

STUDIES IN GENESIS

STUDY 1

THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

(Introduction)

I. THE FOUNDATION OF HISTORY

II. WHO WROTE GENESIS

1. Liberal views
2. Moses as author
3. Compilation of patriarchal records

III. ANTICIPATION OF ETERNITY

IV. ITS VALUE

1. God in creation
2. God in history
3. God in providence
4. God in redemption
5. God in human life

V. ITS MESSAGE

1. The failure of man at every point
2. The continual provision of God's grace
3. God calling out a people to Himself

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STUDY 2

THE CREATION OF THE WORLD

(Genesis 1:1-2)

INTRODUCTION

I. FOUNDATION OF FOUNDATIONS

II. THE FIRST VERSE

1. God . . .
2. created . . .
3. the heavens . . .
4. and the earth . . .
5. In the beginning . . .

III. THE DATE OF CREATION

IV. THE GAP THEORY

V. THE SECOND VERSE

1. And the earth was . . .
2. Without form and void . . .
3. Darkness upon the face of the deep . . .
4. The face of the waters . . .
5. The Spirit of God moved . . .

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

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STUDY 3

THE SIX DAYS OF CREATION

(Genesis 1:1-31)

- I. **THE FIRST DAY** (1:1-5)

- II. **THE SECOND DAY** (1:6-8)

- III. **THE THIRD DAY** (1:9-13)

- IV. **THE FOURTH DAY** (1:14-19)

- V. **THE FIFTH DAY** (1:20-23)

- VI. **THE SIXTH DAY** (1:24-25)

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STUDY 4

THE CREATION OF MAN

(Genesis 2:1-25)

- I. **THE SABBATH FOR MAN** (v.1-3)

- II. **THE FORMATION OF MAN** (v.4-7)

- III. **THE HOME FOR MAN** (v.8-14)

- IV. **THE SERVICE OF MAN** (v.15)

- V. **THE PROBATION OF MAN** (v.16-19)

- VI. **THE AUTHORITY OF MAN** (v.18-20)

- VII. **THE COMPANION OF MAN** (v.21-25)

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STUDY 5

THE FALL OF MAN

(Genesis 3:1-24)

I. TEMPTATION AND DISOBEDIENCE (v.1-7)

1. Its source (**v.1a**)
2. Its subtlety
 - a) Excites her curiosity by speaking to her
 - b) Raises a suspicion of God by his question
 - c) Injects woman to unbelief
 - d) Leads her to disobedience
3. Its success

II. CONFRONTATION (v.8-13)

III. SENTENCE (v.14-19)

1. On Satan
2. On the woman
3. On Adam

IV. PARADISE LOST (v.20-24)

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STUDY 7

THE DAYS OF NOAH

(Genesis 6:1-22)

I. THE SONS OF GOD AND THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN (v.1-4)

II. SIN FULL-GROWN (v.5-8)

III. ONE M AN IN STEP WITH GOD (v.9-12)

1. His position (**v.8**)
2. His attitude (**v.9**)
3. His character (**v.9**)
4. His testimony (**v.9**)
5. His fellowship (**v.9**)
6. His conduct (**v.22**)
7. His thoroughness (**v.22**)

IV. THE ARK COMMISSIONED (v.14-22)

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STUDY 8

THE FLOOD

(Genesis 7-8)

I. AT THE FLOOD (Genesis 7)

II. AFTER THE FLOOD (Genesis 8)

1. The Lord's actions (**v.1-5**)
2. The servant's attitude (**v.6-14**)
3. The Lord's command (**v.15-17**)
4. The servant's attitude (**v.18-19**)
5. The servant's consecration (**v.20**)
6. The Lord's revelation (**v.21-22**)

CONCLUSION

1. Days of sin
2. Days of sorrow
3. Days of salvation

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STUDY 9

THE NEW WORLD

(Genesis 9:1-27)

I. ELEMENTS OF A NEW COMMENCEMENT (v.1-7)

1. The divine blessing (**v.1**)
2. The divine promise (**v.2**)
3. The divine provision (**v.3**)
4. The divine prohibition (**v.4**)
5. Divine warnings (**v.5-6**)
6. Divine expectations (**v.7**)

II. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COVENANT (v.8-17)

1. The source of the covenant (**v.9**)
2. The scope (**v.10**)
3. The purpose (**v.11**)
4. The sign (**v.12-13**)
5. The message (**v.14-15**)
6. The duration (**v.12, 16**)
7. The guarantee (**v.17**)

III. NOAH'S FALL (v.18-29)

1. The sons (**v.18-19**)
2. The sins (**v.20-21**)
3. The shame (**v.22**)
4. The sorrow (**v.23-24**)
5. The retribution (**v.23**)
6. The reward (**v.26-27**)
7. His death (**v.28-29**)

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STUDY 10

GOD AND THE NATIONS

(Genesis 10-11)

I. DIFFUSION OF NATIONS (10:1-32)

1. Family of Japheth (**v.2-5**)
2. Family of Ham (**v.6-20**)
3. Family of Shem (**v.21-31**)

II. CONFUSION OF TONGUES (11:1-8)

1. What man did (**v.1-4**)
2. What God did (**v.5-9**)
3. The first semitic genealogy (**v.10-26**)

LIFE OF ABRAHAM (1)

STUDY 11

THE MAKING OF A MAN OF GOD

(Genesis 11:27-14:24)

I. HIS CALL (11:27-12:3)

1. The place of his call
2. The nature of his call
 - a) Involved hardship
 - b) Extremely wise
 - c) Accompanied by a promise

II. HIS RESPONSE TO THE CALL (12:4-9)

1. Prompt
2. Practical
3. Partial

III. ABRAHAM INTO EGYPT (12:10-13:4)

1. Went down to Egypt (**v.10**)
2. "Say you are my sister" (**v.13**)

IV. ABRAHAM'S RELATIONSHIP WITH LOT (13:5-14:24)

1. Separating from Lot (**13:5-18**)
2. Rescuing Lot (**14:1-6**)
3. Meeting Melchizedek (**14:17-24**)

LIFE OF ABRAHAM (2)

STUDY 12

THE COVENANT

(Genesis 15:1 - 17:27)

I. THE GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT (15:1-6)

1. The divine revelation (**v.1**)
2. Human response (**v.2-3**)
3. Divine assurance (**v.4-5**)
4. Human acceptance (**v.6**)

II. THE CONFIRMATION OF FAITH (15:7-21)

1. The foundation of the covenant (**v.7**)
2. The desire of the covenant (**v.8**)
3. The preparation for the covenant (**v.9-10**)
4. The readiness of the covenant (**v.11-12**)
5. The message of the covenant (**v.13-16**)
6. The making of the covenant (**v.17-21**)

III. A FALSE STEP (16:1-6)

1. The sad mistake (**v.1-3**)
2. Sorrowful results (**v.4-6**)
3. The special interposition (**v.7-12**)

IV. THE COVENANT AGAIN RE-AFFIRMED (17:1-27)

1. The Maker of the covenant (**v.1-3**)
2. Beneficiary of the covenant (**v.4-5**)
3. The sign of the covenant (**v.6-14**)
4. The promise of the covenant (**v.15-27**)

LIFE OF ABRAHAM (3 & 4)
STUDY 13 & 14

ABRAHAM, THE FRIEND OF GOD - HIS FAMILY
(Genesis 18:1 - 21:34)

I. ABRAHAM'S FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD (18:1-22)

1. The divine appearance (**v.1-8**)
2. The divine assurance (**v.9-15**)
3. The divine announcement (**v.16-21**)
4. Abraham's intercession (**v.20-33**)
 - a) Privileged position (**v.22**)
 - b) Earnest spirit (**v.23-24**)
 - c) Urgent plea (**v.23-25**)
 - d) Divine encouragement (**v.26**)
 - e) Earnest persistence (**v.27-32**)

II. CONTRASTED WITH LOT (19:1-38)

1. The angelic visit (**v.1-3**)
2. The awful depravity (**v.4-11**)
3. The solemn warning (**v.12-14**)
4. The urgent deliverance (**v.15-22**)
5. The divine judgement (**v.23-26**)
6. Powerful intercession (**v.27-29**)
7. Unutterable shame (**v.30-38**)

III. AN OLD SIN REPEATED (20:1-18)

1. The deplorable sin (**v.1-2**)
2. Divine intervention (**v.3-8**)
3. Deserved rebuke (**v.9-16**)
4. Definite results (**v.17-18**)

IV. THE BIRTH OF ISAAC (21:1-21)

1. The promised seed (**v.1-8**)
2. Profound sadness (**v.9-11**)
3. Perfect strength (**v.12-14**)

LIFE OF ABRAHAM (5)

STUDY 15

HIS GREATEST TRIALS

(Genesis 22-23)

I. AT MORIAH (22:1-24)

1. The test (**v.1-2**)
2. The trial (**v.3-10**)
 - a) Submission
 - b) Promptness
 - c) Perseverance
 - d) In faith
3. The triumph (**v.11-14**)
 - a) Approval of God
 - b) New insight into God's character
4. The testimony (**v.15-19**)

II. AT MACHPELAH (23:1-20)

1. Death (**v.1-2**)
2. Sorrow (**v.2**)
3. Duty (**v.3**)
4. Faith (**v.4-18**)
5. Love (**v.19-20**)

LIFE OF ABRAHAM (6)

STUDY 16

HIS LAST DAYS

(Genesis 24:1 - 25:18)

I. ABRAHAM'S INSTRUCTIONS (24:1-9)

1. Continued enjoyment of the divine blessing (**v.1**)
2. Persistent faithfulness to the divine will (**v.2-4**)
3. Deep insight into the divine purpose (**v.6-7**)
4. Absolute assurance of divine favour (**v.7-9**)

II. HIS SERVANT'S JOURNEY (24:10-17)

1. Intelligent obedience (**v.1-9**)
2. Zealous interest (**v.10-14**)
3. The holy tact (**v.15-33**)
4. Loving faithfulness (**v.34-39**)
5. Success (**v.50-67**)

III. THE DEATH OF ABRAHAM (25:1-18)

LIFE OF JACOB (1)

STUDY 17

HIS EARLY YEARS

(Genesis 25:19 - 27:46)

I. THE HUSBAND (25:20-21)

II. THE WIFE/MOTHER (25:22-23)

III. THE SONS (v.24-28)

IV. THE BIRTHRIGHT (25:29-34)

1. Bargain of the brothers
2. Characters of the brothers

V. ISAAC (26:1-33)

1. Difficulty met by divine providence (**v.1-5**)
2. Difficulty met with human sin (**v.6-11**)
3. Difficulty met by divine blessing (**v.12-17**)
4. Difficulty met by human patience (**v.18-22**)
5. Human difficulty met by divine favour (**v.23-33**)

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1. The father's plot (**v.1-4**)
2. The mother's counter-plot (**v.5-17**)
3. Younger son's deception (**v.18-29**)
4. Elder son's defeat (**v.30-40**)

LIFE OF JACOB (2)

STUDY 18

HIS YEARS IN MESOPOTAMIA

(Genesis 28:10 - 30:43)

I. BETHEL (28:10-22)

1. The journey (**v.10-11**)
2. The dream (**v.12**)
3. The revelation (**v.13-15**)
4. The response (**v.16-17**)
5. The memorial (**v.18-19**)
6. The vow (**v.20-22**)

II. THE NEW LIFE (29:1-30)

1. The new start (**v.1**)
2. The memorable meeting (**v.2-14**)
3. Faithful service (**v.15-20**)
4. Bitter disappointment (**v.21-30**)
 - a) Experiencing the providence of God
 - b) Discovering the justice of God

III. IN THE SHADOWS (29:31 - 30:43)

1. At home (**29:31 - 30:24**)
2. At work (**30:25-43**)

LIFE OF JACOB (3)

STUDY 19

HIS RETURN HOME

(Genesis 31:1 - 32:32)

I. JACOB'S DEPARTURE FROM HARAN (31:1-55)

1. The crisis (**v.1-3**)
2. The consultation (**v.4-16**)
3. The flight (**v.17-21**)
4. The pursuit (**v.22-24**)
5. Expostulation (**v.25-35**)
6. The vindication (**v.36-55**)

II. JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU (32:1-23)

1. Messengers of God (**v.1-2**)
2. Messengers of man (**v.3-6**)
3. Fear of man (**v.7-8**)
4. Fear of God (**v.9-12**)
5. Dread of man (**v.13-21**)

III. JACOB WRESTLES WITH GOD (32:24-32)

1. Human solitude (**v.24**)
2. Divine discipline (**v.24**)
3. Human opposition (**v.25**)
4. Divine power (**v.25**)
5. Human helplessness (**v.26**)
6. Divine blessing (**v.27-29**)
7. Human gratitude (**v.30**)
8. Divine glory (**v.31-32**)

LIFE OF JACOB (4)

STUDY 20

THE CAUSES, RESULTS AND CURE OF HIS DECLINE

(Genesis 33:1 - 35:15)

I. THE CAUSES OF HIS DECLINE (33:1-20)

1. The first step backward (**v.1-11**)
2. The second step backward (**v.12-17**)
3. The third step backward (**v.17**)
4. The fourth step backward (**v.18-20**)

II. RESULTS OF UNFAITHFULNESS (34:1-31)

1. Great disaster (**v.1-2**)
2. An unexpected project (**v.3-12**)
3. An unworthy pretext (**v.13-17**)
4. The trustful acceptance (**v.18-24**)
5. The treacherous action (**v.25-29**)
6. Jacob's pride (**v.30**)

III. BETHEL AT LAST (THE CURE) (35:1-15)

1. The urgent call (**v.1**)
2. The special preparation (**v.2-4**)
3. The remarkable journey (**v.5-6**)
4. The prompt obedience (**v.7-8**)
5. New revelation (**v.9-13**)
6. The memorial (**v.14-15**)

LIFE OF JOSEPH (1)

STUDY 21

HIS EARLY LIFE

(Genesis 37:1-36)

I. JOSEPH'S HOME LIFE (v.1-4)

1. The company he kept (**v.2**)
2. The coat he had to wear (**v.3**)

II. JOSEPH'S DREAMS (v.5-11)

1. Sheaves
2. Sun and moon

III. JOSEPH'S MISSION (v.12-17)

IV. JOSEPH'S BROTHERS (v.18-28)

V. THE OUTCOME (v.29-36)

LIFE OF JOSEPH (2)

STUDY 22

HIS TRIALS

(Genesis 39:1 - 41:40)

I. IN EGYPT (39:1-23)

1. In prosperity (**v.1-6**)
2. In peril (**v.7-12**)
3. In prison (**v.13-23**)

II. IN PRISON (40:1-23)

1. Working (**v.1-4**)
2. Watching (**v.5-19**)
3. Waiting (**v.20-23**)

III. IN EXALTATION (41:1-40)

1. The dreams of the king (**v.1-7**)
2. The failure of the magicians (**v.8**)
3. The recollection of the cupbearer (**v.9-13**)
4. The call of the prisoner (**v.14-16**)
5. The interpretation of the dreams (**v.17-36**)
6. His reward (**v.37-40**)

LIFE OF JOSEPH (3)

STUDY 23

HIS LIFE'S WORK

(Genesis 41:46 - 46:34)

I. AS PRIME MINISTER (41:37-52)

1. His appointment (**v.37-45**)
2. His life (**v.46-52**)
3. Three lessons
 - a) God's providence exemplified
 - b) God's wisdom justified
 - c) God's grace manifested

II. THE AWAKENING OF CONSCIENCE (42:1-38)

1. The journey (**v.1-5**)
2. The meeting (**v.6-25**)
3. The return (**v.26-38**)

III. DIVINE DISCIPLINE (43:1 - 44:34)

1. The dire need (**43:1-14**)
2. The notable reception (**v.15-34**)
3. The significant plan (**44:1-17**)
4. Earnest intercession (**44:18-34**)

IV. RECONCILIATION (45:1-28)

1. The revelation (**v.1-8**)
2. The commission (**v.9-13**)
3. The reconciliation (**v.14-15**)
4. The departure (**v.16-24**)
5. The result (**v.25-28**)
6. Into Egypt (**46:1-30**)

LIFE OF JOSEPH (4)

STUDY 24

HIS LATER YEARS

(Genesis 47-50)

I. THE NEW HOME (46:31 - 47:12)

1. The necessary arrangement (**46:31-34**)
2. The complete provision (**47:1-6**)
3. The notable interview (**47:7-10**)
4. The special care (**47:11-12**)

II. A WISE RULER (47:13-31)

1. The plan
2. The results of the plan
3. Joseph's promise to Jacob (**v.28-31**)

III. HIS FATHER DYING (48:1 - 49:33)

1. His blessing of Joseph's sons (**48:1-22**)
2. His blessing of his sons (**49:1-33**)
3. Jacob's death and burial (**49:28 - 50:13**)

IV. JOSEPH'S LAST DAYS (50:14-26)

1. Fear (**v.15-18**)
2. Forgiveness (**v.19-21**)
3. Faith (**v.22-26**)

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STUDY 1

THE MAN WHO KNEW GOD FACE TO FACE

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FIRST FORTY YEARS

1. Heredity
1. Environment
2. Education
3. Renunciation

II. THE SECOND FORTY YEARS

III. THE THIRD FORTY YEARS

1. Leadership
2. Tests
 - a) Compromise
 - b) The test of an impossible situation
 - c) The test of jealousy

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STUDY 2

HIS MOTHER'S FAITH
(Exodus 2:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **HE LONGED TO AN ALIEN RACE**

 - II. **HE BELONGED TO AN OPPRESSED RACE**

 - III. **HE WAS BORN AT A TIME OF UNUSUAL TROUBLE**

 - IV. **HE WAS THE CHILD OF BELIEVING PARENTS**
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- 1. Hidden
 - 2. Exposed
 - 3. Nursed
 - 4. Named

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STUDY 3

HIS MOMENTOUS DECISION
(Exodus 1:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DECISION

1. was made in the full maturity of his powers
2. It was made when the fortunes of the children of Israel were at their lowest ebb
3. It was made when the pleasures of sin seemed most fascinating
4. It was made decisively

II. THE THOUGHT WHICH LED TO IT

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STUDY 4

INTO THE DESERT
(Exodus 2:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. FIRST ATTEMPT AT DELIVERANCE

1. It sprang largely from human sympathy
2. It was premature
3. It was executed in the pride of human strength
4. It was too apprehensive of the judgement of other men

II. HIS FLIGHT INTO THE DESERT

1. Slow down
2. Spent time with the Lord
3. Restored perspective

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STUDY 5

HIS CALL AND COMMISSION
(Exodus 3)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS CONCEPTION OF GOD

1. Personal
2. Holy
3. Great

II. HIS CONCEPTION ABOUT HIMSELF

1. The first excuse : Who am I?
2. The second excuse : Inability to answer the name of God
 - a) in Himself
 - b) to His people
3. The third excuse : People won't believe or listen to him
 - a) Rod
 - b) Leprous hand
 - c) Nile
4. The fourth excuse

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STUDY 6

TO EGYPT
(Exodus 4:19-31)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **ASSURANCE THAT THE COAST IS CLEAR**

- II. **THE ORDER TO PERFORM MIRACLES BEFORE THE ELDERS AND PHARAOH**

- III. **PHARAOH'S OBSTINACY MUST NOT DISCOURAGE HIM**

- IV. **GOD GAVE MOSES THE WORDS TO SAY**

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STUDY 7

DEALING WITH FAILURE AND DISAPPOINTMENT

(Exodus 5:1-23)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE ELDERS

1. Aaron spoke
2. Signs performed
3. The people believed
4. They bowed down and worshipped

II. HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE ELDERS

1. Their bold demand
 - a) They were God's people
 - b) God expected sacrifices from them
2. Pharaoh's reply was impiously bold
 - a) The scornful speech about God
 - b) The proud speech about himself

III. FAILURE AND DISAPPOINTMENT

1. Unreasonable suggestions
 - a) The people were idle
 - b) Moses and Aaron were the cause
2. Barbarous resolutions

IV. THE RESORT OF A BAFFLED SOUL

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STUDY 8

PHARAOH
(Exodus 6:1-10:24)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S NAMES

II. GOD'S COVENANT

III. GOD'S COMPASSION

IV. GOD'S GRACIOUS INTENTIONS

V. GOD'S JUDGEMENT

1. Water into blood
2. Frogs
3. Lice
4. Flies
5. Plague on livestock
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locusts

9. Darkness

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STUDY 9

THE PASSOVER
(Exodus 11-12)

I. THE LAST WARNING

1. Introduction to the last plague
2. Announcement of the plague
 - a) Time
 - b) Nature
 - c) Effects

II. THE PASSOVER LAMB

1. Time of Passover
2. Selection of the animal
 - a) It was to be a lamb
 - b) A male of the first year
 - c) To be without blemish
 - d) Set apart four days beforehand
3. Sacrifice of the lamb
 - a) It had to be killed
 - b) Blood to be sprinkled
 - c) Sprinkled with bunch of hyssop
 - d) Sprinkled on doorposts
4. Service of the lamb
 - a) To be fed upon
 - b) All to be eaten
 - c) Eaten immediately
 - d) Eaten with bitter herbs
 - e) Eat in a departing posture

III. THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

1. Take top priority
2. Do it in love
3. It was ordinance forever

IV. DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

1. The time
2. On whom?

3. Results

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STUDY 10

THE PASSAGE THROUGH THE RED SEA
(Exodus 14)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD AS LEADER

1. God is our Guide
2. God is our Shield
3. God is our Light

II. IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION

1. Doubt
2. Deliverance
 - a) What Moses must do
 - b) What the Israelites must do
 - c) What God will do
3. Destruction
 - a) Pursue
 - b) All die
 - c) Results

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STUDY 11

THE SONG OF REDEMPTION
(Exodus 15:1-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. HE GIVES GLORY TO GOD

1. Because He is their God
 - a) He is their song
 - b) He is their salvation
 - c) He is their strength
2. Because He is the God of incomparable perfection
 - a) Glorious in holiness
 - b) Fearful in praises
 - c) Doing wonders

II. DESCRIBES THEIR DELIVERANCE

1. Destruction of the enemy
 - a) The Egyptians' great confidence in themselves
 - b) The Egyptians' great cruelty
2. The protection of Israel

III. MOSES CHALLENGES THEM

1. To service for God
2. To trust in God

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STUDY 12

MARAH AND ELIM
(Exodus 15:25ff)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE EVILS OF THE WILDERNESS

1. The first day
2. The second day
3. The third day
4. Lessons
 - a) Occur very early in the pilgrim's life
 - b) Assumes varied shapes
 - c) Touched very vital matters

II. THE DIFFERENT RESPONSES

1. Murmur of discontentment
2. Prayer of trust

III. REMEDY OF GRACE

1. As soon as we have a prayer, God has a remedy

2. The remedy was effective
3. God made it conditional

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STUDY 13

THE MANNA
(Exodus 16:1ff)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE DESERT MURMURING

1. Short of memory
2. Short of sight
3. Short of faith

II. THE GRACIOUS PROVISION OF GOD

1. He listened
2. He promised a speedy, sufficient and constant supply
 - a) Each man was to gather
 - b) They were to be guided in gathering by their immediate requirements
 - c) They were to gather it daily
 - d) They gathered it early

- e) This bread satisfied them

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STUDY 14

REPHIDIM
(Exodus 17)

I. THE DIFFICULTY THE ISRAELITES WERE IN

II. THEIR DISCONTENT AND DISTRUST

1. They challenged Moses to supply them
2. They quarrelled with Moses for bringing them out of Egypt
3. They questioned whether God was with them

III. THE COURSE MOSES TOOK

1. He reproved murmurs
2. He prayed

IV. GOD'S GRACIOUS ANSWER

1. His patience
2. Reality of His presence
3. God's provisions

V. THE POWER OF PRAYER

1. Commissioned Joshua to fight
2. He went to pray
 - a) How Moses got tired
 - b) The influence on the battle
 - c) The support he got

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STUDY 15

JETHRO'S ADVICE TO MOSES
(Exodus 18-19)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE RETURN OF ZIPPORAH

II. JETHRO'S PRAISE

1. Greeting
2. Moses shares of God's goodness
3. Jethro's praise

III. JETHRO'S COUNSEL

1. Moses' habitual practice
2. The tax on Moses' health
3. Moses agrees to Jethro's proposal

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STUDY 16

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT - NO OTHER GODS
(Exodus 20:1-2)

INTRODUCTION

I. DESCRIPTION OF GOD

1. Greatness
2. Grace

II. WHAT GOD REQUIRES

1. Know Him
2. Love Him
3. Fear Him
4. Worship Him

III. WHAT IS FORBIDDEN

1. Trust nothing more than God
2. Love no-one more than God

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 17

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT - THE WRONG IMAGE **(Exodus 20:5-6)**

I. THE MATERIAL IMAGE

1. Degrading to God
2. Demoralizing to man

II. THE MENTAL IMAGE

III. REASONS WHY

1. "For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God"
2. "... visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon children"
 - a) Sin makes God visit
 - b) Idolatrous parents are enemies to their children
3. "... of them that hate Me"
4. "... showing mercy unto thousands of them who love Me and keep My commandments"
 - a) "Unto thousands who love Me"
 - b) "and keep My Commandments"

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STUDY 18

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT - THE TRAITOR
(Exodus 20:7)

I. BLASPHEMY

II. HYPOCRISY

1. Words without deeds
2. Words without thoughts

III. FAMILIARITY

1. With God
2. With the Bible
3. With the Church
4. With the commandments

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 19

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT - A DAY TO REMEMBER

(Exodus 20:8-11)

I. THE OBLIGATION TO KEEP THE SABBATH

1. Instituted at Creation
2. Rests upon divine example
3. A commandment
 - a) Sanctify
 - b) Rest
 - c) For all persons
4. Our Lord confirmed the relevance of the Sabbath

II. HOW TO KEEP THE SABBATH

1. Work for six days
2. Rest on the seventh day
 - a) Rest
 - b) Keep it holy
 - c) Practical
 - (i) Read the Scriptures
 - (ii) Meditation
 - (iii) Prayer
 - (iv) Church
 - (v) Reading

(vi) Hospitality

(vii) Family

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STUDY 20

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT - HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

(Exodus 20:12)

INTRODUCTION

1. Must be submission to authority
2. Jesus Christ our example

I. AS CHILDREN

1. The family is the basic family unit
2. The family is the basic spiritual unit
3. Children do owe their parents a huge debt of gratitude
4. Children need parental guidance
5. What is meant by this commandment?
 - a) Respect
 - (i) In word
 - (ii) In deed
 - b) Obedience
 - c) Love
 - (i) Relieving their wants
 - (ii) Never being ashamed of them
 - (iii) Always praying for them
 - d) Why?

II. AS CITIZENS

III. AS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

IV. AS SERVANTS

V. AS CHURCH MEMBERS

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STUDY 21

**THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT - IF LOOKS COULD KILL
(Exodus 20:13)**

I. NEGATIVE

1. We must not kill someone in his name
 - a) with our tongue
 - b) with our pen
 - c) with our mind
2. We must not kill another in body
 - a) Anger
 - b) Hatred
 - c) Envy
3. We must not kill spiritually
 - a) Setting a bad example
 - b) Enticing others to sin
 - c) Ministers, Sunday School teachers, etc
 - d) Don't kill your soul

II. POSITIVE

1. To others
2. To ourselves

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STUDY 22

THE 7TH COMMANDMENT (ADULTERY) - HAPPILY EVER AFTER
(Exodus 20:14)

I. SEX IS SACRED

1. Mind
2. Act
 - a) It is disruptive
 - b) It is dishonourable
 - c) It is degrading
 - (i) Destroys reputation
 - (ii) Impairs the mind
 - (iii) Destructive to the body
 - (iv) Incurs temporal judgements
 - (v) Adultery without repentance damns the soul
 - (vi) Adulterer is abhorred by God
 - d) Spiritual adultery

II. FLEE FORNICATION

1. Disastrous effect on society
2. Start of an unhappy marriage
3. Emotional injury

III. PRACTICAL SAFEGUARDS

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STUDY 23

THE 8th COMMANDMENT - STOP, THIEF !! (Exodus 20:15)

I. CAUSES OF STEALING

1. Unbelief
2. Covetousness
3. Laziness
4. Unemployment
5. Crime
6. Boredom

II. TWO KINDS OF THEFT

1. From God
 - a) Not tithing
 - b) Rob from God the glory which is His due
 - c) Unfaithful stewardship
2. From others
 - a) Stealing
 - (i) Theft of time
 - (ii) Failure to give value for money
 - (iii) Debts left unpaid
 - (iv) Gambling
 - b) Defrauding
 - c) Tax returns
 - d) Cheating
 - e) Finding
 - f) Borrowing

III. SAFEGUARDS AGAINST STEALING

1. Work

2. Contentment with what God has given

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STUDY 24

THE 9th COMMANDMENT - TELL THE TRUTH
(Exodus 20:16)

I. WHAT IS FORBIDDEN

1. Perjury
2. Slander
3. Gossip
4. Exaggeration
5. Rumour
6. Lying

II. POSITIVE ASPECTS

1. Tell the truth
2. Vindicate others who are slandered against
3. Bring the tongue under the Lordship of Christ
4. Come in repentance

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STUDY 25

THE 10th COMMANDMENT - IF ONLY I HAD
(Exodus 20:17)

I. WHAT IS SIN?

1. Subtle
2. Dangerous
3. God abhors
4. If unrepented, will lead to damnation

II. WHAT ARE WE NOT TO COVET?

1. Your neighbour's house
2. Your neighbour's wife
3. Nor his manservant
4. Nor his maidservant
5. Nor his ox, ass,

III. SAFEGUARDS AGAINST

1. Materialistic spirit
2. Discontented spirit
3. Selfish spirit

IV. WHAT IS THE CURE FOR A COVETOUS HEART?

1. Contentment
2. Faith
3. Covet heavenly things

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STUDY 26

IDOLATRY IN ISRAEL
(Exodus 32:1-36)

INTRODUCTION

I. IDOLATRY IN THE CAMP (v.1-6)

1. Causes of idolatry (**v.1**)
2. Participants
3. The process (**v.2-6**)

II. GOD'S RESPONSE (v.7-14)

III. CONDEMNATION AND JUDGEMENT (v.15-29)

IV. PRAYER AND INTERCESSION (v.30-35)

1. His great detestation of the people's sin
2. His great desire for the people's welfare

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STUDY 27

THE TABERNACLE
(Exodus 24-31)

- I. **GOD WILLS TO DWELL WITHIN ISRAEL** (24:15 - 25:9)

- II. **THE ARK AS A SYMBOL OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD** (25:17-22)

- III. **RECONCILING GOD WHO MEETS ISRAEL AT THE MERCY SEAT**
(25:17-22)

- IV. **THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD** (25:23-30)

- V. **THE LAMPSTAND** (25:31-40)

- VI. **MATERIALS** (26:1-37)
 - 1. Curtains (**v.1-14**)
 - 2. The boards (**v.15-30**)
 - 3. Veils (**v.31-37**)

- VII. **THE ALTAR** (27:2-8)

- VIII. **THE ALTAR OF INCENSE** (30:1-10)

- IX. **THE LAVER** (30:18)

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STUDY 28

BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT
(Numbers 14:1ff)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS HOPES

II. WHERE HIS DISAPPOINTMENT CAME FROM

1. They accepted the discouraging report of the majority of the spies
2. They looked for another leader

III. HIS REFUSAL TO ESCAPE DISAPPOINTMENT

1. He insists it will take away from the glory of God
2. He pleads God's proclamation of His Name at Horeb
3. He pleads past experiences

IV. A CONTRAST TO HIS ENDURANCE OF DISAPPOINTMENT

1. Pardon
2. Discipline
 - a) Never enter Canaan
 - b) Wilderness

V. MOSES' SOLACE IN DISAPPOINTMENT

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STUDY 29

**MOSES FALLS
(Numbers 20:1-13)**

INTRODUCTION

I. HOW IT HAPPENED (v.1-11)

1. Take the rod
2. Gather the people
3. Speak to the people
4. Promise of abundant water

II. WHAT UNDERLAY GOD'S DECISION?

1. Distinct disobedience
2. Assumed too much of the glory themselves
3. Unbelief
4. They spoke and acted in heat and passion
5. They did it before the Israelites

III. THE IRREVOCABLENESS OF DIVINE DECISIONS

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STUDY 30

INTRODUCTION

1. Servant of the Lord
2. Died in the land of Moab

I. HIS PREPARATION FOR DEATH

1. The conquest of Eastern Canaan
2. Gave his last charge
3. Established his successor
4. Arranged for the custody of the Law and the
preparation of its reading

II. HIS DEATH

1. According to the warning of the Lord
 - a) Long foreseen
 - b) Very disappointing
 - c) It seemed a calamity

III. CAME BY DIVINE APPOINTMENT

1. All the details of his life were ordered by the Lord

IV. WENT TO GLORY

Studies in Leviticus

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GENERAL

I. THE TITLE

II. AUTHOR AND DATE

III. STRUCTURE

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1. The holiness of God
2. The presence of God
3. The meaning of sacrifice
4. The essence of public worship

CONCLUSION

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THE OFFERINGS

(Leviticus 1:1 - 7:38)

INTRODUCTION

I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE (1:1 - 6:7)

1. The burnt offering (1:1-17)
2. The cereal offering (2:1-16)
3. The peace offering (3:1-17)
4. The sin offering (4:1 - 5:13)
5. The guilt offering (5:14 - 6:7)

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRIESTS (6:8 - 7:38)

1. The burnt offering (6:8-13)
2. The cereal offering (6:14-23)
3. The sin and guilt offering (6:24 - 7:7)
4. The portion for the priest (7:8-10)
5. Thanks, vows and gifts (7:11-18)
6. How and what one might eat (7:19-27)
7. Wave offering and heave offering (7:28-36)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

CONSECRATION

(Leviticus 8 - 10)

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I. CONSECRATION OF THE PRIESTS (Chapter 8)

1. Calling of congregation to witness the ritual (**v.1-3**)
2. Cleansing of Aaron and his sons (**v.4-6**)
3. Clothing of the high priest (**v.7-9**)
4. Consecration of the high priest (**v.10-12**)
5. Clothing of the priests (**v.13**)
6. Cleansing of the priests and Aaron (**v.14-36**)

II. MINISTRY OF THE PRIESTS (Chapter 9)

1. Aaron begins to prepare his service (**v.1-7**)
2. Aaron offers the sin offering (**v.8-11**)
3. Aaron offers the burnt offering (**v.12-16**)
4. Aaron offers the meal and peace offering (**v.17-21**)
5. Aaron blesses the people (**v.22-24**)

III. RESTRICTION ON THE PRIESTS (Chapter 10)

1. Nadab and Abihu (**v.1-5**)
2. Instructions out of the incident (**v.6-10**)
3. Instructions concerning offerings (**v.11-20**)

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STUDY 4

THE CLEAN AND THE UNCLEAN

(Leviticus 11:1 - 15:33)

INTRODUCTION

I. TASTE NOT, TOUCH NOT (11:1-47)

1. Food laws (11:1-23, 41-47)
2. Defilement by contact (11:24-40)

II. DEFILEMENT BY CHILDBIRTH (Chapter 12)

III. DEFILEMENT BY LEPROSY (Chapter 13)

IV. THE CLEANSING OF LEPROSY (Chapter 14)

1. In a human sufferer (14:1-32)
2. In a house (14:33-53)

V. DEFILEMENT BY DISCHARGE (Chapter 15)

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STUDY 5

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

(Leviticus 16:1-34)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **PREPARATION OF THE PRIEST** (v.1-6)

- II. **PREPARATION OF THE PLACE** (v.7-19)

- III. **PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE** (v.20-34)

CONCLUSION

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A HOLY NATION
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1. No neglect of God's altar (**v.1-9**)
2. The sacredness of the blood (**v.10-16**)

II. SEXUAL SANCTITY (Chapter 18)

1. The refrain (**v.1-5**)
2. Social decency (**v.6-18**)
3. Seriousness of these sins (**v.19-23**)
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IV. UNCLASSIFIED ORDINANCES (contd.) (Chapter 20)

V. PRIESTLY PURITY (Chapter 21)

VI. MORE ABOUT PRIESTS AND OFFERINGS (Chapter 22)

1. Various defilements (**v.1-9**)
2. The priestly household (**v.10-16**)
3. Unblemished victims (**v.17-25**)
4. Calves and lambs (**v.26-30**)
5. Holiness (**v.31-33**)

VII. THE SACRED CALENDAR (Chapter 23)

VIII. UNBROKEN HOMAGE (Chapter 24)

1. The sanctuary light (**v.1-4**)
2. The showbread (**v.5-9**)
3. The blasphemer (**v.10-23**)

IX. SABBATICAL YEAR AND JUBILEE (Chapter 25)

X. CONCLUDING CHARGE (Chapter 26)

1. The basic loyalty (**v.1-2**)
2. The blessings of obedience (**v.3-13**)
3. The pains of disobedience (**v.14-46**)

CONCLUSION

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DEDICATION (Leviticus 27)

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- II. **VOWS CONCERNING ANIMALS** (v.9-13)
- III. **VOWS CONCERNING HOUSES** (v.14-15)
- IV. **VOWS CONCERNING LAND** (v.16-25)
- V. **THREE THINGS ARE THE LORD'S APART FROM A VOW** (v.26-34)

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I. AUTHOR

II. TITLE

III. RELATION OF NUMBERS TO PENTATEUCH

IV. BROAD SURVEY OF NUMBERS

V. GEOGRAPHY

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PREPARATION FOR THE JOURNEY

(Numbers 1:1 - 10:10)

I. ORDER AND ORGANIZATION (1:1 - 4:49)

1. Order of inventory (**1:1-54**)
2. Order of encampment (**2:1-34**)
 - a) The East campers (**2:3-9**)
 - b) The South campers (**2:10-16**)
 - c) The camp of Levites (**2:17**)
 - d) The West campers (**2:18-24**)
 - e) The North campers (**2:25-31**)
3. Order of ministry (**3:1 - 4:49**)
 - a) The priests, sons of Aaron (**3:1-4**)
 - b) The Levites
 - (i) their general service (**3:5-10**)
 - (ii) their divine Ordainer (**3:11-13**)
 - (iii) their numbers and duties (**3:14-39**)
 - (iv) their substitutionary position (**4:40-51**)
 - c) Duties of sons of Levi amplified (number of males)
 - (i) Kohath- charge and number
 - (ii) Gershom - charge and number
 - (iii) Merari - charge and number
 - d) Summary of census of Levites (**4:46-49**)

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PREPARATION FOR THE JOURNEY

II. CLEANSING, CONSECRATION & FINAL INSTRUCTIONS (5:1 - 10:10)

1. Put out the unclean (**5:1-4**)
2. Judge the guilty (**5:5-31**)
3. Separate yourselves (**6:1-27**)
 - a) Separation from
 - (i) wine
 - (ii) hair
 - (iii) ceremonial cleanness
 - b) Separation unto principle
4. Offer gifts (**7:1-88**)
 - a) wagons (**v.1-9**)
 - b) Offerings for the altar (**v.10-88**)
 - c) The voice from the mercy seat (**v.89**)
5. Transitional section (**8:1-4**)
6. Cleanse the Levites (**8:5-26**)
7. Keep the Passover (**9:1-14**)
8. Follow your leaders (**9:15 - 10:10**)
 - a) Divine leaders: signals of sight (**9:15-23**)
 - b) Human leaders: signals of sound (**10:1-10**)

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PART TWO
THE JOURNEY
(Numbers 10:11 - 22:1)

I. SINAI TO KADESH - UNBELIEF (10:11 - 14:45)

1. A good start (**10:11-36**)
2. First casualties (**11:1-35**)
 - a) The first murmuring (**11:1-3**)
 - b) The second murmuring (**11:4-9**)
3. Rebellion of two leaders (**12:1-15**)
 - a) Accusations (**12:1-3**)
 - b) The trial and verdict (**12:5-14**)
4. Reconnaissance and report (**12:16 - 13:33**)
 - a) The spies chosen (**13:1-16**)
 - b) Information wanted (**13:17-20**)
 - c) Places spied (**13:21-24**)
 - d) Report given (**13:25-29**)
 - e) Two opposite recommendations (**13:30-33**)
5. People's decision and God's judgement (**14:1-45**)
 - a) The sin of unbelief and rejection (**v.1-4**)
 - b) Last appeal to the people (**v.5-10**)
 - c) First announcement of judgement (**v.11-12**)
 - d) Last appeal to God (**v.13-19**)
 - e) Second announcement of judgement (**v.20-25**)
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 - g) First fulfilment of the judgement (**v.36-38**)
 - h) Response of the people (**v.39-45**)

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II. DESERT WANDERINGS - DIVINE CHASTENING (15:1 - 19:22)

1. God's legislation re-affirmed (**15:1-41**)
 - a) By re-statement (**v.1-31**)
 - b) In demonstration (**v.32-36**)
 - c) Help for remembering (**v.37-41**)
2. God's leaders challenged (**16:1-50**)
 - a) The challenge (**v.1-3**)
 - b) Moses' response and the test (**v.4-17**)
 - c) The day of reckoning (**v.18-40**)
 - d) Further consequences (**v.41-50**)
3. God's High Priest vindicated (**17:1-13**)
 - a) Presentation of the rods (**v.1-7**)
 - b) Budding of Aaron's rod (**v.8-11**)
 - c) The effect (**v.12-13**)
4. God's priests and Levites provided for (**18:1-32**)
 - a) Access to holy things (**v.1-7**)
 - b) Priestly pre-requisites/privileges (**v.8-20**)
 - c) Tithe for the Levites (**v.21-24**)
 - d) Levites' tithe for the priests (**v.25-32**)
5. God's people offered cleansing for mass defilement (**19:1-22**)
 - a) Preparation of the water for impurity (**v.1-10**)
 - b) Cases needing the water for impurity (**v.11-16**)
 - c) Procedure for application (**v.17-22**)

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III. KADESH TO MOAB - A NEW GENERATION AND A NEW START
(20:1 - 22:1)

1. First signs of retiring leadership **(20:1-20)**
 - a) Death of Miriam **(v.1)**
 - b) Moses and Aaron fail at Meribah **(v.2-13)**
 - c) Moses' envoys fail in negotiation **(v.14-21)**
 - d) Aaron dies **(v.22-29)**

2. Successful advances to the Plains of Moab **(21:1 - 22:1)**
 - a) Against the King of Arad **(v.2-3)**
 - b) With a brazen serpent **(v.4-9)**
 - c) To Mt Pisgah in unhindered march **(v.10-20)**
 - d) Farther north in successive conquests **(21:1 - 22:1)**

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(Numbers 10:11 - 22:1)

I. SINAI TO KADESH - unbelief (10:11 - 14:45)

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II. DESERT WANDERINGS - divine chastening (15:1 - 19:22)

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4. God's priests and Levites provided for (**18:1-32**)
5. God's people offered cleansing for mass defilement (**19:1-22**)

III. KADESH TO MOAB - a new generation and a new start (20:1 -22:1)

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2. Successful advances to the Plan of Moab (**21:1 - 22:1**)

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AT THE GATE OF THE LAND

(Numbers 22:2 - 36:11)

I. THE PROBLEMS (22:2 - 25:18)

1. Opposition from without (22:2 - 24:25)

- a) Curse on Israel sought (22:2-40)
- b) Blessing on Israel given (22:41 - 24:25)
 - (i) The first message (22:41 - 23:12)
 - (ii) The second message (23:13-26)
 - (iii) The third message (23:27 - 24:13)
 - (iv) The fourth message (24:14-25)

2. Opposition from within (25:1-18)

- a) The sin
- b) The judgement of Israel
- c) The atonement
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 - a) The census (26:1-51, 63-65)
 - b) Principles and land assignments (26:52-62)
 - c) The rights of heiresses (27:1-11)
2. New leader identified (**Leadership**) (27:12-23)
3. The Law of God finalised (**Spiritual life**) (28:1 - 30:16)
 - a) The law of offerings (28:1 - 29:40)
 - b) Laws and vows (30:1-16)

III. TRANSJORDAN BUSINESS (31:1 - 32:42)

1. Decimation of Midianites (**Chapter 31**)
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IV. RECAPITULATION (33:1-49)

V. ANTICIPATION (33:50 - 36:13)

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 - b) Levite cities (35:1-8)
 - c) Cities of refuge (35:9-34)
 - (i) God's righteousness
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II. ITS CONTEXT

III. THE AUTHOR

IV. THE TITLE

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THE LEADER AND HIS PARTNERS

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IV. SACRIFICIAL (v.12)

V. SHARED (v.13-15)

1. Identified the necessary qualities
2. Utilized the various gifts
3. Valued the smaller unit

VI. VULNERABLE (v.16-17)

1. Favouritism
2. Fear
3. Loneliness

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STUDY 3

AFRAID OF THE FUTURE

(Deuteronomy 1:19-46)

I. A SECURE FUTURE (v.19-25)

1. Accept God's gift (v.20-21)
2. Hear God's Word (v.21)
3. Recall God's faithfulness (v.21)
4. Remember God's mercy (v.21)

II. A POOR MEMORY (v.26-33)

1. Deaf to what God said (v.27)
2. Distorted the truth (v.28)
3. Blind to who God is (v.29-33)
 - a) Victorious soldier
 - b) Caring Father
 - c) Dependable Guide

III. A LOST OPPORTUNITY (v.34-46)

1. God announced the punishment (v.34-35)
2. Some escaped the punishment (v.36)
3. They were presumptuous (v.40-46)

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STUDY 4

TIME TO BEGIN AGAIN

(Deuteronomy 2:1 - 3:11)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **GOD IS MERCIFUL** (2:1-3)

- II. **GOD IS GENEROUS** (2:4-8)

- III. **GOD IS JUST** (2:9-26)

- IV. **GOD IS STRONG** (2:26 - 3:11)
 - 1. Sihon, King of Heshbon
 - 2. Og, King of Bashan

- V. **GOD IS SOVEREIGN**

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STUDY 5

PRESENT BLESSINGS ENCOURAGE FUTURE SERVICE

(Deuteronomy 3:12-29)

I. LOVE THE LORD'S PEOPLE (3:12-22)

1. God's concern for the whole nation (**v.12-17**)
2. God's concern for the weaker members (**v.18**)
3. God's concern for the animals (**v.19**)
4. God's concern for the fearful

II. WORSHIP (v.23-24)

1. God's greatness (**v.24**)
2. God's uniqueness (**v.24**)

III. SUBMISSION (v.25-29)

1. What was best for Moses
2. What was best for the people
3. What was best for Joshua
4. What was pleasing to God

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STUDY 6 & 7

WHO GOD IS (Part 1 & 2)

(Deuteronomy 4:1-43)

I. THE GENEROUS GIVER (v.1-12)

1. The Word He gave
2. The land He provided

II. THE SOVEREIGN GOD (v.13-28)

1. His initiative (v.13-14)
2. His uniqueness (v.15-24)
3. His warning (v.25-28)

III. THE MERCIFUL DELIVERER

1. God's goodness in the latter days (v.29-30)
2. God's goodness in the former days (v.32-34)

IV. THE INCOMPARABLE LOVER (v.35-49)

1. Unique (v.35)
2. Vocal (v.36)
3. Visual (v.37)
4. Continued (v.37)
5. Relevant (v.38-40)

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STUDY 8

GOD'S STANDARDS FOR OUR SOCIETY

(Deuteronomy 5:1-22)

INTRODUCTION

1. Historical context (**v.1-3**)
2. Authoritative source (**v.4-5**)
3. Inclusive appeal (**v.1**)
4. Teaching style
5. Obligatory nature
6. Theological basis

- I. **NO OTHER GODS** (v.6-7)
- II. **WRONG IMAGE** (v.8-10)
- III. **REVERENCE FOR GOD'S NAME** (v.11)
- IV. **A DAY TO REMEMBER** (v.12-15)
- V. **AUTHORITY** (v.16)
- VI. **NO MURDER** (v.17)
- VII. **NO ADULTERY** (v.18)
- VIII. **NO STEALING** (v.19)
- IX. **NO FALSE TESTIMONY** (v.20)
- X. **NO COVETING** (v.21)

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STUDY 9

TRUTH TO TELL

(Deuteronomy 5:23 - 6:25)

I. HONOUR THE LORD (5:23 - 6:13)

1. By their reverence (**v.23-27**)
2. By their obedience (**5:28 - 6:3**)

II. LOVE THE LORD (6:4-5)

1. His nature
2. His work
3. His promise

III. CONFESS THE LORD (6:6-9)

1. In your heart (**v.6**)
2. In your home
3. In your community

IV. REMEMBER THE LORD (6:10-12)

1. What God said (**v.10**)
2. Who God is (**v.3, 10**)
3. What God gave (**v.10-11**)
4. What God did (**v.12**)

V. SERVE THE LORD (6:13-25)

1. Act of obedience (**v.13**)
2. Act of loyalty (**v.14-19**)
3. Act of gratitude (**v.20-25**)

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STUDY 10

WHO ARE YOU?

(Deuteronomy 7:1-26)

I. A HOLY PEOPLE (v.1-6)

1. As an assured fact
2. As a divine achievement
3. Involves a specific obligation
4. Serious warning

II. A CHOSEN PEOPLE (v.6-16)

1. Their privilege (v.6-8)
 - a) Source of their election
 - b) Guarantee of their election
2. Their peril
3. Their responsibility (v.9-11)
4. Their resources (v.12-16)

III. A SECURE PEOPLE (v.17-26)

1. How God acts (v.17-19)
2. Where God is (v.19-21)
3. What God said (v.22-26)
 - a) Encouraging promise
 - b) Renewed warning

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STUDY 11

GOD'S WORD FOR A TIME OF CHANGE

(Deuteronomy 8:1-20)

I. GOD'S FATHERLY TRAINING (v.1-6)

1. Learn what life is all about
2. To humble and test
3. Don't live on bread alone

II. GOD'S UNDESERVED GENEROSITY (v.7-16)

1. Forgetting God's former mercies
2. Ignoring God's continuing favour

III. GOD'S SOVEREIGN DEMANDS (v.17-20)

1. Pride
2. Idolatry

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STUDY 12

WHEN REBELS ARE FORGIVEN

(Deuteronomy 9:1-29)

I. THE INVINCIBLE GOD (v.1-5)

1. Emphasizes Israel's weakness
2. Four pictures of God
 - a) Advance Guard
 - b) Conquering Warrior
 - c) Dependable Lord
 - d) Righteous Judge

II. REBELLIOUS PILGRIMS (v.6-24)

1. General description (**v.6-7**)
2. Specific examples (**v.8-29**)
 - a) Horeb
 - b) Taberah
 - c) Hattavah
 - d) Kadesh Barnea

III. DEPENDANT INTERCESSOR (v.25-29)

1. Submissive
2. Persistent
3. Sacrificial
4. Specific
5. Compassionate
6. Comprehensive
7. Effective

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STUDY 13

LOVE MATTERS MOST **(Deuteronomy 10:1 - 11:32)**

I. LOVE'S GENEROSITY (10:1-11)

1. To Israel's people (**v.1-5**)
2. To Aaron's family (**v.6-7**)
3. To Levi's tribe (**v.8-9**)

II. LOVE'S INITIATIVE (10:14-22)

1. His election
2. His protection

III. LOVE'S PRIORITY

1. Reverential worship
2. Holy living
3. Willing obedience
4. Active service
5. Whole-hearted devotion

IV. LOVE'S OBLIGATION

1. Helpless
2. Homeless

V. LOVE'S PLEDGE (11:1-32)

1. Obedience (**v.13-17**)
2. Witness (**v.18-25**)
3. Commitment (**v.26-32**)

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STUDY 14

GOD FIRST

(Deuteronomy 12:1 - 14:29)

I. WORSHIP (12:1 - 13:18)

1. Acceptable (**v.1-4**)
2. Unifying (**v.5**)
3. Sacrificial (**v.6-7**)
4. Joyful (**v.12**)
5. Compassionate (**v.12-13**)
6. Consistent
7. Warnings
 - a) Religious (**13:1-5**)
 - b) Family (**v.6-11**)
 - c) Community (**v.12-18**)

II. CONDUCT (14:1-21)

1. Your bodies (**v.1-2**)
2. Your table (**v.3-21**)

III. GIVING (14:22-29)

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STUDY 15

FESTIVALS OF PRAISE **(Deuteronomy 15:1 - 16:17)**

INTRODUCTION

I. EVERY SEVEN YEARS (15:1-18)

1. Debtor (**v.1-6**)
 - a) God's kindness
 - b) Obey God's Word
 - c) Trust God's promises
 - d) Love God's people
2. Poor (**v.7-11**)
3. Servant (**v.12-18**)
 - a) What you received
 - b) What you suffered
 - c) What you heard

II. YEAR BY YEAR (15:19-23)

III. THREE TIMES A YEAR (16:1-15)

1. God's saving deliverance (**v.1-8**)
2. God's abundant generosity (**v.9-12**)
3. Continuous faithfulness (**v.13-15**)

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STUDY 16
RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP
(Deuteronomy 16:18 - 18:22)

I. JUDGES (16:18-17:3)

1. Available to the people
2. Impartial in the execution of justice
3. Upright in character
4. Dedication to his vocation

II. KINGS (17:14-20)

1. Not be pretentious
2. Not be afraid
3. Not be disloyal
4. Not be materialistic
5. Not be ignorant
6. Not be disobedient
7. Not be proud

III. PRIESTS (18:1-14)

1. Depend on God's provision
2. Lord's people must support them
3. Responsibility
4. Their protection
5. Warnings against the occult

IV. PROPHETS (18:15-22)

1. Obey God's call
2. Welcome God's Word
3. Impart God's message

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STUDY 17

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

(Deuteronomy 19:1-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE KILLER (v.1-13)

1. Unintentional (**v.1-10**)
2. Intentional (**v.11-13**)
 - a) The man hates
 - b) The man waits
 - c) The man strikes

II. THIEF (v.14)

III. FALSE WITNESS (v.15-21)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 18

SOLDIERS WITH A DIFFERENCE

(Deuteronomy 20:1-20)

I. CONFIDENT MINORITY (v.1-4)

1. A fact in the present
2. A testimony from the past
3. A promise for the future

II. DEDICATED MINORITY (v.5-9)

1. Those who ought not to be in the ranks
2. Those who did not want to be in the ranks

III. COMPASSIONATE MINORITY (v.10-20)

1. Lord of Creation
2. Lord of the universe
3. Lord of the nations
4. Lord of history

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STUDY 19

FAMILIES IN NEED

(Deuteronomy 21:1-23)

I. MURDERED MAN (v.1-9)

1. Responsibility
2. Solidarity
3. Substitution
4. Confession
5. Cleansing

II. CAPTURED WOMAN (v.10-14)

III. DEPRIVED SON (v.15-17)

IV. DEPRAVED SON (v.18-22)

V. EXECUTED CRIMINAL (v.22-23)

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STUDY 20
LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR
(Deuteronomy 22:1 - 23:25)

- I. **LOST PROPERTY** (22:1-4)
- II. **IMPROPER CLOTHING** (22:5)
- III. **PROTECTING BIRDS** (22:6)
- IV. **PROTECTING OTHERS** (22:8)
- V. **MIXING THE WRONG THINGS TOGETHER** (22:9-12)
- VI. **SANCTITY OF SEX** (22:13-30)
- VII. **CLEAN WORSHIPPERS** (23:1-8)
- VIII. **PERSONAL HYGIENE** (23:9-11)
- IX. **PUBLIC HEALTH** (23:12-14)
- X. **HELPING THE HELPLESS** (23:15-16)
- XI. **PURE WORSHIP** (23:17)
- XII. **CLEAN MONEY** (23:18)
- XIII. **GENEROUS HELP** (23:19-20)
- XIV. **DEPENDABLE WORDS** (23:21-23)
- XV. **GENEROUS SHARING** (23:24-25)

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STUDY 21

BASIC RIGHTS

(Deuteronomy 24:1 - 25:4)

INTRODUCTION

I. PROTECTING WOMEN (24:1-4)

1. The law controlled divorce
2. The law for divorce arrangements protected women
3. The law guarded marriage

II. PROTECTING NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES (24:5)

III. PROTECTING DEBTORS (24:6, 10-13, 17)

1. Items which were forbidden pledges (v.6)
2. The collection of the pledges (v.10-11)

IV. PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE (24:7)

V. PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY (24:8-9)

VI. PROTECTING THE EMPLOYEE (24:14-15)

VII. PROTECTING THE INNOCENT (24:16)

VIII. PROTECTING THE WEAK (24:17-22)

1. Legal aid
2. Clothing
3. Food

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STUDY 22

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE WORSHIP?

(Deuteronomy 26:1-19)

I. ACKNOWLEDGE HIS GENEROSITY (v.1-4)

1. Said
2. Doone
3. Given

II. RECALL HIS FAITHFULNESS (v.5-9)

1. Reliable Provider
2. Mighty Protector
3. Promised Redeemer

III. HONOUR HIS UNIQUENESS (v.10)

IV. OBEY HIS COMMANDS (v.11-19)

V. AFFIRM HIS TRUTH (v.16-19)

1. Respond
 - a) Immediately
 - b) Unreservedly
 - c) Obediently
 - d) Totally
2. Results
 - a) Loved
 - b) Secure
 - c) Privileged
 - d) Dedicated

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STUDY 23

CONFIRMING THE COVENANT

(Deuteronomy 27:1 - 29:1)

INTRODUCTION

I. DISPLAY THE LAW (27:1-4, 8)

1. God's Word imperishable
2. God's Word must be intelligible
3. God's Word is reliable
4. God's Word is obligatory

II. BUILD AN ALTAR (27:5-7)

1. Burnt offering
2. Fellowship offering

III. MAKE A RESPONSE (27:9-26)

1. Decalogue must not be disobeyed
2. Breaches of social conduct

IV. FACING THE ALTERNATIVES (28:1 - 29:1)

1. Blessing for obedience
2. Cursing for disobedience

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STUDY 24

CHOOSE LIFE

(Deuteronomy 29:2 - 30:20)

INTRODUCTION

I. PAST BLESSINGS (29:2-9)

1. Deliverance
2. Guidance
3. Provision
4. Manna
5. Victory

II. PRESENT RESOURCES (29:10-15)

1. Immediate appeal
2. Widespread appeal
3. Lasting appeal

III. FUTURE PERILS (29:16-28)

1. Self-deception
2. Affect others
3. Grieves others

IV. TIMELESS FACTS (29:29 - 30:20)

1. God's wisdom
2. God's mercy
3. God's Word

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STUDY 21 (continued)

Deuteronomy 25:1-19

I. PROTECTING THE OFFENDER (25:1-3)

1. Proper trial
2. More than one judge
3. Really guilty
4. Against excessive punishment
5. In front of a judge
6. Number of stripes must never exceed forty
7. Insistence on compassion

II. PROTECTING ANIMALS (25:4)

III. COMMUNITY CARE (25:5-19)

1. Bereaved wife (**v.5-10**)
2. Violent brawler (**v.11-12**)
3. Dishonest tradesmen (**v.13-16**)
4. Cruel opponent (**v.17-19**)

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STUDY 25

ISRAEL'S LEADERS AND THEIR MESSAGE

(Deuteronomy 31:1-29)

I. ISRAEL'S LEADERS (v.1-8)

1. The old leader
2. The new leader
3. The best leader
 - a) Their advance guard
 - b) Their victor
 - c) Their companion

II. ISRAEL'S MESSAGE (v.9-30)

1. The written word
2. The visual word
3. The vocal word

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STUDY 26

LEARNING BY SINGING

(Deuteronomy 32:1-47)

I. GOD'S NAME DESCRIBED (v.1-14)

1. Reliable rock (**v.4**)
2. Caring father (**v.5-7**)
3. Protective eagle (**v.11-14**)

II. GOD'S RIVALS CONDEMNED (v.15-18)

1. Expulsive materialism
2. Destructive idolatry

III. GOD'S GRIEF EXPRESSED (v.19-33)

1. God's children are loveless
2. God's children are disobedient
3. God's children are senseless

IV. GOD'S MERCY PROMISED (v.34-43)

1. God exposes our sin (**v.34-38**)
2. God promises our deliverance (**v.39-42**)
3. God inspires our praise (**v.43**)
4. God guarantees our forgiveness (**v.43**)

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STUDY 27

PARTING WORDS
(Deuteronomy 33:1-29)

I. THE FACT OF LOVE (v.2-5)

1. The Lover meets those He loves
2. The Lover protects those He loves
3. The Lover instructs those He loves
4. The Lover rules over those He loves

II. THE INEVITABILITY OF CONFLICT (v.6-7, 11, 20, 22)

III. THE PRIORITY OF SERVICE (v.8-10)

1. Their exemplary responsibility
2. Their pastoral responsibility
3. Their educative responsibility
4. Their liturgical responsibility

IV. THE ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT (v.12)

1. God's carrying is compassion
2. God's carrying is pleasurable
3. God's carrying is dependable
4. God's carrying is constant

V. THE JOY OF FRUITFULNESS (v.13-17)

1. The source of fruitfulness
2. The means of fruitfulness
3. The extent of fruitfulness

VI. THE PROMISE OF SECURITY (v.18-19)

1. Their happiness anticipated
2. Their security is described
3. Their enrichment is assured

VII. THE NECESSITY OF OBEDIENCE (v.20-21)

VIII. THE GUARANTEE OF HELP (v.22-29)

1. God is near them
2. God is around them
3. God is beneath them

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STUDY 28

NONE LIKE HIM

(Deuteronomy 34:1-12)

I. GOD ENCOURAGED MOSES (32:48-52)

1. Saw
2. Heard

II. GOD EQUIPPED MOSES

1. Physical
2. Material
3. Spiritual

III. GOD DISCIPLINED MOSES

1. People
2. Own

IV. GOD REPLACED MOSES

1. Joshua was empowered
2. Joshua was wise
3. Joshua was teachable
4. Joshua was dependant

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STUDY 1

HIS CALL AND COMMISSION
(Joshua 1:1-8)

BACKGROUND

1. House of Joseph
2. Egyptian civilization and culture
3. Moses' personal assistant
4. Faith and courage
5. Military commander

I. A THOROUGH PREPARATION

1. Rephidim (**Exodus 17**)
2. Mount Sinai (**Exodus 24:13-18**)
3. Golden calf (**Exodus 32**)
4. Tabernacle (**Exodus 33**)
5. Prophesying (**Numbers 11:24-29**)
6. Spying (**Numbers 13**)

II. FAITHFUL PAST (1:1)

III. A DISTINCT CALL (1:2-3)

1. Time
2. Place

IV. THE SENSE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD (1:4-7)

1. "As I was with Moses, so I will be with you"
2. "I will not fail you"
3. "I will not forsake you"

V. THE INDWELLING OF THE WORD OF GOD (1:8)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 2

PREPARATION FOR CANAAN

(Joshua 1:10-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS CALL (1:10-11)

1. Prepare
 - a) Eat right food
 - b) Get ready to move
2. Pass over
3. Possess

II. CHALLENGE (1:12-15)

1. Help one another
2. Go back and enjoy

III. COMFORT FROM THE PEOPLE (1:16-18)

1. Promised Him obedience
2. Assured of the Lord's presence
3. Exhorted to be strong and courageous

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 3

RAHAB

(Joshua 2:1-24)

I. OBEDIENT BELIEVER

1. Exact obedience
2. In a small matter
3. Arose out of a real faith

II. AN OPEN DECLARATION

1. In the window for spies to see
2. In the blood

III. AN APPROPRIATED COVENANT

IV. A DEDICATED HOUSE

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STUDY 4

THE ROYAL ROAD TO BLESSING

(Joshua 3:1-17)

I. THEY STOPPED AT THE JORDAN RIVER

1. A step in faith
2. Early rising

II. DIRECTED TO FOLLOW THE ARK

1. Promises victory
2. Promises guidance

III. CONSECRATION CALLED FOR

IV. THE CROSSING

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STUDY 5

GILGAL

(Joshua 4:1-27)

I. REMEMBRANCE

1. Cross and resurrection
2. We died with Him

II. PLACE OF RESURRECTION

III. PLACE OF RENUNCIATION

IV. PLACE OF RESTORATION

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STUDY 6

THE SUPERNATURAL LEADER

(Joshua 5:1-15)

I. THE TIME

1. After circumcision
2. After Passover

II. THE PLACE

III. THE APPEARANCE ITSELF

1. A man
2. A sword in his hand

IV. JOSHUA'S BOLD QUESTION

1. His great concern for the people
2. His courage

V. RESPONSE TO THE VISION

1. Adoration
2. Advance into action

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STUDY 7

CELEBRATING VICTORY

(Joshua 6:1-27)

I. WORK

1. In God's way
2. Daily
3. In faith
4. Patience and courage

II. WAIT

1. Delay
2. Desperateness
3. Insults from Jericho

III. WIN

1. Walls fell
2. Rahab was saved
3. Everything destroyed

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STUDY 8

SETBACKS - THEIR CAUSES AND CURE

(Joshua 7:1-26)

I. SELF-CONFIDENCE

II. LACK OF PRAYER

III. DISOBEDIENCE

IV. CURE

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STUDY 9

RECOVERING LOST GROUND

(Joshua 8:1-35)

I. THE ALTAR OF EBAL

1. Burnt offering

- a) Jesus offering His life for us
- b) Our total consecration to Jesus

2. Sacrificed peace offerings

II. THE LAW IN CANAAN

III. THE CONVOCATION

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STUDY 10

ENEMY STRATEGY

(Joshua 9:1-27)

I. THE POWER OF THE ENEMY (v.1-3)

II. THE SUBTLETY OF OUR ENEMY (v.4-14)

1. Ambassadors
2. Long journey
3. Didn't disclose their country
4. Success of Israel
5. Promise of submission

III. THE FALL

1. They sampled
2. Asked not the counsel of the Lord
3. Treaty made

IV. GOD'S GRACE OVERRULES

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STUDY 11

WINNING THROUGH

(Joshua 10:1-43)

I. THE CONFEDERACY WHICH WAS GATHERED AGAINST ISRAEL

II. JOSHUA'S HEROIC FAITH

1. A day of vigour
2. A day of fellowship
3. A day of triumphant outlook

III. THE EXTRAORDINARY INTERVENTION OF GOD

1. Storm
2. Prolonging of the day

IV. THE LESSONS FOR OUR LIFE

1. Know the enemy
2. Be strong
3. Trust God

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STUDY 12

THE FRUIT OF VICTORY

(Joshua 11:1-23)

I. THE TREMENDOUS OPPOSITION

II. ENCOURAGEMENT GOD GAVE JOSHUA

1. His presence
2. His power to overcome
3. Victory

III. THE OFFENSIVE

IV. JOSHUA'S SUCCESS

V. JOSHUA'S OBEDIENCE

1. Complete subjection to God's will
2. His confidence in the power of God
3. Keep temptation away

VI. THE FRUIT OF VICTORY

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STUDY 13

POSSESSING YOUR POSSESSIONS

(Joshua 13:1-8)

I. IN THE REALM OF KNOWLEDGE

1. Of the Word
2. Of Jesus

II. OF CHRISTIAN ATTAINMENT (GODLINESS)

1. Surrender
2. Consecration
3. Appropriation

III. THE FULLNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (SERVICE)

1. The Christian life
2. Service
 - a) Knowledge
 - b) Attainment
 - c) Filling of the Spirit

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STUDY 14

THE SATISFIED LIFE

(Joshua 13:8-33)

I. THEIR HONOUR

1. Called to a life of worship
2. Called to a life of work
3. Called to a life of witness

II. THEIR HISTORY

III. THEIR HOPE

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STUDY 15

CALEB

(Joshua 14:1-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. ARDENT IN YOUTH

1. Dauntless courage
2. Robust, unwavering faith

II. STEADFAST IN MID-LIFE

1. It leads to strength
2. It gives fellowship
3. It gives victory
4. It enables us to give blessings to others
5. From here we claim our inheritance

III. ADVENTUROUS IN OLD AGE

1. Physically virile
2. Spiritually audacious

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 16

LIVING TO CAPACITY

(Joshua 17:14-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CAUSES OF THEIR COMPLAINT

1. They were great people
2. Canaanites strongly entrenched
3. They had important associations

II. THE CALL TO PERSONAL CONQUEST

III. CONSEQUENCE OF THE CONQUEST

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STUDY 17

PERILS TO AVOID

(Joshua 18:1ff)

I. THE PERIL OF INERTIA

II. THE PERIL OF INCOMPATIBILITY

III. THE PERIL OF IGNORANCE

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STUDY 18

PRINCIPLES TO FOLLOW

(Joshua 23:1-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. DANGER OF BACKSLIDING

II. RESULTS OF BACKSLIDING

1. Defeat
2. Discomfort
3. Disgrace

III. THE SAFEGUARDS AGAINST BACKSLIDING

1. Obedience
2. Separation
3. Devotion

CONCLUSION

Studies in Joshua

STUDY 19

CHALLENGE TO SERVICE

(Joshua 24:1-33)

I. JOSHUA REVIEWS ISRAEL'S HISTORY (v.2-13)

1. Divine call (**v.2-3**)
 - a) Abraham (**v.3**)
 - b) Isaac (**v.4**)
 - c) Moses (**v.5**)
2. Divine preservation (**v.5-7**)
3. Divine establishment (**v.8-12**)
4. Divine hope (**v.13**)

II. JOSHUA'S EXHORTATION (v.14-19)

1. Fear the Lord
2. Serve the Lord
3. Put away idols

III. JOSHUA'S WARNING (v.19-20)

IV. JOSHUA'S DEATH (v.28-33)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 1

PARTIAL OBEDIENCE

(Judges 1:1 - 2:5)

INTRODUCTION

1. Historical setting
2. Purpose of the book
3. Function of the Judges
4. Why Judges is neglected

I. ISRAEL'S DISOBEDIENCE (1:1-36)

1. Incomplete victory of Judah (**1:1-20**)
2. Incomplete victory of Benjamin (**1:21**)
3. Incomplete victory of Manasseh (**1:22-28**)
4. Incomplete victory of Ephraim (**1:29**)
5. Incomplete victory of Zebulun (**1:30**)
6. Incomplete victory of Asher (**1:31-32**)
7. Incomplete victory of Naphtali (**1:33**)
8. Incomplete victory of Dan (**1:34-36**)

II. GOD'S DISAPPROVAL (2:1-5)

1. Reiteration of God's covenant (**v.1**)
2. Affliction of Israel (**v.2-3**)
3. Dejection of Israel (**v.4-5**)

LESSONS

Studies in Judges

STUDY 2

FALSE GODS

(Judges 2:6 - 3:6)

I. THE TRANSITION (v.6-9)

1. The people (**v.6-7**)
2. Death of Joshua (**v.8-9**)

II. THE NEXT GENERATION (v.10)

1. "Neither knew the Lord"
2. "Nor what He had done"

III. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PERIOD (v.11-19)

1. Reversion to idolatry (**v.11-13**)
2. Retribution of God (**v.14-15**)
3. Liberation through the Judges (**v.16-19**)

IV. INFLICTION ON ISRAEL (2:20 - 3:4)

1. To punish
2. To test
3. To teach

V. INTERMARRIAGE WITH HEATHEN (3:5-6)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Judges

STUDY 3

OTHNIEL

(Judges 3:7-11)

- I. **SIN : IDOLATRY** (v.7)

- II. **SERVITUDE : CUSHAN-RISHATHAIM** (v.8)

- III. **SUPPLICATION** (v.9a)

- IV. **SALVATION : OTHNIEL** (v.9b-10)
 1. "He raised up for them a deliverer" (**v.9b**)
 2. Spirit of the Lord came upon him (**v.10a**)

- V. **SILENCE : FORTY YEARS** (v.11)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 4

EHUD

(Judges 3:12-31)

I. SIN (v.12a)

1. "Did evil in the eyes of the Lord"
2. "Once again"

II. SERVITUDE (v.12-14)

1. Sovereignty of God
2. Who the enemies were

III. SUPPLICATION (v.15a)

IV. SALVATION (v.15b-29)

1. Deception of Ehud (**v.15-20**)
2. Destruction of Eglon (**v.21-25**)
3. Deliverance of Israel (**v.26-29**)

V. SILENCE (v.30)

LESSONS

Studies in Judges
STUDY 5
DEBORAH - A MOTHER TO ISRAEL
(Judges 4:1 - 5:31)

I. SIN (4:1)

1. After Ehud died
2. The Israelites once again did evil

II. SERVITUDE (v.2)

1. The Lord sold them
2. Into the hands of Jabin

III. SUPPLICATION (v.3)

1. Reasons
2. They cried to the Lord for help

IV. SALVATION : DEBORAH AND BARAK (4:4 - 5:31)

1. Deliberation of Deborah and Barak (4:4-11)
2. Defeat of the Canaanites (4:12-16)
3. Death of Sisera (4:17-22)
4. Destruction of Jabin (4:23-24)
5. Deborah's song (5:1-31a)
 - a) Exaltation of the Lord (v.1-5)
 - b) Ecstasy of the people (v.6-11)
 - c) Endeavours of the tribes (v.12-18)
 - d) Echo of the heavens (v.19-23)
 - e) Execution of Sisera (v.24-31a)

V. SILENCE (5:31b)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 6

GIDEON

(Judges 6:1 - 8:21)

I. SIN : APOSTACY (6:1)

II. SERVITUDE : MIDIAN (6:2-6)

1. Persecution of Israel (**v.2**)
2. Destruction of crops (**v.3-6**)

III. SUPPLICATION (6:6-10)

1. Petition (**v.6**)
2. Admonition (**v.7-10**)

IV. SALVATION (6:11 - 8:27)

1. The call of Gideon (**v.11-24**)
 - a) Manifestation of the angel (**v.11-14**)
 - b) Modesty of Gideon (**v.15-18**)
 - c) Maturation of Gideon (**v.19-24**)
2. Preparation of Gideon (**v.25-40**)
 - a) Destruction of idolatry (**v.25-33**)
 - b) Descent of Holy Spirit (**v.34-35**)
 - c) Display of the fleece (**v.36-40**)
 - (i) Dew on the fleece (**6:36-38**)
 - (ii) Dew on the ground (**6:39-40**)

Studies in Judges - STUDY 6 (continued)

IV. SALVATION (continued)

3. Conquests of Gideon (**7:1 - 8:21**)

a) Selection of troops (**7:1-8**)

- (i) Eliminate the fearful
- (ii) Eliminate the careless

b) Preparation for battle (**7:9-18**)

- (i) Investigation of the Midianite camp (**7:9-14**)
- (ii) Organisation into companies (**7:15-18**)

c) Destruction of Midian (**7:19-25**)

- (i) Surprise
- (ii) Unified

d) Placation of Ephraim (**8:1-3**)

e) Retribution of Succoth and Penuel (**8:4-21**)

- (i) Mockery (**v.4-9**)
- (ii) Mission (**v.10-12**)
- (iii) Misery (**v.13-21**)

4. Conclusion of Gideon (**8:22-27**)

- a) Evil request of Israel (**v.22-23**)
- b) Evil practice of Israel (**v.24-27**)

V. SILENCE (**8:28-32**)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 7

ABIMELECH

(Judges 8:33 - 10:3)

I. SIN : IDOLATRY (8:33 - 9:6)

1. Idolatry of Israel (**8:33-35**)
2. Depravity of Abimelech (**9:1-6**)

II. SERVITUDE : ABIMELECH (9:7-57)

1. Parable of Jotham (**v.7-15**)
2. Denunciation of Jotham (**v.16-21**)
3. Dispute of Shechem (**v.22-25**)
4. Defiance of Goliath (**v.26-29**)
5. Death of Abimelech (**v.50-55**)
6. Declaration (**v.56-57**)

III. SALVATION : TOLA AND JAIR (10:1-2a, 3a, 4-5)

IV. SILENCE

Studies in Judges

STUDY 8

JEPHTHAH

(Judges 10:6 - 12:15)

I. SIN : IDOLATRY (10:6)

II. SERVITUDE : PHILISTINES AND AMMONITES (10:7-9)

1. Affliction in Trans-Jordan (**v.7-8**)
2. Affliction in Central Canaan (**v.9**)

III. SUPPLICATION (10:10-18)

1. Remorse (**v.10**)
2. Reminder (**v.11-14**)
3. Repentance (**v.15-18**)

IV. SALVATION : JEPHTHAH (11:1 - 12:6)

1. Rejection of Jephthah (**11:1-3**)
2. Solicitation of Jephthah (**11:4-11**)
3. Disputation with the Ammonites (**11:12-28**)
 - a) Explanation of the Ammonites (**v.12-13**)
 - b) Explanation of Jephthah (**v.14-28**)
4. Subjugation of the Ammonites (**11:29-33**)
5. Realization of the vow of Jephthah (**11:34-40**)
6. Dissension with the Ephraimites (**12:1-6**)

V. SILENCE (12:7-15)

1. Judgeship of Jephthah (**v.7**)
2. Judgeship of Ibzan (**v.8-10**)
3. Judgeship of Elon (**v.11-12**)
4. Judgeship of Abdon (**v.13-15**)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 9

SAMSON

(Judges 13-15)

I. SIN : APOSTACY (v.1a)

II. SERVITUDE : PHILISTINES (13:1b)

III. SALVATION : SAMSON (13:2 - 16:31)

1. Birth of Samson (13:2-25)

- a) Annunciation of the angel (v.2-5)
 - (i) Annunciation of the birth (v.2-3)
 - (ii) Annunciation of Nazarite vow (v.4-5)
 - (iii) Annunciation of the deliverance (v.5)
- b) Declaration of the woman (v.6-7)
- c) Affirmation of the angel (v.8-23)
 - (i) Re-appearance (v.8-14)
 - (ii) Reverence (v.15-19)
 - (iii) Disappearance (v.20-23)
- d) Origination of Samson (v.24-25)

2. Marriage of Samson (14:1-20)

- a) Seeking a Canaanite wife from Timnah (v.1-4)
- b) Sojourning to Timnah (v.4-9)
- c) Celebrating the wedding feast at Timnah (v.10-14)
- d) Securing the riddle's answer from Samson (v.15-18)
- e) Slaughtering 30 men at Ashkelon (v.19)
- f) Summation of the wedding (v.20)

Studies in Judges (STUDY 9 - continued)

3. Exploits of Samson (**15:1 - 16:3**)

- a) Philistine crop destroyed (**15:1-8**)
 - (i) Return of Samson (**v.1-2**)
 - (ii) Rage of Samson (**v.3**)
 - (iii) Revenge of Samson (**v.4-5**)
 - (iv) Revenge of Philistines (**v.6-8**)
- b) Philistine contingent destroyed (**15:9-20**)
 - (i) Samson seized by men of Judah (**v.9-13**)
 - (ii) Samson slaughters Philistines (**v.14-17**)
 - (iii) Samson assuaged by God (**v.18-20**)
- c) Gazite gate destroyed (**16:1-3**)

IV DECEPTION AND DEATH OF SAMSON (16:4-31)

- 1. Deception of Delilah (**v.4-22**)
 - a) Instigation of the Philistines (**v.4-5**)
 - b) First attempt (**v.6-9**)
 - c) Second attempt (**v.10-12**)
 - d) Third attempt (**v.13-14**)
 - e) Confession of Samson (**v.15-17**)
 - f) Affliction of Samson (**v.18-22**)
- 2. Death of Samson (**v.16-31**)
 - a) Display of Samson (**v.23-27**)
 - b) Destruction of the Philistines (**v.28-30**)
 - c) Death of Samson (**v.31**)

V. SILENCE : FORTY YEARS (16:31)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 10

IDOLATRY

(Judges 17-18)

I. IDOLATRY OF MICAH (17:1-13)

1. Micah and his idols (**v.1-6**)
2. Micah and his priest (**v.7-13**)

II. IDOLATRY OF DAN (18:1-31)

1. Danites seek new territory (**v.1-6**)
2. Danites suggest northern migration (**v.7-13**)
3. Danites steal Micah's idols (**v.14-20**)
4. Danites suppress Micah (**v.21-26**)
5. Danites seize new territory (**v.27-29**)
6. Danites set up idolatrous worship (**v.30-31**)

Studies in Judges

STUDY 11

IMMORALITY

(Judges 19)

I. DISRUPTION BETWEEN THE LEVITE AND THE CONCUBINE (v.1-15)

1. Separation (**v.1-2**)
2. Reconciliation (**v.3-4**)
3. Supplication (**v.5-9**)
4. Reception (**v.10-15**)

II. DISPLAY OF HOSPITALITY (v.16-21)

III. DEPRAVITY OF THE BENJAMITES (v.22-26)

IV. DISMEMBERMENT OF THE CONCUBINE (v.27-30)

V. LESSONS FOR TODAY

1. Widespread sexual immorality
2. Corrupt ministry in the churches
3. Low regard for human life
4. Abdication of civil government of its duty to uphold principles of God's Law
5. Ripe for revival

Studies in Judges

STUDY 12

ANARCHY

(Judges 20-21)

- I. **EXPLANATION OF THE LEVITE** (20:1-7)
- II. **INDIGNATION OF ISRAEL** (20:8-11)
- III. **INJUNCTION OF ISRAEL** (20:12-16)
- IV. **PREPARATION FOR BATTLE** (20:17-18)
- V. **EXPEDITION AGAINST BENJAMIN** (20:19-48)
 1. First encounter (20:19-23)
 2. Second encounter (20:24-28)
 3. Third encounter (20:29-48)
- VI. **PRESERVATION OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN** (21:1-24)
 1. Sorrow of Israel (v.1-7)
 2. Slaughter of Jabesh Gilead (v.8-12)
 3. Selection of wives (v.13-15)
 4. Situation for the remaining Benjamites (v.16-18)
 5. Selection of additional wives (v.19-24)

LESSONS

Studies in Ruth
STUDY 1

SORROW - RUTH WEEPING - YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY
(Ruth 1:1-22)

PRELUDE

BACKGROUND

1. Title
2. Background
3. Author
4. Key themes
 - a) Human need
 - b) Loyalty
 - c) Providence

I. TRYING TO RUN FROM OUR PROBLEMS (1:1-5)

1. The time
2. The place
3. The decision
 - a) Walked by sight, not by faith
 - b) Majored on the physical, not the spiritual
 - c) Honoured the enemy, not the Lord
 - d) The consequences

II. TRYING TO HIDE OUR MISTAKES (1:6-18)

1. The testimony of Naomi (**v.6-15**)
2. The testimony of Orpah (**v.11-14**)
3. The testimony of Ruth (**v.15-18**)

III. BLAMING GOD FOR OUR TRIALS (1:19-22)

1. She had life
2. She had opportunity
3. She had a daughter-in-law
4. She had God

Studies in Ruth
STUDY 2

FORTUNES CHANGE
(Ruth 2:1-23)

I. WE MUST LIVE BY FAITH IN THE LORD (2:1-3)

1. In the path of service or duty
2. In the path of God's providence
 - a) Boaz introduced
 - (i) His family connections
 - (ii) His upright position
 - b) Providential arrangements
 - (i) The right field
 - (ii) The right moment
 - (iii) The right action

II. WE MUST LIVE BY THE GRACE OF GOD (2:4-16)

1. Ruth looking for grace
2. Boaz grants his favour
3. Boaz becomes a type of Christ
 - a) He took the initiative (**v.8**)
 - b) He spoke to Ruth (**v.8**)
 - c) He promised to protect Ruth (**v.9**)
 - d) He encouraged Ruth (**v.10-13**)
 - e) He saw that she was satisfied (**v.14**)

III. WE MUST LIVE IN HOPE (2:17-23)

1. Ruth was not presumptuous
 - a) She worked hard (**v.17-18**)
 - b) She was not wasteful (**v.18**)
 - c) She was dutiful (**v.18**)
2. Naomi was transformed
 - a) Her change in words - blessed
 - b) Her change in attitude - hope
 - c) Her new understanding - who Boaz was
3. The Kinsman-Redeemer

Studies in Ruth

STUDY 3

THE MIDNIGHT MEETING

(Ruth 3:1-18)

I. RUTH PREPARED TO MEET BOAZ (3:1-15)

1. She washed herself
2. She anointed herself
3. She changes her clothes
4. Learning how to present herself to him
5. She promised to obey him

II. RUTH SUBMITTED TO BOAZ (3:6-9)

III. RUTH LISTENED TO BOAZ (3:10-14)

1. He accepts us
2. He assures us
3. Obeyed His own law

IV. RUTH RECEIVED GIFTS FROM BOAZ (3:15-17)

V. RUTH WAITED FOR BOAZ TO WORK (3:18)

1. Sit still
2. Stand still
3. Be still

Studies in Ruth
STUDY 4

LOVE FINDS A WAY
(Ruth 4:1-14)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BRIDEGROOM (4:1-10)

1. Meaning of redemption
2. Marks of the Redeemer
 - a) Had to be a near kinsman
 - b) Had to be able to pay redemption price
 - c) Had to be willing to redeem
3. The method of redemption
 - a) The place
 - b) The opportunity
 - c) The offer
 - d) The seal

II. THE BRIDE (v.11-13a)

1. The elder's prayer
2. The location
3. The marriage

III. THE BABY (v.13b-22)

1. God's blessing (**v.13b**)
2. Naomi's blessing (**v.14a**)
3. Israel's blessing (**v.14b**)
4. Universal blessing

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 1

PART I - SAMUEL

(“PROPHET AND KING MAKER”)

A CHILDLESS WOMAN

(I Samuel 1:1-20)

INTRODUCTION

I. HANNAH’S PROBLEM (1:1-8)

1. Jealousy
2. Childless
3. Results

II. HANNAH’S PRAYER (1:9-16)

1. Exemplary godliness
2. Whole-hearted commitment

III. HANNAH’S PEACE AND JOY (1:17-20)

1. Peace
2. Joy
3. Lessons

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 2

ANSWERED PRAYER

(I Samuel 1:21 - 2:10)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PRESENTATION OF SAMUEL (1:21-28)

1. Samuel's home
 - a) Father
 - b) Mother
2. Samuel's dedication

II. A SONG OF THANKSGIVING (2:1-10)

1. Praise to the Lord (**v.1**)
2. The celebration of God for who He is (**v.2-3**)
 - a) Holy
 - b) Powerful
 - c) Knowing
 - d) Just
3. The celebration of God for His mighty acts (**v.4-8**)
4. A prophecy of the coming of God's kingdom (**v.9-10**)

Studies in I Samuel
STUDY 3
THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF ELI
(I Samuel 2:11-36)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE BOY SAMUEL (v.11)

1. Teaching
2. Service
3. Under Eli
4. For life

II. DEGENERATE SONG OF ELI (v.12-17)

1. Ignorance of God (**v.12**)
2. Robbing the people (**v.13**)
3. Disobedient to God's Law (**v.14-15**)
4. Despotic exercise of authority (**v.16**)

III. TWO FAMILIES IN CONTRAST ((v.19-25)

1. Samuel (**v.19-21**)
2. Eli (**v.22-25**)
 - a) Not in proper time
 - b) No earnestness
 - c) No chastisement
 - d) No improvement

III. PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE (v.26-36)

1. Blessings rejected (**v.27-29**)
2. Sentence pronounced (**v.30-36**)

Studies in 1 Samuel

STUDY 4

GOD'S SPOKESMAN

(I Samuel 3:1-21)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CALL OF GOD (3:1-9)

1. The Word of the Lord was rare
2. The readiness of Samuel to hear the call of God

II. THE GIFTS FOR SERVING GOD (v.10-18)

1. Spiritual gifts precede office
2. Gentleness in the service of God
3. Proclaiming a difficult passage

III. RECOGNIZED BY THE LORD'S PEOPLE (v.19-21)

1. The Lord was with Samuel (**v.19**)
2. Samuel was publicly attested as a prophet (**v.20**)
3. God blessed the people with His Word (**v.21**)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 5

THE GLORY HAS DEPARTED

(I Samuel 4:1-22)

BACKGROUND

I. THE DEFEAT OF ISRAEL (v.1-11)

1. Asked the right question
2. Went in the wrong direction
3. Result

II. THE DEATH OF ELI (v.12-18)

1. With what fear he expected the tidings
2. With what grief he received the tidings

III. ICHABOD - THE GLORY HAS DEPARTED (v.19-22)

1. Her piety
2. Her proclamation

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 6

THE RETURN OF THE ARK

(I Samuel 5:1 - 7:2)

INTRODUCTION

I. JUDGEMENT (5:3 - 6:12)

(The Ark among the Philistines)

1. Narrative

- a) Phase 1
- b) Phase 2
- c) Phase 3

2. Lessons

- a) Nature of unbelief
 - (i) Suppress the truth
 - (ii) Evade truth
- b) Ultimate triumph of God

II. CHASTISEMENT (6:13-21)

(The Ark in Israel again)

- 1. Beth Shemesh
- 2. Obedience

III. A NEW BEGINNING (7:1-2)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 7

WITH GOD'S HELP

(I Samuel 7:5-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. REPENTANCE AT MIZPAH (v.5-6)

1. Pouring out water
2. Fasting

II. DELIVERANCE AT EBENEZER (v.7-12)

1. An eight-day old lamb
2. Ebenezer

III. PEACE WITH GOD (v.13-17)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 8

THE PEOPLE DEMAND A KING

(I Samuel 8:1-22)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE (v.1-9)

II. THE VOICE OF GOD (v.10-18)

1. Think twice
2. His freedom

III. IN MY ANGER I GAVE YOU A KING (v.19-22)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 9

PART 2 - SAUL

(“THE PEOPLE’S KING”)

THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING

(I Samuel 9:1 - 10:27)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE IDENTIFICATION OF ISRAEL’S KING (9:1 - 10:16)

1. Wild goose chase (**9:3-4**)
2. Encounter with the prophet (**9:5-25**)
3. A private anointing (**9:26 - 10:13**)
4. The secret king (**10:14-16**)

II. INAUGURATION AT MIZPAH (10:17-27)

1. Samuel’s key-note address (**v.17-19**)
2. The election of a king (**v.20-24**)
3. A written constitution (**v.25-27**)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 10

CHANGING TIMES

(I Samuel 11:1 - 12:25)

INTRODUCTION

I. TESTED IN BATTLE (11:1-11)

1. The siege of Jabesh-Gilead (**v.1-5**)
2. The muster of Israel (**v.6-8**)
3. The relief of Jabesh-Gilead (**v.9-11**)

II. RE-AFFIRMATION OF THE MONARCHY (11:12-15)

III. VALEDICTION FOR THE HEBREW REPUBLIC (12:1-25)

1. The integrity of God's prophet (**v.1-5**)
2. The history of God's dealings with Israel (**v.6-12**)
3. The future way of blessing under the monarchy (**v.13-15**)
4. The authentication of the prophetic Word (**v.16-18**)
5. Confession of sin and final exhortation (**v.19-25**)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 11

NO TIME TO WAIT FOR GOD

(I Samuel 13:1-22)

INTRODUCTION

I. WAR WITH THE PHILISTINES (v.1-7)

II. IMPATIENCE WITH GOD (v.7-10)

III. FACING THE CONSEQUENCES (v.11-22)

1. Saul was deprived of a dynasty (**v.11-15**)
2. Israel became a demilitarized zone under Philistine occupation (**v.16-22**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 12

BY MANY OR BY FEW

(I Samuel 13:23 - 14:52)

INTRODUCTION

I. SALVATION BY THE FEW (13:23 - 14:23)

1. Jonathan's raid (**13:23 - 14:15**)
2. Saul's intervention (**14:16-23**)

II. SALVATION BY THE MANY (14:24-45)

1. Saul's vain-glorious vow (**14:24-44**)
 - a) Saul asked more than God asked
 - b) Unbiblical requirements lead to aggravated evils
 - (i) Jonathan committing breach of oath
 - (ii) Led Jonathan to angry over-reaction
 - (iii) Led people into sin
 - (iv) Diminution of Israel's victory
 - (v) Exposure of Saul's ungodly despotism

2. The many save the few (**14:45**)

III. GOD LOVES HIS PEOPLE (14:46-52)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 13

REJECTED BY GOD

(I Samuel 15:1-35)

INTRODUCTION

I. SAUL AND THE AMALEKITES (v.1-9)

1. The ban on Amalek (**v.1-3**)
2. Saul's execution of the ban (**v.4-9**)

II. SAUL AND HIS DISOBEDIENCE (v.10-21)

1. Self-deception (**v.12-15**)
2. Self-justification (**v.16-21**)

III. SAUL'S RESPONSE TO REJECTION AS KING (v.22-31)

1. Rejected as king (**v.22-23**)
2. False repentance and face-saving (**v.24-31**)

IV. THE PARTING OF THE WAYS (v.32-35)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 14

THE LORD'S ANOINTED - HIS CALL

(I Samuel 16:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **CONTRARY TO HUMAN REASONING**

- II. **CONDITIONED BY THE HEART RESPONSE**

- III. **CHARACTERIZED BY HEAVENLY RECOGNITION**

- IV. **CONCLUSION**

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 15

DAVID AND GOLIATH

(I Samuel 17:1-58)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOLIATH

1. Size
2. Armour
3. Challenge
4. Terror

II. DAVID

1. Sanctified by the Spirit
2. Sent by his father
3. Strengthened by past experiences
4. Sustained by the Word of God
5. Successful in his conflict of faith

CONCLUSION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 16

THE PRICE OF POPULARITY

(I Samuel 18:1-30)

INTRODUCTION

I. POPULARITY (v.1-5)

1. The friendship of Jonathan (**v.1-4**)
 - a) Pure in its origin
 - b) Self-sacrificing in its action
 - c) Steadfast in opposition
2. Public approval

II. JEALOUSY (v.6-29)

1. Evil spirit came upon Saul (**v.10-11**)
2. More subtle methods to kill David (**v.12-29**)

III. DAVID'S STRENGTH (v.18-30)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 17

GOD IS MY STRENGTH

(I Samuel 19:1-24)

INTRODUCTION

I. JONATHAN'S FAITHFULNESS (v.1-7)

II. MICHAL'S RUSE (v.8-17)

III. SAUL'S TRUST (v.18-24)

IV. DAVID'S TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

V. CONCLUSION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 18

AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

(I Samuel 20:1 - 21:10)

INTRODUCTION

I. A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED (20:1-42)

1. The first day - David and Jonathan covenant together (**v.1-23**)
 - a) David's request (**v.5-11**)
 - b) Jonathan's response (**v.12-23**)
2. The second day - nothing said (**v.24-26**)
3. The third day - Saul's anger (**v.27-34**)
4. The fourth day - David's escape (**v.35-42**)

II. THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE (21:1-9)

1. Bread (**v.1-6**)
2. Weapon (**v.8-9**)

III. INTO EXILE (21:10)

APPLICATION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 19

A NEW BEGINNING

(I Samuel 21:11 - 22:5)

INTRODUCTION

I. TIME OUT: DAVID IN GATH (21:11 - 22:1)

1. Carnal strategy
2. Real struggle in David's soul
3. Don't go on sinning

II. BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK - THE CAVE OF ADULLAM (22:1-5)

1. A time of spiritual reflection and restoration
2. A time of preparation for the future
3. A time of obedience to the Lord's commands

III. A PICTURE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

IV. CONCLUSION

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 20

LEARNING TO LOOK TO THE LORD

(I Samuel 22:1 - 23:6)

INTRODUCTION

I. PREPARATION (22:1-5)

II. PREDICAMENT (22:6 - 23:1)

1. Massacre of the priests (22:6-23)

- a) Warning to Israel
- b) Fulfilled prophecy re Eli
- c) Sealed David's call

2. Siege of Keilah (23:1)

III. PERFORMANCE (23:2-6)

- 1. Took to defend the realm (v.1-5)
- 1. Sought the Lord's will (v.6)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 21

LOVING YOUR ENEMIES

(I Samuel 23:7 - 24:22)

INTRODUCTION

I. ON THE MOVE AGAIN (23:7-29)

1. Keilah - discovering God's will (**v.7-13**)
2. Ziph - encouragement and treachery (**v.14-24**)
3. Maon - providential deliverance (**v.25-29**)

II. THE CONSTRAINTS OF GRACE (24:1-15)

1. David spares Saul's life (**v.3-7**)
2. David proves his innocence (**v.8-15**)

III. THE RELUCTANT REALISM OF THE REPROBATE (24:16-22)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 22

ABIGAIL

(I Samuel 25:2-44)

INTRODUCTION

I. TWO WRONGS DON'T MAKE A RIGHT (25:2-13)

1. Nabal's insult (**v.2-11**)
2. David's over-reaction (**v.12-13**)

II. A WOMAN WHO FEARS THE LORD (25:14-31)

1. Informed by a servant (**v.14-17**)
2. Sending a gift (**v.18-19**)
3. Meeting with David (**v.20-31**)
 - a) Took the blame
 - b) Made restitution
 - c) Saw David as king

III. PRAISE BE TO THE LORD (25:32-44)

1. For wise counsel (**v.32-35**)
1. For upholding His people (**v.36-39**)
2. For godly wives (**v.39-44**)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 23

PLAYING THE FOOL

(I Samuel 26:1 - 27:12)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE UNBELIEVING FOOL - SAUL (26:1-25)

1. Sparing Saul's life (**v.5-12**)
2. Challenging Abner (**v.13-16**)
3. Remonstrating with Saul (**v.17-20**)
4. Saul's confession (**v.21-25**)
5. Lessons
 - a) Focus on God's truth
 - b) Gentle attitude toward enemy
 - c) Prayed expectantly

II. THE FOOLISH BELIEVER - DAVID (27:1-12)

1. The decision (**v.1**)
2. Reasons
 - a) He was a man
 - b) Was worrying
 - c) Reaction
 - d) Did not enquire of the Lord
3. Bogus mercenary of Ziklag (**v.2-12**)

III. A FINAL WORD

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 24

DILEMMA, DELIVERANCE, DEVOTION

(I Samuel 28:1 - 30:31)

INTRODUCTION

I. DILEMMA (28:1-2)

II. DELIVERANCE (29:1-11)

1. Objections against David (**v.2-5**)
2. David's dismissal (**v.6-11**)
 - a) God is faithful
 - b) God is Lord over all
 - c) Hostility a blessing
 - d) Security

III. DEVOTION (30:1-31)

1. Recrimination and renewal (**v.6-8**)
2. Rescue and retribution (**v.9-20**)
3. Return and reward (**v.21-31**)

Studies in I Samuel

STUDY 25

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN

(I Samuel 31:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SEEDS OF DECLENSION (I Chronicles 10:13)

1. Chosen and gifted
2. Tested and found wanting
 - a) Gilgal (**13:9**)
 - b) Amalek (**15**)
 - (i) Self-centredness (**13:12**)
 - (ii) Disobedience (**15:11**)
 - (iii) Jealousy (**18:6**)
 - (iv) Superstition (**28:7**)

II. THE SIN OF DIVINATION (28:3-25)

1. Why did Saul seek out a medium? (**v.3-7**)
2. The meeting (**v.8-19**)
3. Fearful expectation of judgement (**v.20-25**)

III. THE DAY OF RECKONING

Studies in 2 Samuel
STUDY 1

A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART
(2 Samuel 1-4)

INTRODUCTION

I. CONTENTMENT IN GOD (1:1-16)

1. A leader must show generosity and forgiveness
2. A leader must see justice is done for everyone, including enemies
3. A leader will be wise if he goes the second mile in love towards his enemies

II. A GRACIOUS KING (1:17-27)

1. He speaks well of Saul and Jonathan
2. He speaks of his grief at their deaths
3. Special grief over Jonathan

III. EARLY STEPS IN KINGSHIP (2:1-7)

1. Retains calmness
2. Prayerfully sought God's judgement
3. Peacefully disposed towards his enemies

IV. FAITH AMIDST IMPOSSIBILITIES (2:8-32)

1. Vicious personal ambition
2. Unspiritual followers

V. PERSISTENT FAITH (3:1 - 5:3)

1. An enemy changed sides
2. A small victory became a big victory
3. The people were changed
4. God worked things for good even in the most awful events

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 2

KING IN ZION

(2 Samuel 5:1-25)

INTRODUCTION

I. CORONATION (5:1-5)

1. Anointed as king
2. The three reasons for recognizing David as king

II. CAPITAL (5:6-10)

1. God has the habit of overthrowing sinful strongholds
2. God does bring about unexpected victories

III. CONSOLATION (5:11-16)

1. David made his base secure and consolidated the work
2. David reaped the blessing of many years of preparation
3. David received unexpected practical blessings
4. David learns his ministry was not for his own sake
5. David continued in his polygamy
6. David continued a life of dependence on God

IV. CONQUEST (5:17-25)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 3

SUCCESS AND FAILURE

(2 Samuel 6:1-23)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOOD INTENTIONS: BRINGING UP THE ARK (6:1-2)

II. UZZAH LENDS A HAND (6:3-7)

1. Some background
2. The Lord's anger against Uzzah
3. Sufficiency of God's Word

III. DAVID TAKES OFFENCE (6:8-10)

1. David was angry
2. Fear of judgement
3. Paralysed by "do nothingness"

IV. BLESSING ON ABEDOM (6:10-11)

V. BLESSING COMES BY OBEYING THE WILL OF THE LORD (6:12-19)

1. Real
2. Noticed by all
3. Spoken about
4. Apparent

VI. CURSING COMES FROM OPPOSING THE WILL OF GOD (6:20-23)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 4

WHEN GOD SAYS “NO”

(2 Samuel 7:1-29)

INTRODUCTION

I. A CONCEPTION OF A NOBLE PURPOSE

1. Partly dictated by circumstances
2. Heart overflowing with love for the Lord

II. THE IDEAL IS NOT ALWAYS REALIZED

III. GOD EXPLAINS HIS REASONS

IV. AN UNREALIZED CONCEPTION MAY YET BE FRAUGHT WITH IMMENSE BLESSING

V. DO THE NEXT BEST THING

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 5

MEPHIBOSHETH - LOVING YOUR ENEMIES

(2 Samuel 9:1 - 10:19)

INTRODUCTION

I. DAVID'S LOVE TOWARDS HIS ENEMIES (9:1-13)

1. He did not want Mephibosheth to fear (**v.6-7**)
2. He promises Mephibosheth will be shown kindness (**v.7**)
3. He will bring restoration of lost possessions (**v.7**)
4. He will allow Mephibosheth privileged access (**v.7**)
5. Mephibosheth has a provision for his future (**v.8**)
6. Mephibosheth will be treated as a son (**v.11**)

II. DAVID'S LOVE RENEWED AND REWARDED (10:1-19)

1. David's love is renewed
2. David's love is restored
3. David's love is rewarded

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 6

THE SIN OF HIS LIFE

(2 Samuel 11:1-27)

INTRODUCTION

I. BACKGROUND

II. CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO HIS SIN

1. Direct violation of the Law of Moses
2. An indolent and lazy mood
3. Devil is capable of arranged events to tempt us

III. THE SIN OF HIS LIFE

1. Adultery
2. Deception
3. Tempted Uriah with drunkenness
4. Ingratitude for Uriah's services
5. Commanding someone else to do a terrible crime
6. Murder

IV. THE AGGRAVATION OF THESE WERE GREAT

1. Done by the King of Israel
2. After God had shown him such goodness
3. His reputation as a godly man

V. DELAYED REPENTANCE

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 7

RESTORING YOUR BROKEN WORLD

(2 Samuel 12:1-25)

INTRODUCTION

I. NATHAN'S MESSAGE TO DAVID

1. Pointed to David's privileges
2. Listed aspects of David's sin
3. Explained God's decision

II. DAVID'S RESPONSE

1. Conviction
2. Experienced God's forgiveness
3. Chastening was lengthy
4. Shows himself a man of God

III. OVERRULING GRACE

1. With Bathsheba
2. Victories

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel

STUDY 8

THE TRAGEDY OF A DIVIDED HOUSE

(2 Samuel 12-19)

INTRODUCTION

1. Plurality of wives
2. David's sad example
3. Over-indulgence
4. Not enough vigilance and self-denial

I. GOD'S CHASTISEMENT

1. Baby dies
2. Ammon's adultery
3. Absalom's murder

II. GOD'S ALLEVIATIONS

III. GOD'S DELIVERANCE

CONCLUSION

Studies in 2 Samuel
STUDY 9

LIVING UNDER PRESSURE
(2 Samuel 19-23)

INTRODUCTION

I. PRESSURE (2 Sam. 19-20)

1. David faces another rebellion (**19:41-43**)
2. David handles problems arising from his past (**20:1-3**)
3. David faces what seems to be a repetition of the past (**20:4-5**)
4. David had a general he could not handle (**20:7-10**)
5. Reasons for this pressure

II. CLOSING YEARS (2 Sam. 21-23)

1. Episode with Gibeonite (**21:1-14**)
2. Last battle with the Philistines (**21:15-22**)
3. Two songs
 - a) First song (**22:1-51**)
 - (i) Begins with praises (**v.1-4**)
 - (ii) Rejoices in being kept safe (**v.5-7**)
 - (iii) Vivid pictures (**v.8-21**)
 - (iv) David feels he is righteous (**v.22-28**)
 - (v) David's accomplishments (**v.29-30**)
 - (vi) Ways in which God led him (**v.31-32**)
 - (vii) How he fulfilled his calling (**v.34-43**)
 - (viii) How God protected him as king (**v.44-46**)
 - (ix) Worship (**v.47-51**)
 - b) Second song (**23:1-7**)
 - (i) He describes himself (**v.1**)
 - (ii) Conscious of his inspiration (**v.2-3**)
 - (iii) Defines the character of his reign (**v.3-4**)
 - (iv) In the light of the covenant promise (**v.5**)
 - (v) The godless will be removed (**v.6-7**)
4. List of men (**23:8-39**)

III. LEARNING TO TRUST IN GOD ALONE (24:1-27)

1. Falling into pride (**v.1-2**)
2. Ignore a warning (**v.3**)
3. Forgiven but considers the cost (**v.4-17**)
4. Looking to the Cross (**v.18-27**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I & 2 Kings

STUDY 1

SOLOMON BECOMES KING

(I Kings 1-4)

INTRODUCTION

I. SOLOMON FULFILLS GOD'S WORD (1:1-53)

1. David's senility (**v.1-4**)
2. Adonijah's plot to be king (**v.5-10**)
3. Nathan's announcement to Bathsheba (**v.11-27**)
4. Solomon made king (**v.28-53**)

II. SOLOMON EXECUTES GOD'S WRATH (2:1-46)

1. David's final challenge to Solomon (**v.1-9**)
2. David's death (**v.10-12**)
3. Solomon's purge of enemies (**v.13-46**)

III. SOLOMON RECEIVES GOD'S WISDOM (3:1-28)

1. Solomon's love for God tainted (**v.1-3**)
2. God's appearance to Solomon at Gibeon (**v.4-15**)
3. Solomon's wealth and glory (**v.16-28**)

IV. SOLOMON ENJOYS GOD'S WEALTH (4:1-34)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 2

SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

(1 Kings 5-8)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **PREPARATION** (5:1 - 6:13)

- II. **CONSTRUCTION** (6:14 - 7:12)

- III. **FURNITURE** (7:13-51)

- IV. **DEDICATION** (8:1-30)

- V. **PRAYER** (8:31-6)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 3

SOLOMON'S RISE AND FALL

(I Kings 9-11)

INTRODUCTION

I. SOLOMON'S SUCCESS (9:1 - 10:13)

1. Success can open the way to spiritual danger
2. Success came at the expense of a damaged relationship
3. Success was gained at the expense of suffering for others
4. A life of ease was bringing Solomon close to a fall
5. Visited by Queen of Sheba

II. SOLOMON'S FALL (10:14 - 11:8)

1. Worldly glory has a tendency to spiritual ruin
2. One act of rebelliousness against God can ruin us

III. SOLOMON REAPS THE CONSEQUENCES (11:9-43)

1. Sin angers God
2. Sin deprives us of the blessing of God
3. Sin may be punished by raising up of external enemies
4. Sin may be punished by raising up of internal enemy
5. Sin brings defeat and personal frustration
6. Sin brings final shame and stain

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 4

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

(I Kings 12-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM (12:1 - 14:20)

1. Rehoboam's folly (**12:1-15**)
2. Jeroboam's rebellion (**12:16 - 13:34**)
3. God's judgement (**14:1-20**)

II. SOLOMON'S FALL (14:21 - 15:24)

1. Rehoboam (**14:21-31**)
2. Abijam (**15:1-8**)
3. Asa (**15:9-24**)
4. Jehosaphat (**15:24**)

III. THE DECAY OF ISRAEL (15:24 - 16:34)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 5

ELIJAH THE TISHBITE

(I Kings 17-18)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS PRIVATE MINISTRY (17:1-24)

1. The dry brook (**v.1-7**)
2. The depleted barrel (**v.8-16**)
3. The dead boy (**v.17-24**)

II. HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY (18:1-46)

1. Elijah and Obadiah (**v.1-16**)
2. Elijah and Baal (**v.17-29**)
3. Elijah and Israel (**v.30-46**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 7

DEPRESSION - ITS CAUSES AND CURES

(I Kings 19:1-10)

BACKGROUND

I. CAUSES OF HIS DEPRESSION

1. Physically and nervously over-worked
2. He looked away from God to circumstances
3. Too occupied with self-pity

II. RESULTS OF DEPRESSION

1. Very despondent
2. Deserted his duty
3. Inconsistent
4. Restless

III. CURE FOR HIS DEPRESSION

1. Gave him sleep
2. Angel ministered to him
3. Refreshed his tired servant

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 7

THE CALL OF ELISHA

(I Kings 19:18-21)

BACKGROUND

I. AN UNEXPECTED AND SURPRISING CALL

1. Hard at work farming
2. Even at work you can be a witness

II. A POWERFUL CALL

1. Left his oxen

III. A PLEASANT CALL

IV. AN EFFECTUAL CALL

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 8

KING AHAB

(I Kings 20-22)

INTRODUCTION

I. AHAB'S DEFENCE (20:1-43)

1. The challenge (**v.1-12**)
2. The conquest (**v.13-30**)
3. The compromise (**v.31-43**)

II. AHAB'S DECEPTION (21:1-29)

1. The sin (**v.1-16**)
2. The judgement (**v.17-29**)

AHAB'S DEFEAT AND DEATH (22:1-22)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 9

ELISHA COMMENCES HIS MINISTRY

(2 Kings 1-4)

INTRODUCTION

I. ELISHA SUCCEEDS ELIJAH (1:1 - 2:25)

1. The judgement of fire (**1:1-18**)
2. The testings of fire (**2:1-14**)
3. His ministry commences (**2:14-25**)

II. ELISHA SAVES THE NATION (3:1-27)

III. ELISHA SERVES THE PEOPLE (4:1-44)

1. The pot of oil (**v.1-7**)
2. Child raised from the dead (**v.8-37**)
3. Death in the pot (**v.38-41**)
4. Feeding of the 100 (**v.42-44**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 10

NAAMAN AND GEHAZI

(2 Kings 5:1-27)

I. THE MAN (v.1)

1. Commander of the army of the King of Aram
2. Great man with his master
3. Honourably/highly regarded
4. Military success
5. Possessed great bravery
6. But he had leprosy

II. A LITTLE JEWISH MAID (v.2-3)

III. PRIDE IN THE WAY (v.4-14)

IV. HIS HEALING AND CONVERSION (v.14-19)

1. Convinced of the power of God and that God is God alone (**v.15**)
2. Wanted to give a gift (**v.15-16**)
3. Converted

V. A TRAGIC ENDING (v.20-27)

1. Gehazi's sin
2. Gehazi's punishment

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 11

EYES WITH NEW INSIGHT

(2 Kings 6:1 - 7:20)

- I. **THE CIRCUMSTANCES** (6:1-7)
- II. **ELISHA AND THE SYRIAN ARMY** (6:8-23)
- III. **THE SIEGE OF SAMARIA** (6:24 - 7:20)
 1. Tragic situation (**v.24-30**)
 2. Elisha blamed (**6:31 - 7:2**)
 3. The four lepers (**7:3-20**)
 - a) confession
 - b) observation
 - c) realization
 - d) decision

CONCLUSION

1. Circumstances
2. Inadequacies
3. Evangelism/witness

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 12

GOD EXECUTING HIS WRATH

(2 Kings 8-10)

INTRODUCTION

I. ELISHA IN DAMASCUS (8:1-15)

1. Why Elisha was in Damascus
2. Ben-Hadad was will
3. His relationship with Elisha

II. THE ANOINTING (9:1-13)

III. THE AVENGING (9:14 - 10:28)

1. Slaying of King Joram (**9:14-26**)
2. Slaying of King Ahaziah (**9:27-29**)
3. Slaying of Jezebel (**9:30-37**)
4. Slaying of Ahab's descendants (**10:1-17**)
5. Slaying of Baal worshippers (**10:18-28**)

IV. THE ABANDONING (10:29-36)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 13

LESSONS FROM THE KINGS

(2 Kings 11-16)

INTRODUCTION

I. JOASH - THE BOY KING (11:1 - 12:21)

1. Protected (**11:1-3**)
2. Proclaimed (**11:4-21**)
3. Blessed (**12:1-16**)
4. Ruined (**12:17-21**)

II. JEHOASH - LOST OPPORTUNITY (13:1-25)

III. AMAZIAH - DEFEAT BY PRIDE (14:1-29)

IV. UZZIAH - JUDAH'S GREAT KING (15:1-38)

V. AHAZ - THE COST OF COMPROMISE (16:1-20)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 14

THE FALL OF SAMARIA

(2 Kings 17)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE CAPTURE OF SAMARIA** (v.1-6)

- II. **THE CAUSES OF THE CAPTIVITY** (v.7-23)
 - 1. The nation forsook God (**v.7**)
 - 2. The nation secretly disobeyed (**v.8-9**)
 - 3. The nation openly rebelled (**v.10-12**)
 - 4. The nation resisted God's call (**v.13-15**)
 - 5. The nation sold itself to do evil (**v.16-23**)

- III. **THE COLONIZATION OF SAMARIA** (v.24-41)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Kings

STUDY 15

FACING THE CRISES OF LIFE

(2 Kings 18-20)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE ASSYRIAN INVADERS (18:1 - 19:37)

1. Reformation (**18:1-8**)
2. Rebellion (**18:9-37**)
3. Request (**19:1-19**)
4. Reward (**19:20-37**)

II. DEATH (20:1-11)

III. BABYLONIAN VISITORS (20:12-21)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 16

THE TALE OF TWO KINGS

(2 Kings 21-23)

INTRODUCTION

I. MANASSEH'S REIGN (21:1-26)

1. His rebellion (**v.1-9**)
2. His removal (**v.10-15**)
3. His repentance (**2 Chron. 33:12**)
4. His reformation (**v.17-26, 2 Chron. 33:13-20**)

II. JOSIAH'S REIGN (22:1 - 23:37)

1. Salvation (**22:1-2, 2 Chron. 34:3**)
2. Reformation (**2 Chron. 34:3-7**)
3. Restoration (**22:3 - 23:28**)
4. Assassination (**23:29-37, 2 Chron. 35:20-27**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in I & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 1

INTRODUCTION

I. AIM

II. NAME

III. DATE AND AUTHORSHIP

IV. MESSAGE

1. Davidic kingship
2. Covenant
3. Temple
4. Nations

V. THEMES AND APPLICATION FROM 1 CHRONICLES

VI. THEMES AND APPLICATION FROM 2 CHRONICLES

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 2

ANCESTRY OF ISRAEL

(I Chronicles 1:1 - 10:14)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE LINEAGE OF DAVID (1:1-3:24)

II. THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (4:1 - 7:40)

1. The family of Judah (**4:1-23**)
2. The family of Simeon (**4:24-43**)
3. The families of Transjordan (**5:1-26**)
4. The family of Levi (**6:1-81**)
5. The remaining families of Israel (**7:1-44**)

III. THE HOUSE OF SAUL (8:1 - 9:44)

IV. THE DEATH OF SAUL (10:1-14)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 3

DAVID

(1 Chronicles 11:1 - 16:43)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **DAVID BECOMES KING OVER ISRAEL** (11:1-3)
- II. **THE CAPTURE OF JERUSALEM** (11:4-8)
- III. **DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN** (11:9 - 12:40)
- IV. **DAVID AND THE ARK OF THE COVENANT** (13:1 - 16:43)
 1. Removing the Ark from Kiriath-Jearim (**13:1-14**)
 2. Restoring fellowship with God (**14:1-17**)
 3. The Ark rests in Jerusalem (**15:1 - 16:43**)
 - a) The centrality of the priests (**15:1-15**)
 - b) The joy of God's presence (**15:16 - 16:6**)
 - c) Tell of His glory (**16:7-43**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 4

DAVID AND THE PROMISE - THE FIRST ACCOUNT

(1 Chronicles 17:1 - 21:30)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE PROMISE** (17:1-15)

- II. **DAVID'S RESPONSE** (17:16-27)

- III. **THE DEFEAT OF THE ENEMY** (18:1 - 20:8)

- IV. **I WILL ESTABLISH A PLACE** (21:1-30)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 5

DAVID AND THE PROMISE - THE SECOND ACCOUNT

(1 Samuel 22:1 - 27:34)

INTRODUCTION

I. PREPARATION FOR THE TEMPLE BUILDING (22:1-19)

II. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TEMPLE AND THE KINGDOM (23:1 - 27:34)

1. The organisation of the Levites (**23:3-32**)
2. The organisation of the priests (**24:1-19**)
3. The remaining Levites (**24:20-31**)
4. The organisation of the musicians (**25:1-31**)
5. The organisation of the Levite officials (**26:1-32**)
6. The organisation of the princes of Israel (**27:1-34**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 6

DAVID AND THE PROMISE - THE THIRD ACCOUNT

(1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:30)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOLOMON'S KINGSHIP** (28:1-10)
- II. **THE TEMPLE PLAN** (28:11-29)
- III. **WORK ON THE TEMPLE COMMISSIONED BY DAVID** (28:20 - 29:9)
- IV. **DAVID'S BLESSING** (29:1-9)
- V. **THE CORONATION OF SOLOMON** (29:20-25)
- VI. **THE DEATH OF DAVID** (29:26-30)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 7

SOLOMON

(2 Chronicles 1:1 - 9:31)

INTRODUCTION

- I. SOLOMON'S PREPARATION (1:1-17)**
- II. PREPARATIONS FOR BUILDING THE TEMPLE (2:1-18)**
- III. THE TEMPLE IS BUILT (3:1 - 5:1)**
- IV. THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE (5:2 - 7:11)**
 - 1. The ceremony of the Ark (**5:2-14**)
 - 2. Solomon's speech (**6:1-11**)
 - 3. Solomon's prayer (**6:12 - 7:3**)
 - 4. The dedication ceremony (**7:4-11**)
- V. SOLOMON'S VISION (7:12-22)**
- VI. SOLOMON'S KINGDOM ESTABLISHED (8:1-18)**
- VII. SOLOMON'S WEALTH AND WISDOM ACCLAIMED (9:1-28)**
 - 1. The Queen of Sheba (**9:1-12**)
 - 2. Solomon's wealth (**9:11-28**)
- VIII. SOLOMON'S DEATH (9:29-31)**

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 8

DAVIDIC KINGS, REHOBOAM TO JEHOSEPHAT (Part 1)

(2 Chronicles 10:1 - 20:30)

INTRODUCTION

I. REHOBOAM (10:1 - 12:16)

1. The rebellion of the northern tribes (**10:1 - 11:4**)
2. Rehoboam's kingdom (**11:5-23**)
3. Shishak's invasion (**12:1-12**)
4. Conclusion to Rehoboam's reign (**12:13-16**)

II. ABIJAH (13:1 - 14:1)

III. ASA (14:2 - 16:14)

1. The invasion of Asa's kingdom (**14:9-15**)
2. Asa's revival (**15:1-19**)
3. The war with the northern kingdom (**16:1-10**)
4. The conclusion of Asa's kingdom (**16:11-14**)

IV. JEHOSEPHAT (17:1 - 20:37)

1. Introduction to Jehoshaphat's reign (**17:1-6**)
1. Jehoshaphat's administration of the kingdom (**17:7-19**)
2. Jehoshaphat and King Ahab (**18:1-34**)
3. Jehoshaphat's appointment of Judges (**19:1-11**)
4. Jehoshaphat's war with the Moabites and Ammonites (**20:1-30**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 9

DAVIDIC KINGS - JEHORAM TO JOSIAH (Part 2)

(2 Chronicles 21:20 - 36:23)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **JEHORAM** (21:1-20)
- II. **AHAZIAH** (22:1-12)
- III. **ATHALIAH** (23:1-21)
- IV. **JOASH** (24:1-27)
- V. **AMAZIAH** 25:1-28)
- VI. **UZZIAH** (26:1-23)
- VII. **JOTHAN** (27:1-9)

Studies in 1 & 2 Chronicles

STUDY 9 (continued)

DAVIDIC KINGS - JEHOAM TO JOSIAH (Part 2) **(2 Chronicles 21:20 - 36:23)**

VIII. AHAZ (28:1-27)

IX. HEZEKIAH (29:1 - 32:33)

1. The temple re-dedication (**29:1-36**)
2. The Passover (**30:1-27**)
3. The priests and Levites (**31:1-21**)
4. Invasion of Sennacherib (**32:1-33**)

X. MANASSEH (33:1-20)

XI. AMON (33:21-25)

XII. JOSIAH (34:1 - 35:27)

1. Law of Moses (**34:14-33**)
2. The Passover (**35:1-19**)
3. Death of Josiah (**35:20-27**)

CONCLUSION

1. The last kings (**36:1-13**)
2. The Chronicler's sermon (**36:14-21**)
3. The edict of Cyrus (**36:22-23**)

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 1

HOME AT LAST

(Ezra 1)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CRISIS (v.1)

1. The date
2. To fulfil Jeremiah's prophecy
3. The Lord moved the heart of Cyrus

II. THE EDICT (v.2-4)

1. A remarkable confession (**v.2**)
2. Satisfactory permission (**v.3**)
3. The considerate command (**v.4**)

III. THE RESPONSE (v.5-11)

1. The people who obeyed (**v.5**)
2. The provision (**v.6-11**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 2

ONLY A LIST OF NAMES

(Ezra 2)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE REGISTER OF THE RETURNED EXILES (v.1-70)

1. Leaders (**v.1-2a**)
2. Family groups (**v.2b-35**)
3. Priests (**v.36-39**)
4. Levites (**v.40-42**)
5. Temple servants (**v.43-54**)
6. Sons of Solomon's servants (**v.55-57**)
7. Uncertain genealogy (**v.58-63**)

II. SPIRITUAL LESSONS FOR TODAY

1. Service
 - a) Varied
 - b) Privilege
 - c) For all
2. Holiness
3. Giving
 - a) Prompt
 - b) Spontaneous
 - c) Thoughtful
 - d) Generous

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 3

FOUR ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING

(Ezra 3:1-13)

INTRODUCTION

I. UNITY

II. ZEAL

1. Priorities
2. Giving

III. OBEDIENCE

IV. WORSHIP

1. Disciplined worship
2. It contained music
3. There was singing

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 4

AN OFFER REFUSED

(Ezra 4:1-24)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **AN OFFER WE MUST REFUSE** (v.1-3)

- II. **THE TROUBLE WE CANNOT AVOID** (v.4-23)
 - 1. Menacing (v.5)
 - 2. Persistent (v.5-7)
 - 3. Powerful (v.7-10)
 - 4. Cunning (v.11-16)
 - 5. Brutal (v.17-23)

- III. **THE EXAMPLE WE SHOULD NOT FOLLOW** (v.24)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 5

COPING WITH DISCOURAGEMENT

(Ezra 5:1-17)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PREACHING OF HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH (v.1-2)

1. The preachers
2. The results

II. THE ENQUIRY OF TATTENAI (v.3-5)

1. The enquiry
2. How it was dealt with

III. THE LETTER TO DARIUS (v.6-17)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 6

THE TEMPLE COMPLETED

(Ezra 6:1-22)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE LETTER FROM DARIUS (v.1-12)

1. Promote the work (**v.6-7**)
2. Provide money and animals (**v.8-10**)
3. Pray for the king (**v.6-10**)
4. Punish those who violate the royal decree (**v.11-12**)

II. THE TEMPLE COMPLETED (v.13-22)

1. Completion (**v.13-15**)
2. Dedication (**v.16-18**)
3. Celebration (**v.19-22**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 7

EZRA'S SELF-PORTRAIT

(Ezra 7:1-28)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS NOBLE ANCESTRY (v.1-5)

II. HIS REMARKABLE AUDACITY (v.6)

III. HIS EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY (v.7-10)

1. Knowing the Word of God
2. Doing the Word of God
3. Teaching the Word of God

IV. HIS AUTHORITY (v.11-28)

1. Authorisation (v.11-12, 25-26)
2. Liberation (v.13-14)
3. Compensation (v.15-26)
4. Celebration (v.27-28)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 8

THE PERILOUS JOURNEY

(Ezra 8:1-36)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE JOURNEY BEGINS** (v.1-14)

- II. **A PAUSE FOR REFLECTION** (v.15)

- III. **GOD'S MAN FOR THE HOUR** (v.15-31)
 1. His wisdom (v.16-20)
 2. His piety (v.21-23)
 3. His faith (v.22-23)
 4. His prudence (v.24-30)
 5. His gratitude to God (v.31)

- IV. **ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM** (v.32-36)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 9

HOW TO PRAY

(Ezra 9:1-15)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CONDITION OF THE JEWS (v.1-4)

1. Believers not to marry unbelievers
2. No evangelism with those who deny the gospel

II. THE PRAYER OF EZRA (v.5-15)

1. Identification
2. Confession
 - a) Their sin was great (**v.6**)
 - b) Their sin was persistent (**v.7**)
 - c) It was widespread (**v.1-2, 7**)
 - d) They were defying God (**v.10-12**)
 - e) Deserved punishment (**v.14-15**)

III. GRATITUDE

CONCLUSION

Studies in Ezra

STUDY 10

HOLY PEOPLE FOR A HOLY GOD

(Ezra 10:1-44)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **TRUE PRAYER LEADS TO REPENTANCE** (v.1-8)

- II. **TRUE REPENTANCE LEADS TO SEPARATION** (v.9-44)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 1

THE MAN WHO GOT INVOLVED

(Nehemiah 1)

INTRODUCTION

I. NEHEMIAH'S INQUIRY (1:1-3)

II. NEHEMIAH'S REACTION (1:4-11)

1. Clear recognition of the need (**v.4**)
2. Personally concerned with the need (**v.4**)
 - a) Sat down and wept
 - b) Mourned and fasted
3. Prayed for the need (**v.4-11**)
 - a) Worship (**v.5**)
 - b) Confession (**v.6-7**)
 - c) Petition (**v.8-11**)
4. Available to meet the need

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 2

TAKING COMMAND

(Nehemiah 2)

INTRODUCTION

I. PETITIONING THE KING (v.1-8)

1. To send him to repair the ruins in Jerusalem (**v.5**)
2. To give him letters of safe conduct (**v.7**)
3. To give him letters for timber (**v.8**)

II. ARRIVING IN THE CITY (v.9-11)

1. Opposition
2. Rest
3. Investigation

III. INSPECTING THE RUINS (v.12-16)

IV. RALLYING THE PEOPLE (v.17-20)

1. Recognise and acknowledge the unhappy situation (**v.17a**)
2. Exhorts the people to act (**v.17b**)
3. Encourages them (**v.18**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 3

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - HOW TO ACCOMPLISH IT

(Nehemiah 3)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE NORTH WALL (v.1-5)

1. The Sheep Gate (**v.1-2**)
2. The Fish Gate (**v.3-5**)

II. THE WEST WALL (v.6-12)

1. Goldsmiths and perfumers (**v.8**)
2. Nobles of Jerusalem (**v.5**)
3. Young women (**v.12**)

III. THE SOUTH WALL (v.13-14)

1. The Valley Gate (**v.13**)
2. The Dung Gate (**v.14**)

IV. THE EAST WALL (v.15-31)

1. The Fountain Gate (**v.15-25**)
2. The Water Gate (**v.26-27**)
3. The Horse Gate (**v.28**)
4. The East Gate (**v.29-30**)
5. The Inspection Gate (**v.31**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah
STUDY 4

WHAT TO DO WHEN UNDER ATTACK
(Nehemiah 4)

INTRODUCTION

I. OPPOSITION BY MOCKERY (v.1-6)

1. The problem (v.1-4)
 - a) What are these feeble Jews doing?
 - b) Will they restore the wall?
 - c) Will they offer sacrifices?
 - d) Can they bring the stones back to life?)
2. The response (v.4-6)
 - a) Prayer (v.4-5)
 - b) Continued with the task (v.6)

II. OPPOSITION BY CONSPIRACY (v.7-9)

1. The problem (v.7-8)
2. The response (v.9)
 - a) Prayer
 - b) Posted a guard

III. OPPOSITION BY DISCOURAGEMENT (v.10-23)

1. The problem (v.10-14)
 - a) Loss of strength (v.10)
 - b) Loss of vision (v.10)
 - c) Loss of confidence (v.10)
 - d) Loss of security (v.11-12)
2. The response (v.13-23)
 - a) Workers armed and placed strategically (v.13)
 - b) Encouraged to trust God for protection (v.14)
 - c) Assigns his personal servants to help (v.16)
 - d) Builders and burden-bearers carried weapons (v.17-18)
 - e) An alarm system was instituted (v.18b-20)
 - f) Night-time security strengthened (v.22)
 - g) Nehemiah exercised constant vigilance (v.23)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 5

COPING WITH THE FIFTH COLUMN

(Nehemiah 5)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE COMPLAINT OF THE POOR (v.1-5)

1. Labourers
2. Mortgaging of their properties

II. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE NOBLES (v.6-13)

1. Thinks the matter through (**v.7a**)
2. Confronts the nobles (**v.7b-8**)
3. Charges them with moral wrongdoing (**v.9**)
4. Admits their own mistakes
 - a) Determined to stop it (**v.10**)
 - b) As quickly as possible (**v.11**)
 - c) A promise before God (**v.12**)
 - d) Serious nature of the vow (**v.13**)

III. THE CONDUCT OF NEHEMIAH (v.14-19)

1. He was generous
2. He served

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 6

A WAR OF NERVES

(Nehemiah 6)

I. OPPOSITION BY INTRIGUE (v.1-4)

1. The problem (**v.1-2**)
2. The response (**v.3-4**)

II. OPPOSITION BY SLANDER (v.5-9)

1. The problem (**v.5-7**)
 - a) Plotting treason
 - b) He wanted to become king
 - c) Bribed prophets
2. Response (**v.8-10**)
 - a) Denial (**v.8-9**)
 - b) Prayer (**v.10**)

III. OPPOSITION BY TREACHERY (v.10-14)

1. The problem (**v.10**)
2. The response (**v.11-14**)

IV. OPPOSITION BY SUBVERSION (v.15-19)

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STUDY 7

CONSOLIDATING THE WORK

(Nehemiah 7)

INTRODUCTION

I. SAFEGUARDING THE CITY (v.1-3)

1. Assigned gatekeepers (**v.1**)
2. Officers in charge (**v.2**)
3. Gates closed till sun was high (**v.3a**)
4. Residents appointed as guards (**v.3b**)

II. SURVEYING THE PEOPLE (v.4-73)

1. Census of the people (**v.4-68**)
2. Account of the giving (**v.70-73**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 8

REVIVAL AT THE WATERGATE

(Nehemiah 8)

INTRODUCTION

I. BIBLE READING AT THE WATER GATE (v.1-4)

1. The timing (**7:73b**)
2. The place (**8:1**)
3. The purpose (**v.1**)
4. The key figure (**v.1**)
5. Features of the service
 - a) For families (**v.2-3**)
 - b) Lasted six hours (**v.3**)
 - c) People attentive (**v.3**)

II. REVIVAL AT THE WATER GATE (v.5-18)

1. Reverence for the Bible (**v.5**)
2. Worship of God (**v.6**)
3. Comprehension of the Scriptures (**v.7-8**)
4. Remorse for sin (**v.9**)
5. Rejoicing in God's fellowship (**v.10-12**)
6. Obedience to God's Word (**v.13-18**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 9

A NATION AT PRAYER

(Nehemiah 9)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE (v.1-3)

II. THE PRAYER OF PENITENCE (v.4-31)

1. The call of Abraham (**v.7-8**)
2. Deliverance from Egypt (**v.7-8**)
3. Provision in the Wilderness (**v.9-11**)
4. Conquest of Canaan (**v.22-25**)
5. Failure under the Judges and Prophets (**v.26-31**)

III. THE PLEA FOR PITY (v.32-38)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 10

PUT IT IN WRITING

(Nehemiah 10)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SIGNERS OF THE COVENANT (v.1-27)

1. Nehemiah
2. 21 priests
3. 17 heads of Levitical households
4. 44 heads of leading lay families

II. FEATURES OF THE COVENANT (v.28-39)

1. Subjection to the Word of God (**v.29b**)
2. Separation from mixed marriages (**v.30**)
3. Sabbath observance (**v.31**)
 - a) No trading
 - b) Every 7th year - no working on land
 - c) Forego collection of debts
4. Support of the temple (**v.32-39**)
 - a) Temple tax (**v.32-33**)
 - b) Wood offering (**v.34**)
 - c) Firstfruits (**v.35-36**)
 - d) Offerings for priests and Levites (**v.37-39**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 11

THE NEW BEGINNING

(Nehemiah 11-12)

INTRODUCTION

I. REGISTER OF JEWISH CITIZENS (11:1 - 12:26)

1. Residents of Jerusalem (**11:3-24**)
2. Residents outside Jerusalem (**11:25-36**)
3. Priests and Levites of Zerubbabel's return (**12:1-9**)
4. Post-exilic High Priests (**12:10-11**)
5. Priests and Levites after Zerubbabel (**12:12-26**)

II. DEDICATION OF JERUSALEM'S WALLS (12:27-43)

1. The assembling of Levites and musicians (**v.27-29**)
2. The rites of purification (**v.30**)
3. The ritual procession (**v.31-39**)
4. The dedication ceremony (**v.40-43**)

III. ORGANISATION OF TEMPLE SUPPORT (12:44-47)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Nehemiah

STUDY 12

CHALLENGE TO A PERMISSIVE SOCIETY

(Nehemiah 13)

INTRODUCTION

I. **BANISHMENT OF FOREIGNERS** (v.1-3)

II. **COMPROMISING FRIENDSHIP** (v.4-9)

III. **FINANCIAL FIASCO** (v.10-14)

IV. **SECULARISED SABBATH** (v.15-22)

V. **DOMESTIC DISOBEDIENCE** (v.23-31)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Esther
STUDY 1

THE QUEEN SAYS “NO”
(Esther 1:1-22)

BACKGROUND

1. Background
2. Date
3. Place
4. Why in the Bible?

I. HIS BOASTFULNESS (1:1-9)

1. Three banquets
 - a) for political and military rulers (**v.1-4**)
 - b) for the men of Susa (**v.5-8**)
 - c) for the women of Susa (**v.9**)
2. Reasons
 - a) to show off his wealth (**v.4**)
 - b) to show off his majesty (**v.4**)
 - c) to show off his generosity (**v.7-8**)

II. HIS DRUNKENNESS (v.10-12)

1. A rash command
2. A brave refusal
3. An inflamed ego

III. HIS REVENGE

1. Who was consecrated (**v.13**)
2. What he asked (**v.15**)
3. What he was told (**v.16-18**)
4. What he was advised (**v.19-20**)
5. What he carried out (**v.21-22**)

Studies in Esther

STUDY 2

THE NEW QUEEN

(Esther 2)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE AGREEMENT OF THE KING (2:1-4)

1. The king remembers his decree (**v.1**)
2. The king agrees to a purpose (**v.2-4**)

II. THE CHOICE OF ESTHER (2:5-18)

1. The influence of Mordecai (**v.5-18**)
 - a) origins
 - b) history
 - c) family
2. The encouragement of Hegai (**v.8-9**)
 - a) special notice
 - b) favoured position
3. The nationality of Esther (**v.10-11**)
4. The approval of the king (**v.12-18**)

III. THE INTERVENTION OF MORDECAI (2:19-23)

1. One of favour
2. One of opportunity
3. One of credit

Studies in Esther

STUDY 3

AN OLD ENEMY WITH A NEW NAME

(Esther 3)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS ANCESTRY (v.1)

II. HIS AUTHORITY (v.1)

III. HIS VANITY (v.2-6)

1. The king's command
2. Resisted by Mordecai
 - a) persistently (**v.3**)
 - b) courageously (**v.4**)
3. Exposed by Mordecai
 - a) Human anger (**v.5**)
 - b) Haman's vengeance (**v.6**)

IV. HIS SUBTELTY (v.7-15)

1. He selected the day (**v.7**)
2. He requested the king's permission (**v.8-11**)
3. He spread the word (**v.12-14**)

V. HIS CRUELTY (v.15)

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STUDY 4

THE DAY OF DECISION

(Esther 4)

INTRODUCTION

I. MORDECAI EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN (v.1-3)

1. By his clothes
2. By his actions
3. By his behaviour
4. By his persistence

II. MORDECAI EXPLAINED THEIR PERIL (v.4-9)

1. To the queen's servants
2. In a copy of the edict
3. In his own words

III. MORDECAI EXHORTED THE QUEEN (v.10-14)

1. She was not guaranteed from death
2. Her silence would not prevent deliverance from elsewhere
3. No accident
4. God's providence
 - a) God has a divine purpose to accomplish
 - b) God accomplishes His purposes through people
 - c) God will accomplish even if we disobey
 - d) God is not in a hurry

IV. MORDECAI EXPEDITED THE PLAN (v.15-17)

Studies in Esther

STUDY 5

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

(Esther 5)

I. DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY (v.1-5)

1. The king
2. Esther
 - a) It was not the right time
 - b) It was not the right place
 - c) Only wanted Haman
 - d) King never rewarded Mordecai

II. FALSE CONFIDENCE (v.6-9)

1. The Lord restrained Esther
2. The king accepted the delay
3. None of Esther's attendants

III. PRIDE (v.10-12)

IV. MALICE (v.9b, 13-14)

Studies in Esther

STUDY 6

WARNING SIGNALS

(Esther 6)

I. A NIGHT OF DISCOVERY (v.1-5)

1. The king's insomnia (**v.1a**)
2. The king's choice of entertainment (**v.1b**)
3. The servant's choice of books (**v.1c**)
4. The king's delay in rewarding Mordecai (**v.2-3**)
5. The timely arrival of Haman (**v.4**)

II. A MORNING OF DECISION (v.6-10)

III. A DAY OF DISGRACE (v.11-14)

Studies in Esther
STUDY 7

REWARDED
(Esther 7-8)

I. THE QUEEN'S REQUEST (7:1-4)

1. The right time (**v.1-2**)
2. The right approach (**v.3-4**)

II. THE KING'S RAGE (7:5-8)

1. Humiliated by his ignorance (**v.5-7**)
2. Blind with resentment (**v.8**)

III. HAMAN'S END (v.9-10)

1. He had no friends
2. His wicked plan backfires on him

IV. THE PROMOTION OF MORDECAI (8:1-2, 5)

1. His presence before the king
2. His new appointment and authority

V. ESTHER'S PETITION (8:3-6)

1. Her concern for others
2. Her wise suggestion

VI. THE KING'S PROCLAMATION (8:7-17)

1. The new decree
2. Drafted by Mordecai
3. Translated and circulated
4. Brought great joy to God's people

Studies in Esther

STUDY 8

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

(Esther 9-10)

I. THE FEAR OF THE JEWS (9:1-16)

1. The tables are turned (**v.1**)
2. The fear of the Jews (**v.2**)
3. The fear of Mordecai (**v.3**)
4. Jews defend themselves
5. Only defence (**v.9, 15-16**)

II. THE FEAST OF THE JEWS (9:17-32)

1. Two days of fasting (**v.17-19**)
2. Annual celebration (**v.20-23**)
3. Naming (**v.24-28**)
4. Purim regulated

III. THE EXALTATION (10:1-3)

1. Mordecai's position
2. Mordecai's practice
3. Mordecai's fame

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job

STUDY 1

HIS CHARACTER

(Job 1:1-12)

I. THE CHARACTER OF JOB (1:1-5)

1. Place
2. Piety
 - a) Blameless
 - b) Upright
 - c) Feared God
 - d) Shunned evil
3. Prosperity
4. Posterity

II. THE SCENERY BEHIND THE SCENE (1:6-12)

1. The sons of God (**v.6**)
2. Satan and God (**v.7-8**)
3. Satanic sneer (**v.9-12**)

LESSONS

Studies in Job

STUDY 2

JOB SEVERELY TESTED

(Job 1:13 - 2:13)

INTRODUCTION

I. IN THE WHIRLWIND OF DISASTER (1:13-22)

1. Onslaught of destruction (**v.13-19**)
2. Ordeal of despair (**v.20-21**)
3. Ordination of discretion (**v.22**)

II. IN THE WICKEDNESS OF DESOLATION (2:1-13)

1. The sieve of Satan (**v.1-6**)
2. The scourge of suffering (**v.7-10**)
 - a) Sat among the ashes
 - b) Wife urges him to curse
 - c) Job willing to receive adversity
3. The solitariness of sorrow (**v.11-13**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job

STUDY 3

I WANT TO DIE

(Job 3:1-26)

I. HE WISHED HE HAD NOT BEEN BORN (v.1-10)

II. HE WISHED HE HAD DIED AT BIRTH (v.11-19)

III. HE WISHED HE COULD DIE THEN (v.20-26)

SUMMARY

1. Job was broken
2. He never forsook God
3. God's grace was upon him
4. Vent your feelings

Studies in Job

STUDY 4

ELIPHAZ'S FIRST SERMON

(Job 4-5)

INTRODUCTION (conversations at the garbage dump)

- I. **HIS REBUKE OF JOB (4:1-6)**
- II. **HIS REASONING ABOUT SUFFERING (4:7-11)**
- III. **HIS REPORT OF A VISION (4:12-21)**
- IV. **HIS RECOMMENDATION TO JOB (5:1-17)**
- V. **HIS REMINDER OF GOD'S BLESSING (5:18-27)**

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job

STUDY 5

JOB'S FIRST REPLY TO ELIPHAZ

(Job 6-7)

- I. **JOB'S DEFENCE OF HIS COMPLAINING** (6:1-7)
- II. **JOB'S DESPAIR IN HIS SUFFERING** (6:8-13)
- III. **JOB'S DISAPPOINTMENT IN HIS FRIENDS** (6:14-23)
- IV. **JOB'S PLEA TO THE THREE COUNSELLORS** (6:24-30)
- V. **JOB'S PATTERN OF MISERY** (7:1-6)
- VI. **JOB'S PRAYER TO GOD** (7:7-12)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job

STUDY 6

BILDAD'S FIRST SPEECH

(Do the bad guys always lose?)

(Job 8)

I. THE STATEMENT OF GOD'S JUSTICE (v.1-7)

II. THE PROOF OF HISTORY (v.8-10)

III. THE PATHS OF THE UNGODLY (v.11-19)

IV. THE POSSIBILITY OF BLESSING (v.20-22)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job
STUDY 7

JOB ANSWERS BILDAD
(Job 9-10)

I. GOD'S GREATNESS (9:1-12)

1. God's power and wisdom (**v.4-12**)
2. Man's smallness (**v.1-3**)

II. GOD'S ARBITRARINESS (9:13-24)

III. GOD'S UNFAIRNESS (9:25 - 10:22)

1. God would not acquit him (**9:25-35**)
2. God would not stop punishing him (**10:1-7**)
3. God would not leave him alone (**10:8-17**)

IV. GOD WOULD NOT LET HIM DIE (10:18-22)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job
STUDY 8

ARGUING WITH GOD
(Job 11)

I. HIS REBUKE OF JOB'S WORDS (v.2-6)

1. He was talkative (**v.2**)
2. He was mocking (**v.3**)
3. He was justifying himself (**v.4**)
4. He was ignorant of God (**v.5-6**)

II. THE UNSEARCHABLE WISDOM OF GOD (v.7-12)

III. REPENTANCE IS THE WAY TO RESTORATION (v.13-20)

1. Proper conduct (**v.13**)
2. Prayer (**v.13**)
3. Renunciation of evil (**v.14**)
4. Results
 - a) Clear conscience, steadfastness and confidence (**v.15**)
 - b) No remembrance of trouble (**v.16**)
 - c) Joy (**v.17**)
 - d) Hope and rest (**v.18**)
 - e) No disturbance, popularity and leadership (**v.19**)

Studies in Job
STUDY 9

THOUGH HE SLAY ME, I WILL TRUST HIM
(Job 12-14)

I. JOB RESENTS THEIR ASSUMED SUPERIORITY (12:1-12)

1. His sarcasm
2. Their secure positions
3. Successful robber
4. Similar teaching
5. Sovereignty of God

II. DESCRIPTION OF DIVINE POWER (12:13-25)

III. HE REJECTS THEIR COUNSEL (13:1-12)

1. His equal status (**v.1-3**)
2. Their worthless counsel (**v.4-5**)
3. Rejects their competence to represent God (**v.6-12**)

IV. HE NOW APPEALS TO GOD (13:13-18)

V. JOB DESPAIRED OF HOPE (14:1-22)

1. The brevity of life (**v.1-6**)
2. The finality of death (**v.7-17**)
3. The absence of hope (**v.18-22**)

Studies in Job
STUDY 10

ASH HEAP DUALS
(Job 15:1-35)

I. A REBUKE OF JOB'S ATTITUDE (v.1-16)

1. Irreverent talk (**v.1-6**)
2. Job's presumption (**v.7-16**)

II. A REMINDER OF THE WICKED MAN'S FATE (v.17-35)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job
STUDY 11

THE FRONTIERS OF DESPAIR
(Job 16-17)

- I. **JOB'S DISGUST - WITH HIS FRIENDS** (16:1-5)

- II. **JOB'S DISTRESS - AT THE HAND OF GOD** (16:6-17)

- III. **JOB'S DESIRE - FOR A REPRESENTATIVE IN HEAVEN** (16:18-17:2)

- IV. **JOB'S DISCLAIMER - OF HIS FRIENDS** (17:3-5)

- V. **JOB'S DESPAIR - BEFORE HIS FRIENDS AND IN THE FACE OF DEATH**
(17:6-16)

Studies in Job
STUDY 12

MY REDEEMER LIVETH
(The bitterest hurt in life)
(Job 18-20)

I. THE REMOVAL OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF COMRADESHIP (18:1-21)

1. Bildad's denunciation of Job (**v.1-4**)
2. Bildad's description of the wicked's downfall (**v.5-21**)

II. THE REACTION OF THE AFFECTION OF COURAGE (19:1-29)

1. Hostility from his accusers (**v.1-6**)
2. Hostility from God (**v.7-12**)
3. Hostility from relatives, friends and servants (**v.13-22**)
4. Certainty of seeing God

III. THE RECESSION OF THE APPREHENSION OF COMMUNION (20:1-29)

1. The disdain of the offended (**v.1-3**)
2. Brief prosperity of the wicked man (**v.4-11**)
3. Certain punishment of sin (**v.12-19**)
4. The quick anger of God towards the wealthy wicked (**v.20-29**)

Studies in Job
STUDY 13

GOD, WHERE ARE YOU?
(Job 21-25)

I. THE REALISING SENSE OF FORGIVENESS (21:1-34)

1. Job's call for silence (**v.1-6**)
2. Job's claim that the wicked often prosper (**v.7-16**)
3. Job's claim that the wicked die for their sins (**v.17-26**)
4. Job's claim that the wicked die in prosperity (**v.27-34**)

II. THE REASONING SEVERITY OF PHARISEEISM (22:1-30)

1. Eliphaz asserted God's disinterest in Job (**v.1-5**)
2. Eliphaz accuses Job of social deviations (**v.6-11**)
3. Eliphaz accuses Job of spiritual defiance (**v.12-20**)
4. Eliphaz appealed to Job to repent (**v.21-30**)

III. THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE ON PRAYER (23:1 - 24:25)

1. Job's longing (**23:1-7**)
2. Job's innocence (**23:8-12**)
3. Job's frustration (**23:13 - 24:17**)
4. Job's confidence (**24:18-25**)

IV. THE REDUNDANT SONOROUSNESS OF POSITION (25:1-6)

Studies in Job
STUDY 14

HOW FAINT THE WHISPER
(Job 26-28)

INTRODUCTION

I. JOB ACKNOWLEDGES GOD'S POWER (26:1-14)

1. Job rebukes Bildad for giving no help (**v.1-4**)
2. Job extols the greatness of God (**v.5-13**)
 - a) Sees everything
 - b) Made everything

II. JOB QUESTIONS GOD'S JUSTICE (27:1-23)

1. Job takes an oath (**v.1-6**)
2. Job utters a curse (**v.7-10**)
3. Job teaches a lesson (**v.11-23**)

III. JOB SEEKS GOD'S WISDOM (28:1-28)

1. You cannot mine wisdom (**v.1-11**)
2. You cannot buy wisdom (**v.12-19**)
3. Wisdom comes from God (**v.20-28**)

Studies in Job
STUDY 15

I REST MY CASE
(Job 29-31)

INTRODUCTION

I. JOB LOOKS BACK AT LIFE'S JOYS (29:1-25)

1. Presence of God in his home (**v.1-6**)
2. Respect from others (**v.7-11**)
3. Ministry to others (**v.12-17**)
4. Confidence in the future (**v.18-20**)
5. Speaking encouragement and hope (**v.21-25**)

II. JOB LOOKS AROUND AT GOD'S JUDGEMENT (30:1-31)

1. I have no respect (**v.1-15**)
2. I have no blessing (**v.16-23**)
3. I have no help (**v.24-25**)
4. I have no future (**v.26-28**)
5. I have no ministry (**v.29-31**)

III. JOB LOOKS AHEAD FOR GOD'S JUSTICE (31:1-40)

1. Job the man
 - a) Lust (**v.1-4**)
 - b) Deceit (**v.5-8**)
 - c) Adultery (**v.9-12**)
2. Job the employer (**v.13-15**)
3. Job the neighbour (**v.16-23, 29-32**)
4. Job the worshipper (**v.27-28**)
5. Job the steward (**v.38-40**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job
STUDY 16

ELIHU HAS THE ANSWERS
(Job 32-33)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD IS SPEAKING THROUGH ME (32:1-22)

1. He was indignant (**v.1-3, 5**)
2. He was inspired (**v.8-10**)
3. He was impartial (**v.14, 21-22**)
4. He was impelled (**v.16-20**)

II. GOD IS GRACIOUS (33:1-33)

1. Introduction (**v.1-11**)
 - a) He is sincere (**v.1-7**)
 - b) What Job said about himself (**v.8-11**)
2. His thesis (v.12-14)
3. Different ways God speaks to man (**v.15-33**)
 - a) Dreams (**v.15-18**)
 - b) Suffering (**v.19-22**)
 - c) Ministry of Mediator (**v.23-33**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Job
STUDY 17

ELIHU EXPLAINS AND DEFENDS GOD
(Job 34-37)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD IS JUST (34:1-35:16)

1. God is unjust (34:5-6, 10-37)
 - a) Then He is not God (v.10-15)
 - b) No just government on earth (v.16-20)
 - c) Not see what is going on in the world (v.21-30)
2. No point in obeying God (34:7-9, 35:1-16)

II. GOD IS GREAT (36:1-37:24)

1. God's merciful purpose for man (36:1-25)
 - a) Explanation (v.5-15)
 - b) Application (v.16-25)
 - (i) Shortcut (v.18-19)
 - (ii) Suicide (v.20)
 - (iii) No hope (v.21)
2. God's mighty power in nature (36:26-37:24)
 - a) Autumn (36:27-37:5)
 - b) Winter (v.6-10)
 - c) Spring (v.11-13)
 - d) Summer (v.14-18)

Studies in Job
STUDY 18

THE FINAL EXAMINATION
(Job 38-42)

INTRODUCTION

I. CAN YOU EXPLAIN MY CREATION? (38:1-38)

1. The creation of the earth (**v.4-7**)
2. Seas (**v.8-11**)
3. Sun (**v.12-15**)
4. Vast dimensions of creation (**v.16-24**)
5. The rain (**v.25-28**)
6. Hail and frost (**v.29-30**)
7. Clouds (**v.31-38**)

II. CAN YOU OVERSEE MY CREATION? (38:39 - 39:30)

1. Lion cubs or ravens (**38:39-41**)
2. Goats (**39:1-4**)
3. Donkey (**v.5-8**)
4. Ox (**v.9-12**)
5. Birds (**v.13-18**)
6. Horse (**v.19-25**)
7. Birds (**v.26-30**)

III. JOB'S FIRST RESPONSE (40:1-5)

IV. CAN YOU SUBDUE MY CREATION? (40:6 - 41:34)

1. Hippopotamus (**40:15-24**)
2. Crocodile (**41:1-34**)
 - a) What will you do with him (**v.1-11**)
 - b) Described (**v.12-24**)
 - c) Anger (**v.25-34**)

V. JOB'S SECOND RESPONSE (42:1-17)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 1

THE TRULY HAPPY MAN

(Psalm 1)

I. DESCRIPTION

1. Negatively (**v.1**)

- a) He does not listen to the ungodly man
- b) He does not linger with sinful men
- c) He does not laugh at scornful men

2. Positively (**v.2**)

- a) His delight is in the Law of the Lord
- b) On His Law he meditates day and night

II. RESULTS

- 1. Vitality
- 2. Security
- 3. Healthy
- 4. Fertility
- 5. Propriety
- 6. Perpetuity
- 7. Prosperity

III. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNGODLY (v.4**)**

- 1. They are not so
- 2. He is driven
- 3. He is doomed
- 4. He is damned

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 2

GOD'S KING

(Psalm 2)

I. THE WORLDWIDE REBELLION (v.1-3)

II. THE DIVINE INDIGNATION (v.4-6)

1. The Lord scoffs at them
2. He rebukes them in His anger
3. He terrifies them in His wrath

III. THE GREAT DECLARATION (v.7-9)

IV. THE SOLEMN EXHORTATION (v.10-12)

1. Be wise
2. Be warned
3. Serve the Lord with fear
4. Rejoice with trembling
5. Kiss the Son

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 3

THE HYMN OF A GODLY MAN IN DISTRESS

(Psalm 3)

BACKGROUND

I. DESPAIR (v.1-2)

1. Multiplicity of his foes
2. Malignity of his foes

II. DELIVERANCE (v.3-4)

1. You are a shield around me
2. My glorious One
3. Who lifts up my head
4. To the Lord I cry aloud and He answers me

III. DISCLOSURE (v.5-6)

IV. DECLARATION (v.7-8)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 4

THE JOY OF DIVINE COMPANIONSHIP

(Psalm 4)

I. AN URGENT PLEA FOR HELP (v.1)

1. Answer me when I call to You
2. Give me relief from my distress
3. Be merciful to me and hear my prayer

II. A WORD TO THE FOES (v.2-5)

1. That the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself
2. The Lord will hear when I call to Him

III. HIS CONFIDENCE IN GOD (v.6-8)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 5

TALK AND WALK

(Psalm 5)

INTRODUCTION

I. A PLEA TO BE HEARD (v.1-2)

II. HIS CONFIDENCE IN APPROACHING GOD (v.3-7)

1. Negatively (v.3-6)

- a) Takes no pleasure in evil (v.4)
- b) With You the wicked cannot dwell (v.4)
- c) Cannot stand in Your presence (v.5)
- d) You hate all who do wrong (v.5)
- e) You destroy those who tell lies (v.6)
- f) Deceitful men the Lord abhors (v.6)

2. Positively (v.7)

- a) By Your great mercy
- b) Will come into Your house
- c) In reverence will I bow down

III. HIS PRAYER (v.8-12)

- 1. Guidance (v.8)
- 2. Condemnation of the wicked (v.9-10)
- 3. Conclusion - for the righteous (v.11-12)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 6

FROM TROUBLE TO TRIUMPH THROUGH PRAYER

(Psalm 6)

BACKGROUND

- I. **A PLEA FOR MERCY** (v.1-3a)

- II. **A PLEA FOR DELIVERANCE** (v.3b-5)

- III. **THE EXTREMITY OF DAVID'S GRIEF** (v.6-7)

- IV. **HIS SUDDEN ASSURANCE** (v.8-10)

LESSONS

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 7

THE SONG OF THE SLANDERED SAINT

(Psalm 7)

INTRODUCTION

I. A PLEA FOR HELP (v.1-2)

1. O Lord, my God, I take refuge in You
2. Or they will tear me like a lion

II. A PROTESTATION OF INNOCENCE (v.3-5)

III. A PLEA FOR GOD TO CURB ENEMIES AND VINDICATE WRITER (v.6-7)

IV. A PLEA FOR THE JUST VERDICT OF THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE (v.8-10)

V. A PREDICTION CONCERNING OVERTHROW OF EVILDOERS (v.11-13)

VI. THE UNHAPPY END OF THE MAN WHO PLOTS EVIL (v.14-16)

1. Pregnant with evil (**v.14**)
2. Digs a hole (**v.15**)
3. Causes trouble (**v.16**)

VII. A RESOLVE TO PRAISE GOD FOR HIS DELIVERANCE (v.17)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 8

GOD'S GLORY REVEALED IN MAN'S DIGNITY

(Psalm 8)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 9

PRAISE FOR A MIGHTY DELIVERANCE

(Psalm 9)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **PRAISE FOR A MIGHTY DELIVERANCE** (v.1-2)

- II. **PLEA FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS DELIVERANCE** (v.13-20)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 10

THE PERILS OF THE PILGRIM

(Psalm 10)

I. THE CHARACTER AND CONDUCT OF THE WICKED (v.1-11)

1. Reckless character (v.1-6)

- a) Proud (v.2)
- b) Boastful (v.3)
- c) God-forgetting (v.4)
- d) Contemptuous (v.5)
- e) Self-secure (v.6)

2. Ruthless conduct (v.7-11)

- a) Mouth (v.7)
- b) Cruel (v.8)
- c) Thug (v.9-10)
- d) Godless (v.11)

II. A PRAYER FOR DIVINE INTERVENTION (v.12-15)

III. ASSURANCE THAT GOD HAS HEARD (v.16-18)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 11

THE SONG OF THE STEADFAST

(Psalm 11)

I. THE COWARDLY ADVICE TO FLEE BEFORE TREACHEROUS FOES (v.1-3)

II. THE LORD IS A REFUGE FOR THE RIGHTEOUS (v.4-7)

1. In His holy temple
2. On His heavenly throne
3. Observes sons of men, His eyes examine them
4. The Lord examines the righteous
5. But the wicked (**v.5-6**)
 - a) They love violence
 - b) His soul hates
 - c) On the wicked He will rain fiery coals

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 12

GOOD THOUGHTS IN BAD TIMES

(Psalm 12)

INTRODUCTION

I. DAVID'S PRAYER (v.1-4)

II. DAVID RESTS IN GOD (v.5-8)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 13

FROM SIGHING TO SINGING

(Psalm 13)

I. EXPOSTULATION BEGOTTEN OF ANXIETY (v.1-2)

1. Will You forget me forever?
2. Will You hide Your face from me?
3. How long just I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?
4. How long will my enemy triumph over me?

II. ENTREATY EXPRESSED IN PRAYER (v.3-4)

III. EXULTATION FLOWING FROM FAITH (v.5-6)

1. But I trust in Your unfailing love
2. My heart rejoices in Your salvation
3. I will sing to the Lord for He has been good to me

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 14

UNIVERSAL DEPRAVITY

(Psalm 14)

I. UNIVERSAL CORRUPTION (v.1-3)

1. All have turned aside
2. They have together become corrupt
3. There is no-one who does good, not even one

II. A RIGHTEOUS GOD (v.4-6)

1. Devour My people as men eat bread
2. And who do not call on the Lord

III. A PRAYERFUL LONGING (v.7)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 15

THE MARKS OF A TRUE WORSHIPPER

(Psalm 15)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE QUESTION (v.2-5)

1. Righteousness

- a) Broad
- b) Precise

2. Speech

3. Relationships

4. Oaths

5. Money

- a) Who lends his money without usury
- b) And does not accept a bribe against the innocent

II. AN ASSURANCE IS GIVEN (v.5b)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 16

DAVID'S JEWEL

(Psalm 16)

BACKGROUND

I. THE MARKS OF THE BELIEVER

1. God the object of his trust (v.1)
1. God is his highest treasure (v.2)
2. Delights in fellowship with saints (v.3)
3. Shuns all false worship (v.4)

II. THE PRESENT BLESSINGS OF THE BELIEVER (v.5-8)

1. A satisfied heart (v.5-6)
2. Counsel and correction (v.7)
3. Security (v.8)

III. THE PROSPECTS OF THE BELIEVER (v.9-11)

1. Preservation from death (v.9-10)
2. Path of life known to Him (v.11a)
3. Joy in God's presence (v.11b)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 17

AT THE THRONE OF GRACE

(Psalm 17)

INTRODUCTION

I. HIS DESIRE TO BE HEARD (v.1-5)

1. There is no hypocrisy
2. Clear sense of innocence (**v.2**)

II. HIS PRAYER FOR PROTECTION (v.6-12)

III. HIS PLEA TO BE VINDICATED (v.13-15)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 18

THE HEBREW TE DEUM

(Psalm 18)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **WHAT GOD MEANS TO DAVID** (v.1-2)
- II. **THE STORY OF DAVID'S DELIVERANCE** (v.3-19)
 1. His past dangers (v.3-6)
 2. God in the storm (v.7-15)
 3. His personal testimony (v.16-19)
- III. **WHY DID GOD DELIVER HIM?** (v.20-24)
- IV. **THE BASIC PRINCIPLE INVOLVED** (v.25-27)
- V. **THE STORY RETOLD WITH APPLICATIONS TO THE FUTURE** (v.28-45)
 1. David's equipment for his trials (v.32-36)
 2. His dealing with opponents (v.37-42)
 3. Nature of his victories (v.43-45)

CONCLUDING NOTE OF PRAISE

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 19

GOD HAS SPOKEN

(Psalm 19)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE REVELATION OF GOD IN NATURE (v.1-6)

1. The witness is specific (**v.1**)
2. It is incessant (**v.2**)
3. It is inaudible (**v.3**)
4. It is universal (**v.4**)
5. It is glorious (**v.5-6**)

II. THE REVELATION OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE (v.7-11)

1. It challenges us (**v.7**)
2. It cheers us (**v.8**)
3. It changes us (**v.9-10**)

III. THE REVELATION OF GOD IN EXPERIENCE (v.11-14)

1. It convicts us (**v.11**)
2. It cleanses us (**v.12**)
3. It corrects us (**v.13-14**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 20

BEFORE THE BATTLE

(Psalm 20)

INTRODUCTION

I. INTERCESSION BY THE PEOPLE (v.1-5)

1. May the Lord answer you when you are in distress (**v.1**)
2. May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you
 - a) at Bethel
 - b) at Jabbok
3. May He send you help . . . support (**v..2**)
4. May He remember all your sacrifices (**v.3**)
5. May He give you the desire of your heart (**v.4**)
6. We will shout for joy (**v.5**)

II. ASSURANCE FOR THE KING (v.6)

III. FINAL CONFESSION, ANTICIPATION AND PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (v.7-9)

DIFFERENT RESULTS

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 21

PRAYER AND PRAISE AFTER THE BATTLE

(Psalm 21)

I. THANKSGIVING FOR MERCIES GRANTED (v.1-6)

1. Rejoices in Your strength (**v.1a**)
2. Rejoices in victories given (**v.1b**)
3. Answered prayer (**v.2**)
4. Richly blessed (**v.3**)
5. Splendour and majesty (**v.5**)
6. A blessing to others (**v.6**)

II. THE HOPE OF FUTURE VICTORIES (v.7-12)

1. Causes of this hope (**v.7**)
2. Results for the future (**v.8-12**)

III. PRAISE FOR GOD (v.13)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 22

THE PSALM OF THE CROSS

(Psalm 22)

I. FORSAKEN OF GOD (v.1-2)

1. A pitiful cry for help (**v.1-2**)
 - a) Who it was that forsook him
 - b) Who was forsaken?
 - c) What did God do to him?
2. The father's experience (**v.3-5**)
3. His scornful treatment (**v.6-8**)
4. A plea for help (**v.9-11**)
5. The danger threatening (**v.12-13**)
6. His extremity (**v.14-18**)
7. Last plea for help and assurance he has been heard (**V.19-21**)

II. DELIVERED BY GOD (v.21-31)

1. Praise from the sufferer (**v.22-25**)
2. People sharing in resulting blessings (**v.26-31**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 23

DAVID'S HEAVENLY PASTORAL

(Psalm 23)

INTRODUCTION

I. OUR SHEPHERD (v.1)

1. Temporal things
2. Spiritual things

II. OUR SHEPHERD'S PROVISION (v.2-6)

1. Rest
2. Guidance
3. Restoration (**v.3**)
4. Protection (**v.4**)
5. Sustenance (**v.5**)
6. Fellowship with God (**v.6**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 24

HOLY WORSHIPPERS

(Psalm 24)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE LORD'S RULERSHIP OF THE WORLD ESTABLISHED BY CREATION (v.1)

1. Divine sovereignty
 - a) over the material world
 - b) over the human world
2. God as Creator

II. THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH MEN MAY COME BEFORE THE LORD (v.3-6)

1. The question (**v.3**)
2. The answer (**v.4**)
 - a) Clean hands
 - b) Pure heart
 - c) Who does not lift up his soul to an idol
 - d) Or swear by what is false
3. The results (**v.5**)
 - a) Blessings
 - b) Righteousness

III. THE COMING OF THE LORD TO HIS HOLY PLACE (v.7-10)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 25

A PERSONAL PRAYER

(Psalm 25)

I. A PLEA FOR GUIDANCE (v.1-7)

1. It is heartfelt (**v.1**)
2. Vindication from his enemies (**v.2-3**)
3. Need for instruction and guidance (**v.4-5**)
4. Penitence (**v.6-7**)

II. THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD (v.8-15)

1. Attributes of our God
2. What He does
3. Blessings resulting (**v.11-15**)

III. A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE (v.16-22)

1. **v.16-18**
2. **v.19-21**
3. **v.22**

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 27

AN ANTHEM OF DELIVERANCE

(Psalm 27)

INTRODUCTION

I. WHOLE-HEARTED TRUST (v.1-3)

1. My Light
2. My Salvation
3. My Stronghold

II. HIS SUPREME DESIRE (v.4-6)

III. A PRAYER

1. Grace
2. Approval
3. Guidance
4. Protection

IV. THE UNFAILING LORD (v.13-14)

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STUDY 28

ANSWERED PRAYER

(Psalm 28)

BACKGROUND

- I. **INVOCATION** (v.1-2)

- II. **SUPPLICATION** (v.3-5)

- III. **EXULTATION** (v.6-7)

- IV. **INTERCESSION** (v.8-9)

 - 1. Save them
 - 2. Bless them
 - 3. Shepherd them
 - 4. Carry them

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 29

GOD IS IN YOUR STORM

(Psalm 29)

I. THE ANGELS ARE SUMMONED TO PRAISE THE LORD BECAUSE OF THE MAJESTY OF THUNDER (v.1-2)

II. A DESCRIPTION OF THE STORM (v.3-9)

III. AN ASSURANCE OF BLESSING (v.10-11)

1. The sovereignty of God (**v.10**)
2. The Lord gives strength to His people
3. The Lord blesses with peace

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 30

LIVING ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

(Psalm 30)

I. PRAISE (v.1-5)

1. Sickness (**v.2-3**)
2. Battle (**v.1**)

II. CONFESSION (v.6-7)

III. SUPPLICATION (v.8-10)

IV. TESTIMONY (v.11-12)

1. Turned wailing into dancing
2. Removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 31

MINGLED EMOTIONS

(Psalm 31)

I. CLAIMS AND REASONS (v.1-4)

1. Claims
 - a) Deliver me
 - b) Defend me
 - c) Save me
 - d) Guide me

2. Reasons

II. REMEMBRANCE AND ANTICIPATION (v.5-8)

1. Remembrance
2. Anticipation

III. SUFFERING AND SORROW (v.9-13)

1. The effects of his trouble on his body and soul (**v.9-10**)
2. Its consequences on those around him (**v.11-12**)
3. Spreads his cause before God (**v.9, 13**)

IV. SALVATION AND DOOM (v.14-18)

1. Salvation
2. Doom

V. TRIUMPH AND PRAISE (v.19-24)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 32

THE WAY AND BLESSEDNESS OF FORGIVENESS

(Psalm 32)

INTRODUCTION

1. Fourfold description of sin
2. Expressions for pardon

I. THE PSALMIST TO THE LORD (v.3-7)

1. A dark memory (**v.3-4**)
2. David's confession and forgiveness
3. A grateful testimony

II. THE LORD TO THE PSALMIST (v.8-9)

1. A promise of guidance (**v.8**)
2. Warning against obstinacy (**v.9**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 33

AN ANTHEM OF WORSHIP

(Psalm 33)

I. INTRODUCTION (v.1-3)

1. God deserves our very best praise
2. Instruments enlisted
3. It is fitting

II. GOD AND CREATION (v.4-9)

1. His Word is true (**v.4**)
2. Faithful in all He does (**v.4**)
3. Unfailing love (**v.5**)
4. Creative power (**v.6-9**)

III. GOD AND HISTORY (v.10-19)

1. Over the nations (**v.10-15**)
2. Universal knowledge (**v.12-15**)
3. Particular knowledge (**v.16-19**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 34

TASTE AND SEE

(Psalm 34)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SONG (v.1-10)

1. Taste and see (**v.8**)
2. Fear the Lord (**v.9**)
3. Seek the Lord (**v.10**)

II. THE SERMON (v.11-22)

1. Main body of teaching (**v.11-18**)
 - a) Keep your tongue from evil
 - b) Turn from evil (**v.14**)
 - c) Do good (**v.14**)
 - d) Seek peace and pursue it (**v.14**)
2. Conclusion (**v.19-22**)
 - a) The righteous (**v.19**)
 - b) The unsaved (**v.21**)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 35

A CRY FOR HELP

(Psalm 35)

INTRODUCTION

- I. **THE ENEMY'S INTRIGUE AND DAVID'S INNOCENCE** (v.1-10)

- II. **THE ENEMY'S INGRATITUDE AND DAVID'S INDIGNATION** (v.11-18)

- III. **THE ENEMY'S INSINUATION AND DAVID'S IMPOTENCE** (v.19-28)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 36

A SONG OF HAPPY SERVICE

(Psalm 36)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED (v.1-4)

1. What he thinks (**v.1**)
2. What he feels (**v.2**)
3. What he says (**v.3**)
4. What he does (**v.4**)

II. THE GRACIOUSNESS OF GOD (v.5-9)

1. Your love (**v.5**)
2. Your faithfulness (**v.5**)
3. Your righteousness (**v.6**)
4. Your justice

III. MAN'S DEDICATION OF HIMSELF TO GOD (v.10-12)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 37

WHEN BEING GOOD DOESN'T SEEM TO PAY

(Psalm 37)

I. EXHORTATIONS TO PEOPLE SORELY PERPLEXED (v.1-11)

1. Negative

- a) Do not fret (**v.1**)
- b) Do not be envious (**v.1**)
- c) Refrain from anger (**v.8**)

2. Positive

- a) Trust in the Lord (**v.3**)
- b) Do good (**v.3**)
- c) Delight yourself in the Lord (**v.4**)
- d) Commit your way to the Lord (**v.5**)
- e) Be still before the Lord (**v.7**)
- f) Wait patiently before Him (**v.7**)

II. DISAPPOINTMENT AND DESTRUCTION AWAIT THE WICKED (v.12-20)

III. THE SURE ENRICHMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS (v.21-31)

IV. THE LOTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED ARE CONTRASTED (v.32-40)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 38

SIN, SUFFERING AND SUPPLICATION

(Psalm 38)

I. THE DISQUIET OF SIN (v.1-11)

1. The Lord's displeasure (**v.1-3**)
2. The reason (**v.4**)
3. The pain involved (**v.5-10**)

II. THE DECISION TO TURN TO GOD (v.12-17)

III. THE CONFESSION OF SIN (v.18-22)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 39

THE PRAYER OF A MAN SORELY AFFLICTED

(Psalm 39)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE FRUSTRATED RESOLVE OF SILENCE (v.1-3)

II. THE HUMBLING BREVITY OF LIFE (v.4-6)

1. Number of my days
2. Fleeting is my life
3. A mere breath

III. THE COMFORT BORN OF HOPE (v.7-11)

1. The hope of forgiveness
2. Hope in God touches the matter of vindication from scorners
3. Hope in the divine purpose for human life (**v.9-11**)

IV. THE PRAYER FOR RELIEF (v.12-13)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 40

GLAD NEWS OF DELIVERANCE

(Psalm 40)

INTRODUCTION

I. WAITING REWARDED (v.1-10)

1. Rescue (**v.1-3**)
2. Reflection (**v.4-5**)
3. Dedication (**v.6-8**)
4. Proclamation (**v.9-10**)

II. WAITING RENEWED (v.11-17)

1. My iniquities (**v.11-12**)
2. My enemies (**v.13-15**)
3. My help (**v.16-17**)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 41

WHEN A MAN IS DOWN

(Psalm 41)

I. A CHANCE TO HELP (v.1-3)

1. The Lord delivers him in times of trouble
2. The Lord will protect him
3. Preserve his life
4. Not surrender him to the desire of his foes
5. Sustain him on his sickbed
6. Restore him from his bed of illness

II. THE CHANCE TO HURT (v.4-9)

1. Troubled conscience (**v.4**)
2. His enemies (**v.5-8**)
3. His bosom friend (**v.9**)

III. A SURE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD (v.10-12)

1. I know that You are pleased with me
2. My enemy does not triumph over me
3. You uphold me and set me in Your presence forever

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 42/43

LONGING FOR GOD

(Psalm 42 & 43)

BACKGROUND

I. **THE DROUGHT** (v.1-5)

II. **THE DEPTHS** (v.6-11)

III. **THE RELEASE** (43:1-5)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 44

GOD HELP US

(Psalm 44)

I. THE RECOLLECTION (v.1-3)

1. You drove out the nations
2. You planted our fathers
3. You crushed the peoples
4. Made our fathers flourish
5. Not the sword or the arm that brought victory

II. PRESENT TRUST (v.4-8)

1. Hope for the future (**v.5**)
2. No confidence in themselves (**v.6-7**)
3. Live a life of praise

III. RECENT EXPERIENCE (v.9-16)

1. The enemy
2. Themselves
3. God

IV. CONTINUING LOYALTY (v.17-22)

V. IMMEDIATE CHALLENGE (v.23-26)

1. Turn to us
2. Act for us

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 45

A SONG OF LOVE

(Psalm 45)

I. INTRODUCTION (v.1)

1. The thrilling subject
2. It was well-expressed

II. BRIDEGROOM DESCRIBED (v.2-9)

1. Excellency of His Person (v.2)
2. Victories (v.3-5)
 - a) Preparations for war (v.3)
 - b) His expedition (v.3)
 - c) His glorious cause (v.4)
 - (i) Truth
 - (ii) Humility
 - (iii) Righteousness of His government
 - (iv) Splendour and majesty

III. BRIDE PORTRAYED (v.10-17)

1. Consent gained (v.10-11)
2. Wedding solemnized (v.12-15)
3. The children of the marriage (v.16-17)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 46

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

(Psalm 46)

INTRODUCTION

I. FIRM ANCHORAGE IN GOD WHILE ALL ELSE IS INSECURE (v.1-3)

1. God is our Refuge
2. God is our Strength
3. An ever-present help in trouble

II. JOYFUL ASSURANCE IN THE IMPREGNABLE CITY OF GOD (v.4-7)

1. Presence of God (v.4-5)
2. Power of God (v.6)
3. Grace of God (v.7)

III. A CALL TO CONSIDER THE WORKS OF THE LORD (v.8-11)

1. Come and see (v.8-9)
2. Be still (v.10-11)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 47

A CALL TO PRAISE

(Psalm 47)

I. A CALL TO THE NATIONS TO PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR ISRAEL (v.1-4)

1. Who are called upon to praise God?
2. What are they called to do?
 - a) Clap your hands
 - b) Shout to God
 - c) With cries of joy
3. Why praise God?
 - a) His majesty
 - b) His sovereignty
 - c) His care for His people

II. A CALL TO ISRAEL TO PRAISE GOD WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE IS KING (v.5-9)

1. God ascending (**v.5-6**)
2. God reigning (**v.7-8**)
3. God honoured (**v.9**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 48

THE GREATNESS OF THE GOD OF ZION

(Psalm 48)

I. FOR ITS RELATION TO GOD (v.1-2)

II. GOD'S CARE OF IT (v.3)

1. In her
2. To be her fortress

III. FOR THE TERROR IT STRIKES ON ITS ENEMIES (v.4-7)

IV. FOR THE PLEASURE SHE BRINGS TO HER FRIENDS (v.8-14)

1. Because of what God has done and will do for us
2. Discoveries of Himself in us
3. Provision for our safety (**v.11-13**)
4. Perpetuity of the covenant (**v.14**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 49

THE FUTILITY OF WORLDLINESS

(Psalm 49)

I. INTRODUCTION (v.1-5)

1. Awaken worldly people out of their security (**v.1-3**)
2. Comfort the godly in their distress (**v.4-5**)

II. MAIN TEACHING (v.6-20)

1. Endeavours to convince sinners of their folly in doting on the world (**v.6-14**)
 - a) Wealth cannot save friends from death (**v.6-9**)
 - b) Cannot save themselves from death (**v.10**)
 - c) Cannot secure happiness in this world (**v.11-12**)
 - d) Cannot guarantee heaven (**v.14**)
2. Comfort for the godly (**v.15-20**)
 - a) Against the fear of death (**v.15**)
 - b) Against fear of the prospering power of the wicked (**v.16-20**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 50

TRUE RELIGION

(Psalm 50)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CALL OF GOD (v.1-6)

1. The coming of the Judge (**v.1-3**)
2. The opening of the judgement (**v.4-6**)

II. THE REBUKING OF FORMALISM (v.7-15)

1. God announces His right to judge them (**v.7**)
2. Given credit for what they do (**v.8**)
3. Blamed for how they do it (**v.9-13**)
4. Shown how it should be done (**v.14-15**)

III. REBUKING OF HYPOCRISY (v.16-21)

1. They recite God's laws and take the Covenant (**v.16**)
2. They flung God's Word away (**v.17**)
3. They break 7th, 8th and 9th commandments (**v.18, 21**)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 51

HEALING YOUR BROKEN WORLD

(Psalm 51)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE APPEAL (v.1-2)

1. To the mercy of God (**v.1**)
2. For cleansing (**v.2**)

II. CONFESSION (v.3-5)

III. THE RESTORATION (v.6-9)

IV. INWARD RENEWAL (v.10-12)

1. A new heart (**v.10**)
2. God's presence (**v.11**)
3. Restoration to favour (**v.12**)

V. RESULTS

1. Used by God (**v.13**)
2. Song in his heart (**v.14-16**)
3. Humble worship (**v.17**)
4. Praying man (**v.18-19**)

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 52

THE TREACHEROUS TONGUE

(Psalm 52)

I. DESTRUCTIVE TONGUE

1. The evildoer is denounced (**v.1-4**)
2. The fate of the evil speaker (**v.5**)

II. THE COMMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS (v.6-7)

1. Will see
2. Will fear
3. They will laugh at Him
4. Saying

III. THE PSALMIST'S ENDURING DEVOTION (v.8-9)

1. Gratitude
2. Testimony
3. Fellowship

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 53

THE SERPENT'S BROOD

(Psalm 53)

I. GOD DISMISSED (v.1)

II. MAN ASSESSED (v.2-3)

III. THE GREAT MISCALCULATION (v.4-5)

1. Devour My people as men eat bread
2. And who do not call on God

IV. A PRAYERFUL LONGING (v.6)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 54

MY HELPER

(Psalm 54)

BACKGROUND

I. **MY PRAYER** (v.1-3)

II. **MY HELPER** (v.4-5)

III. **MY THANK-OFFERING** (v.6-7)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 55

COPING WITH THE CRISES OF LIFE

(Psalm 55)

BACKGROUND

I. DISTRESS (v.1-8)

1. He appeals to God (**v.1-2**)
2. He describes his problem and how it affects him (**v.3-5**)
3. He expresses his longing to escape (**v.6-8**)

II. HIS INDIGNATION (v.9-15)

1. Speaks of oppression in the city and asks for the destruction of his enemies (**v.9-11, 15**)
2. Bitter disappointment (**v.12-14**)

III. HIS CONFIDENCE (v.16-23)

1. God will answer his prayer (**v.16-19**)
2. Speaks of his false friend (**v.20-21**)
3. An exhortation (**v.22**)
4. An assurance (**v.23**)

LESSONS

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 56

PEACE IN THE STORM

(Psalm 56)

BACKGROUND

I. PRESSURE AND PROMISE (v.1-4)

1. Pressure (**v.1-2**)
2. Promise (**v.3-4**)

II. THE OPPRESSOR'S ZEAL (v.5-7)

III. THE PROTECTOR'S CARE (v.8-11)

IV. THE DANGER PAST (v.12-13)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 57

NO DESPAIR IN SPITE OF PERIL

(Psalm 57)

BACKGROUND

I. HIS PLIGHT AND PRAYER (v.1-5)

II. HIS PRESERVATION AND PRAISE (v.6-11)

APPLICATION

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STUDY 58

TYRANTS ON TRIAL

(Psalm 58)

I. **SIN** (v.1-5)

II. **THE SENTENCE** (v.6-9)

III. **THE SATISFACTION** (v.10-11)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 59

WAITING UPON GOD ASSURES DELIVERANCE

(Psalm 59)

I. PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE (v.1-3)

1. His prayer
2. His enemies

II. INNOCENCE AND PROTESTATION (v.4-5)

III. THE WICKED AND GOD (v.6-8)

1. Dogs (**v.6**)
2. Men (**v.7**)
3. God (**v.8**)

IV. HOPE IN GOD (v.9-10a)

V. IMPRECATION ON THE WICKED (v.10b-13)

VI. CONFIDENT IN GOD'S RESPONSE (v.14-17)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 60

HAS GOD FORGOTTEN ME?

(Psalm 60)

BACKGROUND

I. **A LAMENT OVER A SERIOUS DEFEAT** (v.1-4)

II. **GOD'S RESPONSE** (v.5-8)

III. **CONFIDENT OF VICTORY** (v.9-12)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 61

A PRAYER FROM A FAINTING HEART

(Psalm 61)

BACKGROUND

I. A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION (v.1-2)

1. How?
 - a) Earnest in character
 - b) Repeated occurrence
2. Where?
3. When?
4. Why?
 - a) God in Christ is our immovable Rock of Refuge
 - b) This Rock is “higher than I”
 - c) We need to be “led there”

II. EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE (v.3-5)

III. PRAYER FOR PROTECTION (v.6-7)

IV. EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 62

STILLNESS UNDER STRESS

(Psalm 62)

BACKGROUND

- I. **CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD** (v.1-2)

- II. **MAN IS UNRELIABLE** (v.3-4)

- III. **THE LORD OF MY SALVATION** (v.5-7)

- IV. **EXHORTATION TO TRUST, NOT IN MAN BUT IN THE LORD** (v.8-10)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 63

ALL MY LONGING

(Psalm 63)

BACKGROUND

I. **GOD MY DESIRE** (v.1-4)

II. **GOD MY DELIGHT** (v.5-8)

III. **GOD MY DEFENCE** (v.9-11)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 64

THE POISONOUS TONGUE

(Psalm 64)

I. DAVID'S DETRACTORS (v.1-6)

1. David feared their malice (**v.1-2**)
 - a) His danger (**v.1**)
 - b) Their dislike (**v.2**)
2. David feared their methods (**v.3-6**)
 - a) How they sharpened their tongues (**v.3a**)
 - b) How they shot at their target (**v.3b-4**)
 - c) How they shared in their treachery (**v.5-6**)

II. DAVID'S DEFENDER (v.7-10)

1. God would reward the sinner (**v.7-8**)
2. God would remind the spectator (**v.9**)
3. God would rejoice the saint (**v.10**)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 65

OUR BOUNTEOUS GOD

(Psalm 65)

INTRODUCTION

I. APPROACHING GOD (v.1-4)

1. A silent people (**v.1**)
2. A seeking people (**v.2**)
3. A sinful people (**v.3**)
4. A satisfied people (**v.4**)

II. APPREHENDING GOD (v.5-8)

1. God's power to convert (**v.5**)
2. God's power to create (**v.6**)
3. God's power to control (**v.7-8**)
 - a) The restless waves (**v.7a**)
 - b) The restless world (**v.7b-8**)

III. APPRECIATING GOD (v.9-13)

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STUDY 66

TELL WHAT YOU KNOW
(Psalm 66)

I. THE HAPPY MAN (v.1-4)

1. God's deliverance (v.1-2)
2. God's might (v.3)
3. God's future glory (v.4)

II. THE HUMBLER MAN (v.5-12)

1. By the mighty works of God (v.5-7)
 - a) Invitation (v.5)
 - b) Illustration (v.6)
 - c) Implication (v.7)
2. By the marvellous ways of God (v.8-12)
 - a) Protection (v.8-9)
 - b) Proved (v.10-12a)
 - c) Prospering (v.12b)

III. THE HOLY MAN (v.13-20)

1. His trustworthiness (v.13-15)
 - a) Resolve
 - b) Recollection
 - c) Reckoning
2. His testimony (v.16-20)
 - a) What he declared (v.16)
 - b) What he did (v.17)
 - c) What he discovered (v.18-20)

CONCLUSION

Studies in Psalms

STUDY 67

HERE AM I - SEND ME

(Psalm 67)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE SALVATION OF THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE HIS CHURCH (v.1-2)

1. God be gracious to us
2. And bless us
3. Make His face shine upon us
4. May Your ways be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations

II. THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD (v.3-5)

1. Unfailing worship (**v.3**)
2. Spontaneous joy (**v.4a**)
3. Splendid justice (**v.4a**)
4. Spiritual jubilation (**v.5**)

III. GOD'S BOUNTY TO THE EARTH IS HIS BOUNTY TOWARDS MAN (v.6-7)

1. Material blessings
2. Spiritual blessings

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 68

GOD IS A FATHER TO THE OPPRESSED

(Psalm 68)

INTRODUCTION

I. GOD'S VICTORIOUS MARCH (v.1-6)

1. Plight of God's enemies (**v.1-2**)
2. Rapturous joy of His people (**v.3-4**)
3. Description of God in His relations (**v.5-6a**)
4. Contrast of the rebellious (**v.6b**)

II. THE WILDERNESS LIFE IS DESCRIBED (v.7-10)

1. Divine presence (**v.7-8**)
2. Divine providence (**v.9-10**)

III. THE VICTORIES WON (v.11-14)

1. Victory announced (**v.11**)
2. Victory appropriated (**v.12**)
3. Victory acclaimed (**v.13-14**)

IV. THE MOUNT OF GLORY (v.15-18)

V. THE GREAT ALTERNATIVES ARE PRESENTED (v.19-23)

VI. THE SONG OF THE SAVED (v.24-27)

VII. THE PRAYER OF THE SAVED (v.28-31)

CONCLUSION

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STUDY 69

THE CROSS
(Psalm 69)

I. THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS (v.1-21)

1. His desperate plight (v.1-12)

a) His woes (v.1-6)

(i) He displays his feelings (v.1-3)

- His fears (v.1-2)

- * Sin was destroying him (v.1)**
- * Sin was defiling him (v.2a)**
- * Sin was drowning him (v.2b)**

- His tears (v.5)

(ii) He describes his foes (v.4)

(iii) He discloses his fate (v.5)

(iv) He declares his faith (v.6)

b) His ways (v.7-12)

(i) He is reproached (v.7)

(ii) He is rejected (v.8)

(iii) He is righteous (v.9-11)

(iv) He is ridiculed (v.12)

2. His desperate plea (v.13-21)

a) "Hear me" (v.13-17)

(i) God's mercies are multiplied (v.13-15)

(ii) God's mercies are magnified (v.16-17)

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THE CROSS (continued)
(Psalm 69)

- b) "Help me" (**v.18-21**)
 - (i) Lord, move near to me (**v.18**)
 - (ii) Lord, make note of me (**v.19-21**)

II. THE VOICE OF ONE CURSING IN THE WILDERNESS (v.22-28)

- 1. The curse expressed (**v.22-25**)
 - a) Homes (**v.22**)
 - b) Health (**v.23**)
 - c) Happiness (**v.24**)
 - d) Houses (**v.25**)
- 2. The curse explained (**v.26**)
- 3. The curse expanded (**v.27-28**)
 - a) No hope of salvation on earth (**v.27**)
 - b) No hope of salvation in eternity (**v.28**)

III. THE VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE WILDERNESS (v.29-36)

- 1. His condition (**v.29**)
- 2. His confidence (**v.30-31**)
- 3. His conviction (**v.32-34**)
 - a) His testimony will be heeded (**v.32**)
 - b) His trust will be honoured (**v.33**)
 - c) His triumph will be heralded (**v.34**)
- 4. His contention (**v.35-36**)

CONCLUSION