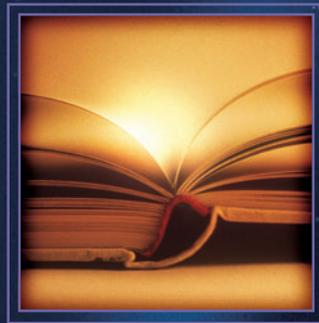


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THE *NEW*
INDUCTIVE
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SAMPLE BOOKLET
JONAH, MALACHI, 2 PETER, JOHN 1:1-18

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE NISB

THE INDUCTIVE STUDY APPROACH

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THE NEW INDUCTIVE

A SYSTEM FOR MARKING INCLUDING SYNONYMS THROUGHOUT YOUR BIBLE

Color-coding key words with various color combinations is very helpful, as using too many symbols can clutter the text.

In an epistle, color *the author* in one color, e.g. blue and *the recipient(s)* another; e.g. orange.

As you mark, choose certain colors to represent various things. For example, blue could be your color for Israel, then anything

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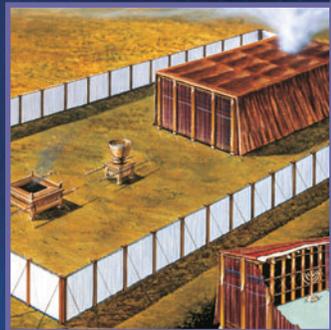
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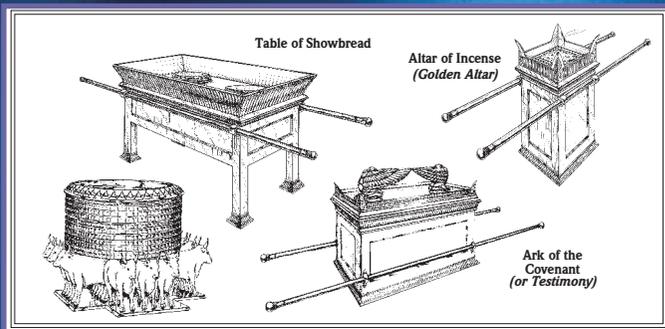
Chapter 5 Theme

5^aTherefore, I exhort the low elder and witness of the flock to be partaker also of the glory that will be revealed to you as you shepherd the flock of God's oversight not under compulsion.



THE TABERNACLE

IN-TEXT ILLUSTRATIONS



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDYING EACH BOOK

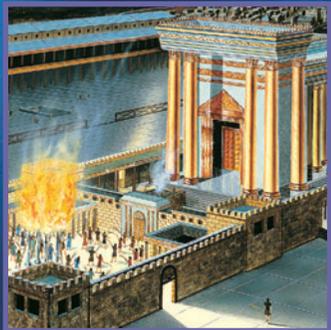
JUDE

Jude had to speak up. He wasn't an apostle and he wasn't a pillar in the church, like his brother James. Although he was the half-brother of the Lord Jesus Christ, Jude did not claim any relationship to Jesus Christ other than that of being His bond-servant.

Initially Jude didn't believe in Jesus (John 7:5), but finally he understood who Jesus was—the Son of God. Jude had grown up in the presence of the One who came to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). No wonder Jude had to write what he did!

THINGS TO DO (If you have not done so, read the section titled Observation on pages NISB-17 to NISB-24.)

1. Though only one chapter in length, Jude is a pertinent book. Read it to familiarize yourself with the content.
2. Read through Jude again. This time mark every reference to the author in one color and every reference to the recipients (including all synonyms and pronouns) in another color.



HEROD'S TEMPLE

INSIGHTS AND MAPS THROUGHOUT

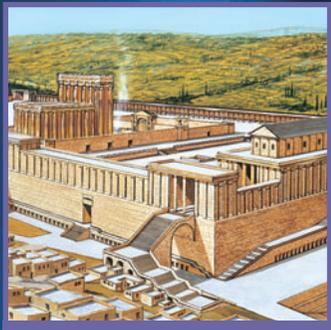
INSIGHT

Beriyth, the Hebrew word for covenant, is a solemn binding agreement made by passing through pieces of flesh. The Greek word for covenant, *diatheke*, means a testament or an agreement.

turtledove, and a pair of doves. 10 Then he brought them and laid each half on the birds. 11 The birds of the sky came down upon Abram and the birds of the field. 12 Now when Abram saw this, he said to the LORD, "God is all-powerful. Abram drove the turtledove, and a pair of doves. 12 Now when upon Abram; and he said to the LORD, "God is all-powerful. 13 God said to Abram, "I have given you this city and his land. 2 You shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. 7 Set an ambush for the city behind it."

Chapter 8 Theme

8 Now the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land. 2 You shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. 7 Set an ambush for the city behind it."



THE TEMPLE MOUNT

WELCOME TO *THE NEW INDUCTIVE STUDY BIBLE*



Do you long to know God? Do you yearn for a deep and abiding relationship with Him? Do you want to live the Christian life faithfully—and to know what He requires of you? If so, *The New Inductive Study Bible* is designed for you.

God reveals Himself through His Word. Through it, He shows us how to live. Jesus made it clear: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). And where do we find this divine bread? In the Scriptures.

As you study this Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit, and live out the truths that God reveals to you, you will discover new stability, strength, and confidence. You will be able to say with the prophet Jeremiah: “Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart” (Jeremiah 15:16).

Today, many people are convinced they cannot know truth for themselves. A babble of voices surrounds us claiming to know and interpret God’s truth for us. Which voices are right? Which are wrong? How can we discern the true from the counterfeit unless we spend time with God and His Word?

Most Christians have been encouraged to study the Word of God, yet many have never been shown how. Others even feel inadequate to do so because they are not ministers or seminary students or scholars. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The most effective way to this is through the inductive approach. The inductive approach means that you begin with the Word of God itself. In fact, if you want to satisfy your hunger and thirst to know God and His Word in a deeper way, you must do more than merely read Scripture and study what someone else has said about it. Just as no one else can eat and digest your food for you, so no one else can feed on God’s Word for you. You must interact with the text yourself, absorbing its truths and letting God engrave His truth on your heart and mind and life.

That is the very heart of inductive study: seeing truth for yourself, discerning what it means, and applying that truth to your life. In His inspired Word, God has given us everything we need to know about life and godliness. But He doesn’t stop there. He gives every believer a resident teacher—the Holy Spirit—who guides us into His truth.

The Bible is unlike any other book. It is supernatural. It is complete in itself. The Bible needs no other books or truths to supplement it. In inductive study the Bible becomes its own commentary, and it can be understood by any believer.

Anyone who will take the time can see and understand what God has given us in His Word and how it applies to us today.

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HOW TO USE THE INDUCTIVE STUDY APPROACH



If you know there is more to the Word of God than you have discovered so far...

- ☞ If you sense there must be concrete answers to the complexities of life...
- ☞ If you want a bedrock faith that keeps you from being tossed around by conflicting philosophies in the world and the church...
- ☞ If you want to be able to face the uncertainties of the future without fear...

...then *The New Inductive Study Bible* is designed for you.

God's eternal, infallible Word is your guidebook for all of life, and inductive study gives you the key to understanding that guide.

Inductive study, a method that brings you directly to the Word of God apart from another's understanding or interpretation of the text, involves three skills: *observation*, *interpretation*, and *application*.

OBSERVATION

Discover What It Says!

Observation teaches you to see precisely what the passage says. It is the basis for accurate interpretation and correct application. Observation answers the question: What does the passage say?

INTERPRETATION

Discover What It Means!

Interpretation answers the question: What does the passage mean?

APPLICATION

Discover How It Works!

Application answers the question: What does it mean to me personally? What truths can I put into practice? What changes

should I make in my life?

When you know what God says, what He means, and how to put His truths into practice, you will be equipped for every circumstance of life. Ultimately, the goal of personal Bible study is a transformed life and a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.

The following ten steps provide the basis for inductive study. As you take these steps, observation, interpretation, and application will sometimes happen simultaneously. God can give you insight at any point in your study, so be sensitive to His leading. When words or passages make an impression on you, stop for a moment and meditate on what God has shown you. Record your personal notes and insights in the margin so that you can remember what you've learned.

One of the most valuable aspects of the *NISB* is its wide-margin format, which has been specifically designed to enable you to easily keep a record of what God personally reveals to you from His Word. Although some are hesitant to mark in their Bibles, this interactive Bible has been designed with marking in mind. God wants you to know, understand, and remember His Word, and one of the most profitable ways to do this is to interact with the text through marking and writing.

As you study the Bible chapter by chapter and book by book, you will grow in your ability to comprehend the whole counsel of God. In the future, you will be able to refer to your notes again and again as you study portions of Scripture and grow in your knowledge of Him.

JONAH

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YONA

Just before God commissioned Amos and Hosea as prophets to the northern kingdom to warn Israel of the impending invasion by the Assyrians, He appointed the prophet Jonah to go to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. Yet fifty years later, in 722 B.C., Assyria would take the last portion of the northern kingdom into captivity.

God knew what Assyria would do. Why, then, did He bother to send Jonah to the wicked city of Nineveh? Because of who God is. The focus of Jonah is not a man trapped in the belly of a great fish; the focus is people engraved on the heart of God.

THINGS TO DO (*If you have not done so, read the section titled Observation on pages NISB-17 to NISB-24.*)

1. Before you read through Jonah, look up 2 Kings 14:23-27, which mentions Jonah and his ministry during the reign of Jeroboam II, son of Joash, king of Israel. At that time Shalmaneser IV was king of Assyria.
2. In a distinctive way mark the key words listed on the JONAH AT A GLANCE chart on page 8. Double-underline in green every geographical reference. Mark all references to time with a clock .
3. What you learn about God in this book is awesome. As you mark the references to Him, you might want to put a triangle in the margin of the text noting what God does.
4. Record the theme of each chapter on JONAH AT A GLANCE and in the text next to the chapter number. Then fill in the rest of the chart.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What or who evokes compassion in your heart? Contrast Jonah's heart with God's heart. How does your heart compare with God's? Does it long for the same things? Why?
2. Is there something that you know God wants you to do that you haven't done? What can you learn from Jonah's life?
3. How did Jesus view the story of Jonah? Read Matthew 12:39-41; 16:4. Will you accept as truth what Jesus accepted as fact—or did Jesus compare His resurrection to a mythological tale?



Chapter 1 Theme _____

1 The word of the LORD came to ^aJonah the son of Amittai saying, **2** “Arise, go to ^aNineveh the great city and ^bcry against it, for their ^cwickedness has come up before Me.”

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to ^aTarshish ^bfrom the presence of the LORD. So he went down to ^cJoppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 The ^aLORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to ¹break up.

5 Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried to ^ahis god, and they ^bthrew the ¹cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten *it* ²for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down and fallen sound asleep.

1:1 ^{a2} Kin 14:25;
Matt 12:39-41; 16:4;
Luke 11:29, 30, 32

2 ^aGen 10:11;
2 Kin 19:36;
Is 37:37; Nah 1:1;
Zeph 2:13 ^aIs 58:1
^cGen 18:20; Hos 7:2

3 ^aIs 23:1, 6, 10;
Jer 10:9 ^aGen 4:16;
Ps 139:7, 9, 10
^cJosh 19:46;
2 Chr 2:16; Ezra 3:7;
Acts 9:36, 43

4 ¹Lit *be broken*
^aPs 107:23-28;
135:6, 7

5 ¹Lit *vessels*
²Lit *from upon them* ^{a1} Kin 18:26
^bActs 27:18, 19, 38

6 ^aPs 107:28
^{b2} Sam 12:22;
Amos 5:15; Jon 3:9

6 So the captain approached him and said, “How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, ^acall on your god. Perhaps *your* ^bgod will be concerned about us so that we will not perish.”

7 ¹Lit *know*
^aJosh 7:14-18;
1 Sam 10:20, 21;
14:41, 42;
Acts 1:23-26
^bNum 32:23;
Prov 16:33

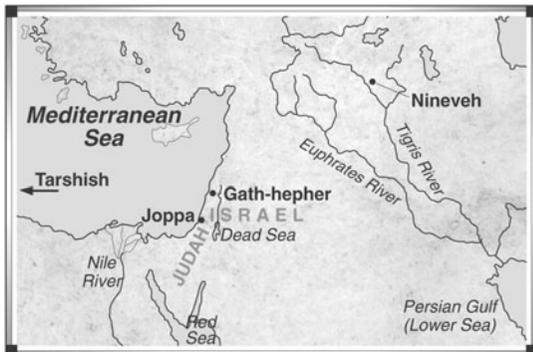
7 Each man said to his mate, “Come, let us ^acast lots so we may ¹learn on whose account this calamity *has struck* us.” So they cast lots and the ^blot fell on Jonah.

8 ^aJosh 7:19;
1 Sam 14:43
^bGen 47:3;
1 Sam 30:13

8 Then they said to him, “^aTell us, now! On whose account *has* this calamity *struck* us? What is your ^boccupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?”

9 ^aGen 14:13;
Ex 1:15; 2:13
^{b2} Kin 17:25, 28, 32,
33 ^cEzra 1:2;
Neh 1:4; Ps 136:26;
Dan 2:18 ^dNeh 9:6;
Ps 95:5; 146:6

9 He said to them, “I am a ^aHebrew, and I ^bfear the LORD ^cGod of heaven who ^dmade the sea and the dry land.”



10 ¹Lit *What is this you have done*
^aJob 27:22; Jon 1:3

10 Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, “¹How could you do this?” For the men knew that he was ^afleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.



Jonah's Journey

11 ¹Lit *from upon us*

11 So they said to him, “What should we do to you that the sea may become calm ¹for us?”—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.

12 ¹Lit *from upon you*
^{a2} Sam 24:17;
1 Chr 21:17

12 He said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm ¹for you, for I know that ^aon account of me this great storm *has come* upon you.”

13 ¹Lit *dug their oars into the water*

13 However, the men ¹rowed *desperately* to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming *even* stormier against them.

14 ^aPs 107:28;
Jon 1:16
^bPs 115:3; 135:6;
Dan 4:34, 35

14 Then they called on the ^aLORD and said, “We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life and do not put innocent blood on us; for ^bYou, O LORD, have done as You have pleased.”

15 ^aPs 65:7; 93:3, 4;
107:29

15 So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea ^astopped its raging.

16 ^aPs 50:14;
66:13, 14

16 Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made ^avows.

17 ¹Ch 2:1 in Heb
^aMatt 12:40; 16:4

17 ¹And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the ^astomach of the fish three days and three nights.

Chapter 2 Theme _____

2:1 ¹Ch 2:2 in Heb
^aJob 13:15;
Ps 130:1, 2;
Lam 3:53-56

2 ¹Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God ^afrom the stomach of the fish,
2 and he said,

2 ¹Lit *belly*
^{a1} Sam 30:6;
Ps 18:4-6; 22:24;
120:1 ^bPs 18:5, 6;
86:13; 88:1-7

“I ^acalled out of my distress to the LORD,
And He answered me.
I cried for help from the ¹depth of ^bSheol;
You heard my voice.

- 3 "For You had ^acast me into the deep,
 Into the heart of the seas,
 And the current ^lengulfed me.
 All Your ^bbreakers and billows passed over me.
- 4 "So I said, 'I have been ^aexpelled from ^lYour sight.
 Nevertheless I will look again ^btoward Your holy temple.'
- 5 "^aWater encompassed me to the ^lpoint of death.
 The great ^bdeep ²engulfed me,
 Weeds were wrapped around my head.
- 6 "I ^adescended to the roots of the mountains.
 The earth with its ^bbars *was* around me forever,
 But You have ^cbrought up my life from ^lthe pit,
 O LORD my God.
- 7 "While ^lI was ^afainting away,
 I ^bremembered the LORD,
 And my ^cprayer came to You,
 Into ^aYour holy temple.
- 8 "Those who ^aregard ^lvain idols
 Forsake their faithfulness,
- 9 But I will ^asacrifice to You
 With the voice of thanksgiving.
 That which I have vowed I will ^bpay.
 "Salvation is from the LORD."
- 10 Then the LORD commanded the ^afish, and it vomited Jonah
 up onto the dry land.

3 ^lLit *surrounded*
^aPs 69:1, 2, 14, 15;
 Lam 3:54 ^bPs 42:7

4 ^lLit *before*
 Your eyes
^aPs 31:22; Jer 7:15
¹1 Kin 8:38;
 2 Chr 6:38; Ps 5:7

5 ^lLit *soul*
²Lit *surrounded*
^aLam 3:54
^bPs 69:1, 2

6 ^lOr *corruption*
^aPs 18:5; 116:3
¹Is 38:10;
 Matt 16:18
²Job 33:28;
 Ps 16:10; 30:3;
 Is 38:17

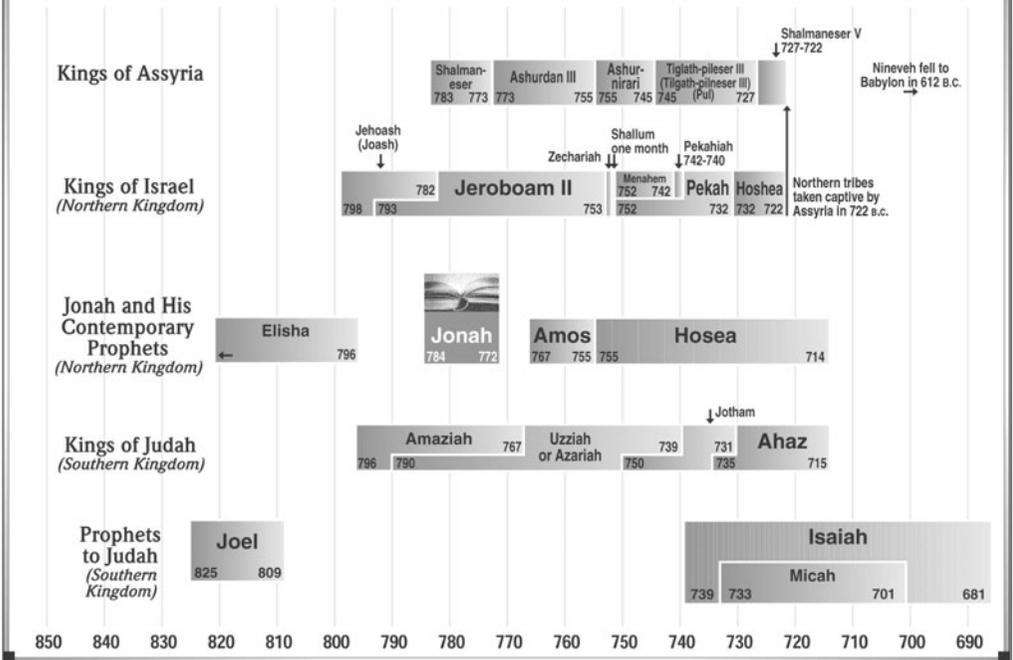
7 ^lLit *my soul . . .*
within me
^aPs 142:3
^bPs 77:10, 11; 143:5
²Chr 30:27;
 Ps 18:6 ^aPs 11:4;
 65:4; Jon 2:4;
 Mic 1:2; Hab 2:20

8 ^lLit *empty vanities* ²1 Kin 17:15;
 Ps 31:6; Jer 10:8

9 ^aPs 50:14, 23;
 Jer 33:11; Hos 14:2
^bJob 22:27;
 Eccl 5:4, 5
^cPs 3:8; Is 45:17

10 ^aJon 1:17

THE RULERS AND PROPHETS OF JONAH'S TIME



Chapter 3 Theme

3:2 ^aZeph 2:13
^bJer 1:17; Ezek 2:7

3 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

3 ¹Lit a great city to God
^aJon 1:2; 4:11

2 “Arise, go to ^aNineveh the great city and ^bproclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you.”

4 ^aMatt 12:41;
Luke 11:32

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was ¹an ^aexceedingly great city, a three days’ walk.

5 ^aDan 9:3;
Joel 1:14

4 Then Jonah began to go through the city one day’s walk; and he ^acried out and said, “Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

6 ¹Or dust
^aEsth 4:1-4;
Jer 6:26;
Ezek 27:30, 31

5 Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a ^afast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them.

7 ^a2 Chr 20:3;
Ezra 8:21; Jon 3:5

6 When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, ^acovered *himself* with sackcloth and sat on the ¹ashes.

8 ¹Lit them ²Lit their
^aPs 130:1;
Jon 1:6, 14
^bIs 1:16-19; 55:6, 7;
Jer 18:11

7 He issued a ^aproclamation and it said, “In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water.

9 ^a2 Sam 12:22;
Joel 2:14

8 “But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let ¹men ^acall on God earnestly that each may ^bturn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in ²his hands.

10 ¹Lit do
^a1 Kin 21:27-29;
Jer 31:18
^bEx 32:14; Jer 18:8;
Amos 7:3, 6

9 “^aWho knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish.”

4:1 ^aJon 4:4, 9;
Matt 20:15;
Luke 15:28

10 When God saw their deeds, that they ^aturned from their wicked way, then ^bGod relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would ¹bring upon them. And He did not do *it*.

Chapter 4 Theme

2 ¹Lit my word
²Lit I was beforehand in fleeing
^aJer 20:7
^bJon 1:3 ^cEx 34:6;
Num 14:18; Ps 86:5,
15; Joel 2:13

4 But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became ^aangry.

2 He ^aprayed to the LORD and said, “Please LORD, was not this ¹what I said while I was still in my *own* country? Therefore ²in order to forestall this I ^bfled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a ^cgracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.

3 ¹Lit soul
^a1 Kin 19:4;
Job 6:8, 9
^bJob 7:15, 16;
Eccl 7:1

3 “Therefore now, O LORD, please ^atake my ¹life from me, for death is ^bbetter to me than life.”

5 ¹Lit the city
^a1 Kin 19:9, 13

4 The LORD said, “Do you have good reason to be angry?”

5 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of ¹it. There he made a shelter for himself and ^asat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.

6 ¹Probably a castor oil plant, and so in vv 7, 9 and 10
²Lit greatly

6 So the LORD God appointed a ¹plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was ²extremely happy about the ¹plant.

7 ^aJoel 1:12

7 But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and it ^awithered.

8 When the sun came up God appointed a scorching ^aeast wind, and the ^bsun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he became faint and begged with *all* his soul to die, saying, “Death is better to me than life.”

9 Then God said to Jonah, “Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?” And he said, “I have good reason to be angry, even to death.”

10 Then the LORD said, “You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and *which* you did not cause to grow, which ¹came up overnight and perished ²overnight.

11 “Should I not ^ahave compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not ^bknow *the difference* between their right and left hand, as well as many ^canimals?”

8 ^aEzek 19:12; Hos 13:15
^bPs 121:6; Is 49:10
 cJon 4:3

10 ¹Lit was a son of a night
²Lit a son of a night

11 ^aJon 3:10
^bDeut 1:39; Is 7:16
 cPs 36:6

JONAH AT A GLANCE

Theme of Jonah:

SEGMENT DIVISIONS

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MALACHI מלאכי MAL'AKHI

Because they had not obeyed the word of the Lord, in 586 B.C. the children of Israel were taken into captivity. The nation that was once the head became the tail, just as God had spoken through His prophet Moses. And just as God had decreed through Jeremiah the prophet, the children of Israel's captivity lasted for 70 years.

In 538 B.C. Cyrus, the king of Persia, issued a decree allowing the children of Israel to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple. It was just as God had said when Isaiah prophesied 150 years earlier. In 516 B.C. Zerubbabel finished the temple, just as God promised. In 445 B.C. the Persian King Artaxerxes permitted Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem and rebuild its walls, just as Daniel had prophesied.

Over and over, the children of Israel saw that God stood by His word. Just as Solomon wrote in Proverbs, the hearts of kings were in God's hands and He could turn them wherever He wanted. Why, then, did the remnant of Israel think that they could live and worship any way they wanted once they returned from their 70 years of exile and settled again in Israel? Had they grown tired of waiting for the fulfillment of the prophecies which promised that the Messiah would reign as King over all the earth? Had God abandoned them as He had Esau's descendants? Did they think He would allow the heathen nations who had come against them to go unpunished? Or were they entertaining thoughts that God really did not love them, that He would not keep His covenant promises?

Whatever it was, once again the remnant became apathetic in their relationship with God. So He spoke one more time through Malachi, whose name means "my messenger." It was sometime around 433 B.C. and then came a famine for hearing the Word of the Lord (Amos 8:11)

THINGS TO DO (*If you have not done so, read the section titled Observation on pages NISB-17 to NISB-24.*)

1. Since Malachi is a short book, read it without interruption so you can get a perspective of the book as a whole before you observe it chapter by chapter. As you read, catch the atmosphere of this book. Remember, this was written to people who had been sent into exile because of disobedience and then had returned to their land, just as God had promised.
2. Now read through Malachi one chapter at a time, doing the following:
 - a. In a distinctive way or color mark the key words listed on the MALACHI AT A GLANCE chart on page 15. Write these key words on an index card you can use as a bookmark while you study Malachi.
 - b. As you mark every reference to *you say* or *said*, watch what the priests and/or the people say and how God answers.
 - c. You may want to note in the margin with whom God is upset, why He is upset, and what He tells them to do or what He is going to do as a result.
 - d. Observe what will happen to those who fear His name and to those who do not.
 - e. Note God's call to return to Him, how they are to return, and what will happen if they do.
3. When you finish each chapter, decide what the main subject or theme of that chapter is and record it on MALACHI AT A GLANCE and next to the chapter number in the text.
4. As you read the final chapter of Malachi, read Deuteronomy 28–30, which speaks of the blessings or curses upon those who obey or disobey the law given by Moses.

- God was silent for 400 years after He spoke through His prophet Malachi. His silence was broken when an angel appeared to Zacharias with the news that he and Elizabeth would give birth to a son. Read Luke 1:5-17 and Matthew 11:2-15, and see how these passages relate to God’s final promise in Malachi. Record the essence of that promise in the margin of Malachi 4, and write next to it the cross-references in Luke and Matthew.
- Create a four-column chart called THE DAY OF THE LORD and record on it what you learn from Malachi about that day. Note the reference (book, chapter, and verse); how the day is described; what happens in nature; and signs of the beginning or end.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- What do you learn from God’s word to the priests that you can apply to your own life? Read through the list you compiled on “the priests” and remember that if you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, you are part of a kingdom of priests unto God. What kind of a priest are you? In principle, do you think God expects anything less of you as a Christian? For instance, what do you offer the Lord of your time and talents, your tithe and offering? Do you give others instructions according to the Word of the Lord or according to the current philosophy of the world? What about your covenant relationship with your mate?
- Are you tired of serving God? Or do you fear Him? If so, what is God’s promise to you?



Chapter 1 Theme

1 The ^{1a}oracle of the word of the LORD to ^bIsrael through ²Malachi.

2 “I have ^aloved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I ^bhave loved Jacob;

3 but I have hated Esau, and I have ^amade his mountains a desolation and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.”

4 Though Edom says, “We have been ^abeaten down, but we will ^breturn and build up the ruins”; thus says the LORD of hosts, “They may ^cbuild, but I will tear down; and *men* will call them the ²wicked territory, and the people ³toward whom the LORD is indignant ^dforever.”

5 Your eyes will see this and you will say, “^aThe LORD ¹be magnified beyond the ²border of Israel!”

6 “A son ^ahonors *his* father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a ^bfather, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My ¹respect?” says the LORD of hosts to you, O ^cpriests who despise My name. But you say, ‘How have we despised Your name?’

7 “*You* are presenting ^adefiled ^{1b}food upon My altar. But you say, ‘How have we defiled You?’ In that you say, ‘The ^ctable of the LORD is to be despised.’

8 “But when you present the ^ablind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? ¹Why not offer it to your ^bgovernor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.

^{1:1} ¹Lit *burden*
²Or *My messenger*
^aIs 13:1; Nah 1:1; Hab 1:1; Zech 9:1
^bMal 2:11

²Deut 4:37; 7:8; 23:5; Is 41:8, 9; Jer 31:3; John 15:12
^bRom 9:13

³Jer 49:10, 16-18; Ezek 35:3, 4, 7, 8, 15

⁴ ¹Or *rebuild the ruins*
²Lit *border of wickedness*
³Or *whom the Lord has cursed*
^aJer 5:17 ^bIs 9:9, 10
^cAmos 3:15; 5:11; 6:11
^dEzek 35:9; Obad 10

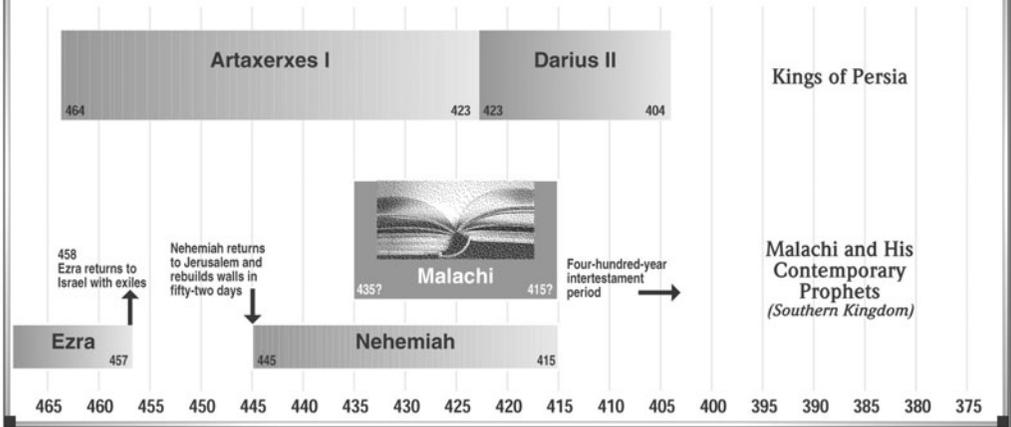
⁵ ¹Or *will be great*
²Or *territory*
^aPs 35:27; Mic 5:4

⁶ ¹Lit *fear*
^aEx 20:12; Prov 30:11, 17
^bDeut 1:31; Is 1:2; Jer 3:4; Mal 2:10
^cZeph 3:4; Mal 2:1-9

⁷ ¹Lit *bread*
^aMal 1:8, 13
^bLev 3:11; 21:6, 8
^cMal 1:12

⁸ ¹Lit *Offer it, please* ^aLev 22:22; Deut 15:21 ^bHag 1:1

THE RULERS AND PROPHETS OF MALACHI'S TIME



⁹ ¹Lit *entreat, please*
²Lit *This has been from your hand*
^aJer 27:18;
Joel 2:12-14
^bAmos 5:22

¹⁰ ¹Or *doors*
²Lit *your hand*
^aIs 1:13
^bJer 14:10, 12;
Hos 5:6

¹¹ ^aIs 45:6
^bPs 111:9
^cIs 66:18, 19 ^dIs 60:6
^eIs 12:4, 5; 54:5;
Jer 10:6, 7

¹² ^aMal 1:7

¹³ ¹Lit *Behold it is weariness*
^aIs 43:22 ^bLev 6:4;
Is 61:8 ^cMal 1:8
^dMal 1:10

¹⁴ ¹Or *reversed*
²Or *Gentiles*
^aActs 5:1-4
^bLev 22:18-20
^cZech 14:9
^dZeph 2:11

^{2:2} ^aLev 26:14, 15;
Deut 28:15
^bDeut 28:16-20
^cMal 3:9

³ ¹Lit *seed*
^aLev 26:16;
Deut 28:38

⁹ “But now ¹will you not ^aentreat God’s favor, that He may be gracious to us? ²With such an offering on your part, will He ^breceive any of you kindly?” says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰ “Oh that there were one among you who would ^ashut the ¹gates, that you might not uselessly kindle *fire on My altar!* I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD of hosts, “^bnor will I accept an offering from ²you.

¹¹ “For from the ^arising of the sun even to its setting, ^bMy name *will be* ^cgreat among the nations, and in every place ^dincense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering *that is* pure; for My name *will be* ^egreat among the nations,” says the LORD of hosts.

¹² “But you are ^aprofaning it, in that you say, ‘The table of the LORD is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.’

¹³ “You also say, ¹‘My, how ^atiresome it is!’ And you disdainfully sniff at it,” says the LORD of hosts, “and you bring what was taken by ^brobbery and *what is* ^clame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I ^dreceive that from your hand?” says the LORD.

¹⁴ “But cursed be the ^aswindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a ^bblemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great ^cKing,” says the LORD of hosts, “and My name is ^dfeared among the ²nations.”

Chapter 2 Theme _____

2 “And now this commandment is for you, O priests.

² “If you do ^anot listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name,” says the LORD of hosts, “then I will send the ^bcurse upon you and I will curse your blessings; and indeed, I have ^ccursed them *already*, because you are not taking it to heart.

³ “Behold, I am going to ^arebuke your ¹offspring, and I will

^bspread ²refuse on your faces, the ²refuse of your ^cfeasts; and you will be taken away ³with it.

4 “Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, ¹that My ^acovenant may ²continue with Levi,” says the LORD of hosts.

5 “My covenant with him was *one of* life and ^apeace, and I gave them to him *as an object of* ¹reverence; so he ^{2b}revered Me and stood in awe of My name.

6 ^{1a}“True instruction was in his mouth and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked ^bwith Me in peace and uprightness, and he ^cturned many back from iniquity.

7 “For the lips of a priest should preserve ^aknowledge, and ¹men should ^bseek ²instruction from his mouth; for he is the ^cmessenger of the LORD of hosts.

8 “But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to ^astumble ¹by the instruction; you have ^{2b}corrupted the covenant of Levi,” says the LORD of hosts.

9 “So ^aI also have made you despised and ^babased ¹before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways but are showing ^cpartiality in the ²instruction.

10 “Do we not all have ^aone father? ^bHas not one God created us? Why do we deal ^ctreacherously each against his brother so as to profane the ^dcovenant of our fathers?

11 “Judah has dealt ^atreacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has ^bprofaned the sanctuary of the LORD ¹which He loves and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

12 “As for the man who does this, may the ^aLORD cut off from the tents of Jacob *everyone* who awakes and answers, or who ^bpresents ¹an offering to the LORD of hosts.

13 “This is ¹another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He ^ano longer regards the ²offering or accepts *it with* favor from your hand.

14 “Yet you say, ‘For what reason?’ Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the ^awife of your youth, against whom you have dealt ^btreacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 ¹“But not one has ^adone so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And ²what did *that one do* while he was seeking a ^bgodly ³offspring? Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one deal ^ctreacherously against the wife of your youth.

16 “For ¹I hate ^{2a}divorce,” says the LORD, the God of Israel, “and ³him who covers his garment with ^{4b}wrong,” says the LORD of hosts. “So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.”

17 You have ^awearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, “How have we wearied *Him*?” In that you say, “^bEveryone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He ^cdelights in them,” or, “^dWhere is the God of ^ejustice?”

3 ²Or vomit
³Lit to ^bNah 3:6
^cEx 29:14

4 ¹Or to be My covenant with
²Lit be
^aNum 3:11-13, 45; 18:21; Neh 13:29; Mal 3:1

5 ¹Or fear
²Or feared
^aNum 25:12
^bNum 25:7, 8, 13

6 ¹Or Law of truth
^aPs 119:142, 151, 160
^bDeut 33:8, 9; Ps 37:37 ^cJer 23:22

7 ¹Lit they ²Or law
^aLev 10:11; Neh 8:7
^bNum 27:21; Deut 17:8-11; Jer 18:18; Ezek 7:26
^cHag 1:13

8 ¹Or in the law
²Or violated
^aJer 18:15
^bNum 25:12, 13; Neh 13:29; Ezek 44:10

9 ¹Lit to ²Or law
^aNah 3:6 ^bEzek 7:26
^cDeut 1:17; Mic 3:11

10 ^aIs 63:16; 64:8; Jer 31:9; 1 Cor 8:6; Eph 4:6
^bActs 17:24f
^cJer 9:4, 5
^dEx 19:4-6; 24:3, 7, 8

11 ¹Or in that He has loved and married
^aJer 3:7-9
^bEzra 9:1, 2

12 ¹Or a grain offering
^aEzek 24:21; Hos 9:12
^bMal 1:10, 13

13 ¹Lit second
²Or grain offering
^aJer 11:14; 14:12

14 ^aIs 54:6 ^bJer 9:2; Mal 3:5

15 ¹Or Did He not make one, although He had the remnant
²Or why one? He sought a godly offspring
³Lit seed
^aGen 2:24; Matt 19:4, 5
^bRuth 4:12; 1 Sam 2:20
^cEx 20:14; Lev 20:10

16 ¹Lit He hates
²Lit sending away
³Lit he covers
⁴Or violence
^aDeut 24:1; Matt 5:31; 19:6-8
^bPs 73:6; Is 59:6

17 ^aIs 43:22, 24
^bIs 5:20; Zeph 1:12
^cJob 9:24 ²Pet 3:4
^dIs 5:19; Jer 17:15

Chapter 3 Theme

- 3:1 ¹Or *angel*
²Or *prepare*
³Or *even*
^aMatt 11:10, 14;
 Mark 1:2;
 Luke 1:76; 7:27
^bHag 1:13;
 John 1:6, 7
^cIs 40:3 ^dIs 63:9
- 2 ¹Lit *laundrymen's*
^aIs 33:14;
 Ezek 22:14;
 Rev 6:17
^bZech 13:9;
 Matt 3:10-12;
 1 Cor 3:13-15
- 3 ¹Or *grain offerings*
^aIs 1:25; Dan 12:10
^bPs 4:5; 51:19
- 4 ¹Or *grain offering*
^aPs 51:17-19
^bChr 7:1-3, 12
- 5 ¹Or *fatherless*
²Or *sojourner*
³Or *revere*
^aDeut 18:10;
 Jer 27:9, 10
^bEzek 22:9-11
^cJer 5:2, 7; 9;
 Zech 5:4
^dLev 19:13
^eEx 22:22-24
^fDeut 27:19
- 6 ¹Or *I am the LORD;*
 I do not
²Or *have not come*
 to an end
^aNum 23:19;
 James 1:17
- 7 ^aJer 7:25, 26;
 16:11, 12
^bZech 1:3
- 8 ¹Or *defraud*
²Or *heave offerings*
^aNeh 13:11, 12
- 9 ¹Or *defrauding*
^aMal 2:2
- 10 ¹Lit *prey*
²Or *there is not room enough*
^aLev 27:30;
 Num 18:21-24;
 Deut 12:6; 14:22-29;
 Neh 13:12
^bPs 78:23-29
^cEzek 34:26
^dLev 26:3-5
- 11 ¹Lit *ruin*
^aJoel 1:4; 2:25
- 12 ^aIs 61:9
^bIs 62:4
- 13 ¹Lit *strong*
- 14 ^aJer 2:25;
 18:12 ^bIs 58:3
- 15 ^aIs 2:22;
 Mal 4:1 ^bJer 7:10
- 16 ¹Or *revere(d)*
^aPs 34:15;
 Jer 31:18-20
^bIs 4:3; Dan 12:1

3 ^aBehold, I am going to send ^bMy ¹messenger, and he will ^{2c}clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; ³and the ^{1d}messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

2 "But who can ^aendure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a ^brefiner's fire and like ¹fullers' soap.

3 "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will ^apurify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may ^bpresent to the LORD ¹offerings in righteousness.

4 "Then the ¹offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be ^apleasing to the LORD as in the ^bdays of old and as in former years.

5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the ^asorcerers and against the ^badulterers and against those who ^cswear falsely, and against those who oppress the ^dwage earner in his wages, the ^ewidow and the ¹orphan, and those who turn aside the ^{2f}alien and do not ³fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.

6 "For ¹I, the LORD, ^ado not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, ²are not consumed.

7 "From the ^adays of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept *them*. ^bReturn to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

8 "Will a man ¹rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In ^atithes and ²offerings.

9 "You are ^acursed with a curse, for you are ¹robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!*

10 ^a"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be ¹food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not ^bopen for you the windows of heaven and ^cpour out for you a blessing until ^{2d}it overflows.

11 "Then I will rebuke the ^adevourer for you, so that it will not ¹destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*," says the LORD of hosts.

12 ^a"All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a ^bdelightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

13 "Your words have been ¹arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?'

14 "You have said, 'It is ^avain to serve God; and what ^bprofit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?'

15 'So now we ^acall the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up but they also test God and ^bescape.'"

16 Then those who ¹feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD ^agave attention and heard *it*, and a ^bbook of remembrance was written before Him for those who ¹fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

17 “They will be ^aMine,” says the LORD of hosts, “on the ^bday that I ¹prepare My ^{2c}own possession, and I will ³spare them as a man ^{3d}sparcs his own son who serves him.”

18 So you will again ^adistinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Chapter 4 Theme _____

4 “¹For behold, the day is coming, ^aburning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be ^bchaff; and the day that is coming will ^cset them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

2 “But for you who ¹fear My name, the ^asun of righteousness will rise with ^bhealing in its wings; and you will go forth and ^cskip about like calves from the stall.

3 “You will ^atread down the wicked, for they will be ^bashes under the soles of your feet ^con the day ¹which I am preparing,” says the LORD of hosts.

4 “^{1a}Remember the law of Moses My servant, *even the statutes and ordinances* which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

5 “Behold, I am going to send you ^aElijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

6 “He will ^{1a}restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and ^bsmite the land with a ²curse.”

17 ¹Lit make ²Or special treasure
³Or have (has)
compassion on
^aIs 43:1 ^bIs 4:2
^cEx 19:5; Deut 7:6;
Is 43:21; 1 Pet 2:9
^dPs 103:13

18 ^aGen 18:25;
Amos 5:15

4:1 ¹Ch 3:19 in Heb
^aPs 21:9; Nah 1:5, 6;
Mal 3:2, 3; 2 Pet 3:7
^bIs 5:24; Obad 18
^cIs 9:18, 19

2 ¹Or revere
^aSam 23:4;
Is 30:26; 60:1
^bJer 30:17; 33:6
^cIs 35:6

3 ¹Or when I act
^aJob 40:12; Is 26:6;
Mic 5:8 ^bEzek 28:18
^cMal 3:17

4 ¹Ch 3:22 in Heb
^aDeut 4:23; 8:11, 19

5 ^aMatt 11:14;
17:10-13;
Mark 9:11-13;
Luke 1:17;
John 1:21

6 ¹Or turn ²Or ban
of destruction
^aLuke 1:17 ^bIs 11:4;
Rev 19:15

MALACHI AT A GLANCE

Theme of Malachi:

SEGMENT
DIVISIONS

	CHAPTER THEMES	
	1	<p><i>Author:</i></p> <p><i>Date:</i></p> <p><i>Purpose:</i></p>
	2	<p><i>Key Words:</i></p> <p>Lord of hosts you say (said)</p> <p>profane (profaned)</p> <p>My name (or Your name)</p> <p>priest(s)</p> <p>offering (sacrifices)</p> <p>curse</p> <p>covenant</p> <p>treacherously</p> <p>fear (reverence)</p> <p>divorce</p>
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2 PETER

A fisherman by trade, Peter had been captured and transformed by the Great Shepherd. Is it any wonder that even in Peter's darkest hour, the welfare of God's sheep was uppermost in his mind?

Ever since the day he stood with Jesus by a fire, the morning air full of the aroma of roasting fish, Peter had known the way he would die. But Peter would be faithful. His concern about his death and the way he would die would not override his concern for the sheep Jesus had commissioned him to feed and shepherd. And so, sometime around A.D. 63 or 64, Peter writes "to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours."

In A.D. 64, according to tradition, Peter was crucified upside down for the Lord he once denied knowing. How Peter had grown in the grace and knowledge of his God!

THINGS TO DO (*If you have not done so, read the section titled Observation on pages NISB-17 to NISB-24.*)

1. Read 2 Peter, marking every reference to the author in a distinctive color, and every reference to the recipients in another color. Then on the OBSERVATIONS CHART on page 21 note everything you learn about each. Observe what the author says about himself. When in his life is he writing? Who are the recipients? How are they described? Why is he writing?
2. In a distinctive way, mark in the text the key words (and their synonyms and pronouns) listed on the 2 PETER AT A GLANCE chart on page 22. Then list on a piece of paper the truths you learn by marking these key words. Be thorough, because the lists will help you see the flow of the book.
3. Read through 2 Peter again and look for specific instructions that Peter gives the readers concerning their behavior and belief. Record these on the OBSERVATIONS CHART under "Instructions." Also look for and note any people or groups of people of which Peter warns them to beware.
4. In this book, Peter states specifically why he is writing. Look for and underline any verse in which Peter says, "*I am writing to you.*" Also, underline any other verses that indicate his purpose in writing. Record his purpose for writing on 2 PETER AT A GLANCE.
5. Summarize the message of each paragraph and record its theme on 2 PETER AT A GLANCE. Then determine the chapter themes and the book theme and record these in the appropriate places on the chart and in the text.
6. Mark every reference to God (and Lord, if it refers to the Father). Then list what you learn about God from this short but much-needed epistle.
7. Create a four-column chart called THE DAY OF THE LORD and record on it what you learn from 2 Peter about that day. Note the reference (book, chapter, and verse); how the day is described; what happens in nature; and signs of the beginning or end.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What would it take to live your life so that you may be found spotless and blameless at Christ's coming? Are you willing?
2. Is there a danger today that false teachers will arise among the brethren, as in Peter's day? What do you need to know to be able to detect them? What is your protection?
3. How can you keep from falling from your own steadfastness? Practically, what do you need to do in order to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

1:1 ¹Two early mss read *Simeon* ²Or *value* ³Or *in*
^aRom 1:1; Phil 1:1; James 1:1; Jude 1
^{b1} Pet 1:1
^cRom 1:12;
 2 Cor 4:13; Titus 1:4
^dRom 3:21-26
^eTitus 2:13
 2 ^aRom 1:7; 1 Pet 1:2
^bJohn 17:3; Phil 3:8; 2 Pet 1:3, 8; 2:20; 3:18
 3 ¹Or *to* ²Or *virtue*
^{a1} Pet 1:5
^bJohn 17:3; Phil 3:8; 2 Pet 1:2, 8; 2:20; 3:18
^{c1} Thess 2:12; 2 Thess 2:14; 1 Pet 5:10
 4 ¹Lit *Through which* (things)
^{a2} Pet 3:9, 13
^bEph 4:13, 24; Heb 12:10; 1 John 3:2
^{c2} Pet 2:18, 20
^{d2} Pet 2:19
^eJames 1:27
 5 ¹Or *virtue*
^{a2} Pet 1:11
^{b2} Pet 1:3
^cCol 2:3; 2 Pet 1:2
 6 ^aActs 24:25
^bLuke 21:19
^{c2} Pet 1:3
 7 ^aRom 12:10; 1 Pet 1:22
 8 ^aCol 1:10
^bJohn 17:3; Phil 3:8; 2 Pet 1:2, 3; 2:20; 3:18
 9 ^{a1} John 2:11
^bEph 5:26; Titus 2:14
 10 ^aMatt 22:14; Rom 11:29; 2 Pet 1:3
^{b1} Thess 1:4
^cJames 2:10; 2 Pet 3:17; Jude 24
 11 ^{a2} Tim 4:18
^{b2} Pet 2:20; 3:18
^cRom 2:4; 1 Tim 6:17
^{d2} Pet 1:5
 12 ^aPhil 3:1; 1 John 2:21; Jude 5
^bCol 1:5f; 2 John 2
 13 ^aPhil 1:7
^{b2} Cor 5:1, 4; 2 Pet 1:14
^{c2} Pet 3:1
 14 ^{a2} Cor 5:1; 2 Tim 4:6
^bJohn 13:36; 21:19
 15 ^aLuke 9:31
 16 ^{a1} Tim 1:4; 2 Pet 2:3
^bMark 13:26; 14:62; 1 Thess 2:19
^cMatt 17:1ff; Mark 9:2ff; Luke 9:28ff
 17 ¹Lit *voice*
²Lit *brought*
^aMatt 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35
^bHeb 1:3
 18 ¹Lit *voice brought*
^aEx 3:5; Josh 5:15
 19 ¹Or *We have the even more sure prophetic word*
^{a1} Pet 1:10f
^bHeb 2:2
^cPs 119:105
^dLuke 1:78
^eRev 22:16
^{f2} Cor 4:6

Chapter 1 Theme

1 ¹Simon Peter, a ^abond-servant and ^bapostle of Jesus Christ, ¹To those who have received ^ca faith of the same ²kind as ours, ³by ^athe righteousness of ^eour God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 ^aGrace and peace be multiplied to you in ^bthe knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His ^adivine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true ^bknowledge of Him who ^ccalled us ¹by His own glory and ²excellence.

4 ¹For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent ^apromises, so that by them you may become ^bpartakers of *the* divine nature, having ^cescaped the ^acorruption that is in ^ethe world by lust.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith ^asupply ^bmoral ¹excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, ^cknowledge,

6 and in *your* knowledge, ^aself-control, and in *your* self-control, ^bperseverance, and in *your* perseverance, ^cgodliness,

7 and in *your* godliness, ^abrotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.

8 For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor ^aunfruitful in the true ^bknowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he who lacks these *qualities* is ^ablind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* ^bpurification from his former sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His ^acalling and ^bchoosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never ^cstumble;

11 for in this way the entrance into ^athe eternal kingdom of our ^bLord and Savior Jesus Christ will be ^cabundantly ^asupplied to you.

12 Therefore, ^{a1}I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in ^bthe truth which is present with *you*.

13 I consider it ^aright, as long as I am in ^bthis *earthly* dwelling, to ^cstir you up by way of reminder,

14 knowing that ^athe laying aside of my *earthly* dwelling is imminent, ^bas also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my ^adeparture you will be able to call these things to mind.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised ^atales when we made known to you the ^bpower and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were ^ceyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an ¹utterance as this was ²made to Him by the ^bMajestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—

18 and we ourselves heard this ¹utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the ^aholy mountain.

19 ¹So we have ^athe prophetic word *made* more ^bsure, to which you do well to pay attention as to ^ca lamp shining in a dark place, until the ^aday dawns and the ^emorning star arises ^fin your hearts.

20 But ^aknow this first of all, that ^bno prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation,
 21 for ^ano prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men ^bmoved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Chapter 2 Theme _____

2 But ^afalse prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be ^bfalse teachers ^camong you, who will ^dsecretly introduce ^edestructive heresies, even ^fdenying the ^gMaster who ^hbought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 Many will follow their ^asensuality, and because of them ^bthe way of the truth will be ^cmaligned;

3 and in *their* ^agreed they will ^bexploit you with ^cfalse words; ^dtheir judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For ^aif God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and ^bcommitted them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare ^athe ancient world, but preserved ^bNoah, a ¹preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a ^cflood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and *if* He ^acondemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an ^bexample to those who would ^clive ungodly *lives* thereafter;

7 and *if* He ^arescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the ^bsensual conduct of ^cunprincipled men

8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* ^arighteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

9 ^athen the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from ¹temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the ^bday of judgment,

10 and especially those who ^{1a}indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and ^bdespise authority.

Daring, ^cself-willed, they do not tremble when they ^brevile angelic ²majesties,

11 ^awhereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But ^athese, like unreasoning animals, ^bborn as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in ¹the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

13 suffering wrong as ^athe wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to ^brevel in the ^cdaytime. They are stains and blemishes, ^breveling in their ¹deceptions, as they ^dcarouse with you,

14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, ^aenticing ^bunstable souls, having a heart trained in ^cgreed, ^daccursed children;

15 forsaking ^athe right way, they have gone astray, having followed ^bthe way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved ^cthe wages of unrighteousness;

20 ^a2 Pet 3:3
^bRom 12:6

21 ^aJer 23:26;
 2 Tim 3:16
² Sam 23:2;
 Luke 1:70;
 Acts 1:16; 3:18;
 1 Pet 1:11

2:1 ^aDeut 13:1ff;
 Jer 6:13
² Cor 11:13
^cMatt 7:15;
^dGal 2:4;
 Jude 4
^e1 Cor 11:19;
 Gal 5:20 ^fJude 4
^gRev 6:10
^h1 Cor 6:20

2 ^aGen 19:5ff;
 2 Pet 2:7, 18;
 Jude 4 ^bActs 16:17;
 22:4; 24:14
^cRom 2:24

3 ^a1 Tim 6:5;
 2 Pet 2:14; Jude 16
^b2 Cor 2:17;
 1 Thess 2:5
^cRom 16:18;
 2 Pet 1:16
^dDeut 32:35

4 ^aJude 6
^bRev 20:1f

5 ¹Or *herald*
^aEzek 26:20;
 2 Pet 3:6 ^bGen 6:8,
 9; 1 Pet 3:20
^c2 Pet 3:6

6 ^aGen 19:24;
 Jude 7 ^bIs 1:9;
 Matt 10:15; 11:23;
 Rom 9:29; Jude 7
^cJude 15

7 ^aGen 19:16, 29
^bGen 19:5ff;
 2 Pet 2:2, 18;
 Jude 4 ^c2 Pet 3:17

8 ^aHeb 11:4

9 ¹Lit *trial*; or *temptation*
^a1 Cor 10:13;
 Rev 3:10
^bMatt 10:15; Jude 6

10 ¹Lit *go after* ²Lit *glories* ^a2 Pet 3:3;
 Jude 16, 18
^bEx 22:28; Jude 8
^cTitus 1:7

11 ^aJude 9

12 ¹Lit *their destruction also*
^aJude 10 ^bJer 12:3;
 Col 2:22

13 ¹One early ms reads *love feasts*
^a2 Pet 2:15
^bRom 13:13
^c1 Thess 5:7
^d1 Cor 11:21;
 Jude 12

14 ^a2 Pet 2:18
^bJames 1:8;
 2 Pet 3:16 ^c2 Pet 2:3
^dEph 2:3

15 ^aActs 13:10
^bNum 22:5, 7;
 Deut 23:4;
 Neh 13:2; Jude 11;
 Rev 2:14 ^c2 Pet 2:13

16 ^aNum 22:21, 23, 28, 30ff

17 ^lLit *blackness of darkness* ^aJude 12
^bJude 13

18 ^aJude 16
^bEph 4:17
^c2 Pet 2:14
^d2 Pet 2:2
^e2 Pet 1:4; 2:20

19 ^aJohn 8:34;
Rom 6:16

20 ^a2 Pet 2:18
^b2 Pet 1:2
^c2 Pet 1:11; 3:18
^d2 Tim 2:4
^eMatt 12:45;
Luke 11:26

21 ^aEzek 18:24;
Heb 6:4ff; 10:26f;
James 4:17

^bGal 6:2; 1 Tim 6:14;
2 Pet 3:2 ^cJude 3

22 ^lLit *The thing of the true proverb has happened to them* ^aProv 26:11

3:1 ^a1 Pet 2:11;
2 Pet 3:8, 14, 17
^b2 Pet 1:13

2 ^aJude 17
^bLuke 1:70;
Acts 3:21; Eph 3:5
^cGal 6:2; 1 Tim 6:14;
2 Pet 2:21

3 ^a2 Pet 1:20
^b1 Tim 4:1; Heb 1:2
^cJude 18
^d2 Pet 2:10

4 ^aIs 5:19;
Jer 17:15;
Ezek 11:3; 12:22, 27;
Mal 2:17;
Matt 24:48
^b1 Thess 2:19;
2 Pet 3:12
^cActs 7:60
^dMark 10:6

5 ^lOr *they are willfully ignorant of this fact, that*
^aGen 1:6, 9;
Heb 11:3 ^bPs 24:2;
136:6

6 ^a2 Pet 2:5
^bGen 7:11, 12, 21f

7 ^a2 Pet 3:10, 12
^bIs 66:15; Dan 7:9f;
2 Thess 1:7;
Heb 12:29
^cMatt 10:15;
1 Cor 3:13; Jude 7

8 ^a2 Pet 3:1
^bPs 90:4

9 ^aHab 2:3;
Rom 13:11;
Heb 10:37
^bRom 2:4; Rev 2:21
^c1 Tim 2:4; Rev 2:21

10 ^a1 Cor 1:8
^bMatt 24:43;
Luke 12:39;
1 Thess 5:2;
Rev 3:3; 16:15
^cIs 34:4; 2 Pet 3:7,
12 ^dMatt 24:35;
Rev 21:1 ^eIs 24:19;
Mic 1:4

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, ^afor a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are ^asprings without water and mists driven by a storm, ^bfor whom the ^lblack darkness has been reserved.

18 For speaking out ^aarrogant words of ^bvanity they ^centice by fleshly desires, by ^dsensuality, those who barely ^eescape from the ones who live in error,

19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for ^aby what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

20 For if, after they have ^aescaped the defilements of the world by ^bthe knowledge of the ^cLord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again ^dentangled in them and are overcome, ^ethe last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 ^aFor it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from ^bthe holy commandment ^chanded on to them.

22 ^lIt has happened to them according to the true proverb, ^a“A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT,” and, “A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.”

Chapter 3 Theme _____

3 This is now, ^abeloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am ^bstirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

2 that you should ^aremember the words spoken beforehand by ^bthe holy prophets and ^cthe commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

3 ^aKnow this first of all, that ^bin the last days ^cmockers will come with *their* mocking, ^dfollowing after their own lusts,

4 and saying, ^a“Where is the promise of His ^bcoming? For *ever* since the fathers ^cfell asleep, all continues just as it was ^dfrom the beginning of creation.”

5 For ^lwhen they maintain this, it escapes their notice that ^aby the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was ^bformed out of water and by water,

6 through which ^athe world at that time was ^bdestroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But by His word ^athe present heavens and earth are being reserved for ^bfire, kept for ^cthe day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, ^abeloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and ^ba thousand years like one day.

9 ^aThe Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but ^bis patient toward you, ^cnot wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

10 But ^athe day of the Lord ^bwill come like a thief, in which ^cthe heavens ^dwill pass away with a roar and the ^eelements will

be destroyed with intense heat, and ^fthe earth and ^lits works will be ²burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
 12 ^alooking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which ^bthe heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the ^celements will melt with intense heat!

13 But according to His ^apromise we are looking for ^bnew heavens and a new earth, ^cin which righteousness dwells.

14 ^aTherefore, ^bbeloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be ^cfound by Him in peace, ^dspotless and blameless, 15 and regard the ^apatience of our Lord as salvation; just as also ^bour beloved brother Paul, ^caccording to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 as also in all ^{his} letters, speaking in them of ^athese things, ^bin which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and ^cunstable distort, as *they do* also ^dthe rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, ^abeloved, knowing this beforehand, ^bbe on your guard so that you are not carried away by ^cthe error of ^dunprincipled men and ^efall from your own steadfastness,

18 but grow in the grace and ^aknowledge of our ^bLord and Savior Jesus Christ. ^cTo Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

10 ^lLit *the works in it* ²Two early mss read *discovered*
² 2 Pet 3:7

12 ^a1 Cor 1:7
² 2 Pet 3:7, 10
^cIs 24:19; 34:4;
 Mic 1:4

13 ^aIs 65:17; 66:22
^bRom 8:21; Rev 21:1
^cIs 60:21; 65:25;
 Rev 21:27

14 ^a1 Cor 15:58;
 2 Pet 1:10 ² 2 Pet 3:1
^c1 Pet 1:7 ^aPhil 2:15;
 1 Thess 5:23;
 1 Tim 6:14;
 James 1:27

15 ^a2 Pet 3:9
^bActs 9:17; 15:25;
 2 Pet 3:2
^c1 Cor 3:10; Eph 3:3

16 ^a2 Pet 3:14
^bHeb 5:11
^c2 Pet 2:14
^d2 Pet 3:2

17 ^a2 Pet 3:1
^b1 Cor 10:12
^c2 Pet 2:18
^d2 Pet 2:7 ^aRev 2:5

18 ^a2 Pet 1:2
^b2 Pet 1:11; 2:20
^cRom 11:36;
 2 Tim 4:18; Rev 1:6

2 PETER AT A GLANCE

Theme of 2 Peter:

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prophecy (prophet, prophetic)		1:19-21	
knowledge (know, knowing, known)		2:1-3	2
remind (reminder)		2:4-10	
true (truth)		2:11-16	
diligent (dili- gence)		2:17-22	
false teachers		3:1-7	3
mockers		3:8-10	
destroyed		3:11-13	
promise		3:14-18	
day of the Lord			

JOHN

God in the flesh! What would He be like? What would He do? How would He live in relationship to the Father once He came to earth? And how would people know He was God? Would He force people to believe in Him? What about those who refused to believe He was God? And what of those who believed, who followed Him? What would God in the flesh expect from them?



Chapter 1 Theme

1:1 ^aGen 1:1; Col 1:17; 1 John 1:1
^bJohn 1:14; Rev 19:13 ^cJohn 17:5; 1 John 1:2 ^dPhil 2:6
2 ¹Lit *This one*
3 ^aJohn 1:10; 1 Cor 8:6; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2
4 ^aJohn 5:26; 11:25; 14:6 ^bJohn 8:12; 9:5; 12:46
5 ¹Or *overpower* ^aJohn 3:19
6 ¹Or *came into being* ^aMatt 3:1
7 ¹Lit *This one* ²Lit *for testimony* ^aJohn 1:15, 19, 32; 3:26; 5:33
^bJohn 1:12; Acts 19:4; Gal 3:26
8 ¹Lit *That one* ^aJohn 1:20
9 ¹Or *which enlightens every person coming into the world* ^a1 John 2:8
10 ^a1 Cor 8:6; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2
11 ¹Or *own things, possessions, domain*
12 ^aJohn 11:52; Gal 3:26 ^bJohn 1:7; 3:18; 1 John 3:23; 5:13
13 ¹Or *begotten* ²Lit *bloods* ^aJohn 3:5f; James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:23; 1 John 2:29; 3:9
14 ¹Or *tabernacled; i.e. lived temporarily* ²Or *unique, only one of His kind* ^aRev 19:13 ^bRom 1:3; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7f; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 2:14; 1 John 1:1f; 4:2; 2 John 7 ^cRev 21:3 ^dLuke 9:32; John 2:11; 17:22, 24; 2 Pet 1:16f; 1 John 1:1 ^eJohn 1:17; Rom 5:21; 6:14 ^fJohn 8:32; 14:6; 18:37
15 ¹Lit *has become before me* ^aJohn 1:7 ^bMatt 3:11; John 1:27, 30 ^cJohn 1:30

1 ^aIn the beginning was ^bthe Word, and the Word was ^cwith God, and ^dthe Word was God.

2 ¹He was in the beginning with God.

3 ^aAll things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

4 ^aIn Him was life, and the life was ^bthe Light of men.

5 ^aThe Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ¹comprehend it.

6 There ¹came a man sent from God, whose name was ^aJohn.

7 ¹He came ^{2a}as a witness, to testify about the Light, ^bso that all might believe through him.

8 ^{1a}He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

9 There was ^athe true Light ¹which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10 He was in the world, and ^athe world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His ¹own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become ^achildren of God, *even* ^bto those who believe in His name,

13 ^awho were ¹born, not of ²blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And ^athe Word ^bbecame flesh, and ^{1c}dwelt among us, and ^dwe saw His glory, glory as of ²the only begotten from the Father, full of ^egrace and ^ftruth.

15 John ^atestified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, ^bHe who comes after me ¹has a higher rank than I, ^cfor He existed before me."

16 For of His ^afullness ¹we have all received, and ²grace upon grace.

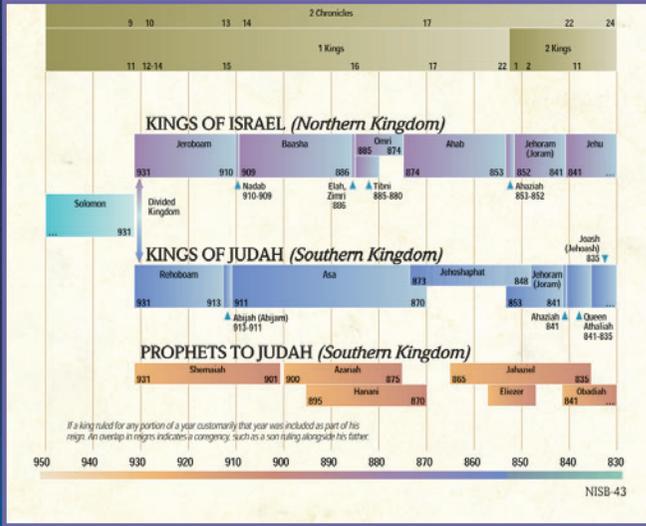
17 For ^athe Law was given through Moses; ^bgrace and ^ctruth ¹were realized through Jesus Christ.

18 ^aNo one has seen God at any time; ^bthe only begotten God who is ^cin the bosom of the Father, ^dHe has explained *Him*.

16 ¹Lit *we all received* ²Lit *grace for grace* ^aEph 1:23; 3:19; 4:13; Col 1:19; 2:9 ¹⁷ ¹Lit *came to be* ^aJohn 7:19 ^bJohn 1:14; Rom 5:21; 6:14 ^cJohn 8:32; 14:6; 18:37 ¹⁸ ^aEx 33:20; John 6:46; Col 1:15; 1 Tim 6:16; 1 John 4:12 ^bJohn 3:16, 18; 1 John 4:9 ^cLuke 16:22; John 13:23 ^dJohn 3:11

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