king.
 Is 45:1to Cyrus, God's anointed
 Dn 9:25until the Anointed One comes!
 Zec 4:14 two anointed ones who assist the Lord
 Lk 2:26he had seen him—God's anointed King.

ANOINTING**In grooming**

Dt 28:40olive oil to anoint yourselves!
 Ps 104:15.....olive oil is a lotion for his skin,
 Am 6:6perfume ourselves with sweet ointments,
 Mi 6:15.....not get enough to anoint yourself!

For dedication

Ex 28:41by anointing their heads with olive oil,
 Ex 29:29for his anointing ceremony.
 Lev 6:19-20....Aaron and his sons are anointed
 Nm 3:3All were anointed as priests
 1 Sm 9:16You are to anoint him as leader
 1 Sm 16:3I will show you which of his sons to anoint.
 1 Kgs 1:39poured it over Solomon;
 1 Kgs 19:16anoint Jehu to be king of Israel,
 2 Kgs 9:6young man poured the oil over his head
 2 Kgs 11:12Jehoiada anointed him as king.

For burial

Mt 26:12.....prepare my body for burial.
 Mk 14:8.....anointed my body ahead of time
 Lk 23:56ointments to embalm him;

Of Christ

Mk 14:3.....she poured it over his head
 Lk 7:38poured the perfume on them.
 Jn 12:3Mary anointed Jesus' feet with it

Figurative

Is 61:1.....the Lord has anointed me to bring good news
 Acts 4:27Jesus, your anointed Son,

APOSTLES**Lists of the twelve**

Mt 10:2-4the names of his twelve disciples:
 Mk 3:16-19the names of the twelve he chose:
 Lk 6:14-16.....Here are their names:
 Acts 1:14the list of those who were present

Calling of

Mt 4:19Jesus called out, Come along with me
 Mt 9:9.....Come and be my disciple,
 Mk 1:17.....Come, follow me!
 Lk 5:11they left everything and went with him.
 Jn 1:37they turned and followed Jesus.

Mission of

Mt 28:19.....go and make disciples in all nations,
 Mk 3:14-15to go out to preach and to cast out demons
 Mk 16:15.....go into all the world and preach
 Jn 15:27you must tell everyone about me,
 Jn 21:16take care of my sheep,
 Acts 1:8testify about me with great effect,
 Acts 13:31testified to this in public witness.

ARMOR**Of a soldier**

1 Sm 17:4-7....helmet, a two-hundred-pound coat of mail,
 1 Sm 17:38-39.. Saul gave David his own armor
 1 Sm 31:9..... stripped off his armor
 2 Sm 21:16sporting a new suit of armor,
 1 Kgs 22:34between the joints of his armor.

2 Chr 18:33where the lower armor and the breastplate meet.
 Ps 35:2.....Put on your armor, take your shield
 Prv 6:11.....attacks you in full armor.
 Jer 46:3.....Buckle on your armor, you Egyptians
 Jer 46:4.....sharpen your spears, put on your armor.

Figurative

Rom 13:12-13.. put on the armor of right living,
 Eph 6:11Put on all of God's armor
 Eph 6:13use every piece of God's armor
 1 Thes 5:8protected by the armor of faith

ASCENSION**Of Enoch**

Gen 5:21-24...he disappeared, for God took him!

Of Elijah

2 Kgs 2:11was carried by a whirlwind into heaven.

Of Jesus

Mk 16:19.....he was taken up into heaven
 Lk 24:51began rising into the sky, and went on to heaven.
 Acts 1:9he rose into the sky

ASSURANCE, See CONFIDENCE**ATONEMENT****Day of**

Ex 30:10sin offering for atonement.
 Lev 23:26-27 ..The Day of Atonement follows nine days later:
 Lev 25:9on the Day of Atonement, let the trumpets blow
 Nm 29:7a day of solemn humility
 1 Chr 6:49annual Day of Atonement

By Christ

Mt 20:28.....to give my life as a ransom
 Gal 4:5to buy freedom for us who were slaves
 Eph 1:5sending Jesus Christ to die for us.
 1 Tm 2:6by giving his life for all mankind.
 Heb 9:12.....once for all took blood into that inner room,

AWE, See FEAR OF GOD**B****BACKSLIDING****Examples of**

1 Sm 15:26Saul, you have rejected the Lord's commandment
 1 Kgs 11:3Solomon turned his heart away from the Lord.
 2 Chr 12:1Rehoboam abandoned the Lord,
 2 Chr 24:24Judah had forsaken the Lord God
 Jon 1:3Jonah ran away from the Lord.
 Mt 26:70.....But Peter denied it loudly.
 Jn 6:66.....his disciples turned away
 2 Cor 12:20will find you quarreling,
 1 Tm 1:19they lost their faith in Christ