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### **Preface**

## *The Holy Bible is the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of the Living God.*

Within the covers of the Holy Bible are all the answers to all the problems men face! It is a fascinating historical book full of information to guide your daily living to help you avoid the pitfalls that we will find ourselves in at some point in each of our lives. We cannot avoid all of the trials and tribulations that life presents to each of us in this sinful and flawed world; however we can find strength to persevere through them when we walk with the Lord.

Share your life with Him. If you are truly a child of God, then your appetite for the Word of God should be healthy. "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation," **1 Peter 2:2**. Feed upon the Word everyday without fail. The more you eat, the faster you will grow. Be like Job, "I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread." Job 23:12.

If you commit yourself to spending some quiet time everyday you will grow in your relationship with the Lord and gain in wisdom and understanding. Just like the food we eat to sustain our physical bodies, there may be times of pure enjoyment and excitement for the Word of God, and other times like eating vegetables mom prepared for dinner when we were kids. It may be boring and dry at times, however the discipline of eating while you do not necessarily crave it, benefits us greatly over time. And it is those "vegetable" days that God often uses to fill us with His wisdom for a later time.

Take the information gathered here in these pages to complement your study of the Scriptures. Learning where things are will help you understand the flow of the Word of God. You will become more familiar with certain verses and where to seek insight. A historical perspective will be gained as well.

Upon further study, you can then read the context of these Scripture passages. And, start to gain more familiarity with the Word of God by finding your pathway thru the Scriptures. Find other verses and passages on your own; learning more about the Word of the Lord and growing in your knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ!

John 1:1-2, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

John 10:27, "My sheep know my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

The hope here is build up the knowledge of Believers in order to strengthen the faith and witnessing abilities of the readers.

# *The Old Testament*

## **Books of History #1** The Pentateuch

The first 5 Books of the Holy Bible are often called the Pentateuch with the pre-fix "Pent" emphasizing the number five. They are also called the Law, or the Torah. The Pentateuch includes:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- **D**euteronomy

#### How to remember this section:

These 5 Books are the most widely known section of the Old Testament. Most people reading a book like the Holy Bible start in the beginning. That would be Genesis. Most may get to Exodus the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the OT, but they soon stop reading at this point or move to another section so they are not as familiar with the remaining books of this section. The Pentateuch is the beginning account of history. The easiest way to commit things to memory is to use acronyms. So,  $\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{L} - \mathbf{N} - \mathbf{D}$  are the letters to remember ("gel – land"); Genesis (G), Exodus (E), Leviticus (L), Numbers (N), and Deuteronomy (D). Ultimately, if you learn the flow of the books, it will be much easier to remember their order. An acronym will get you started though.

• <u>Genesis</u> - the book of origins--of the beginning of life, and of ruin through sin.

(Chapters 1-11) are about the historical account of creation and the spreading of the nations. Based on the genealogical account given in the Holy Scriptures these chapters are about the time period from 4004 B.C. when creation began up thru Noah and the Tower of Babel to Abraham (Abram) in about 2166 B.C.

(Chapters 11-50) are about the history of God's people through the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ending with the death of Jacob's son, Joseph about 1805 B.C.

 <u>Exodus</u> - Almost 300 years have past, it is now around 1526 B.C., and Moses is born. This book gives account of Moses' story. It is the book of redemption with the first Laws given. It lays the foundation for worship and reverence for God. God's deliverance from Egypt takes place in this book. The Lord's standard is given with the Ten Commandments first dictated in Exodus 20.

- Leviticus the book of worship and communion. The 5 main offerings are explained along with moral laws and regulations concerning cleanness. The punishments for disobedience along with the blessings and curses. The name of the book comes from the Greek translation, "relating to the Levites" which were the priests divinely ordained. These laws were given during the year of encampment around Mount Sinai around 1445 B.C.
- <u>Numbers</u> speaks of the experiences of a pilgrim people, the redeemed being refined by God before entrance into the Promised Land. This book gives account of the 38-year account of Israel's wandering in the desert after the census was taken two years following the covenant given at Mt. Sinai. The chastening wrath of God against those that are disobedient is also described. It is now around 1406 B.C.
- <u>Deuteronomy</u> book of instruction for the redeemed about to enter that inheritance, second Laws given. They are not another set of Laws so much as a repetition of the Laws already given. Not much time has elapsed here; they are still in Moab just across the Jordan River with the Promised Land on the other side. A covenant renewal with God and His people. The Ten Commandments are restated in Deuteronomy 5. A love relationship pervades this book both from God's perspective and from an obedient people, the next generation. Moses' death concludes the Pentateuch with leadership being passed to Joshua.

The timeframe spans almost 2,600 years from Creation to the death of Moses.

This is the first section of books in the Holy Bible. There are 5 books: (remember "gel – land")

(Write the books in the spaces below; for permanent memory)

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<b>E</b>	 	 	 	 
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N	 	 	 	 
<b>D</b>	 	 	 	 

Now you know the first 5 books of the Holy Bible in order, the flow of the books, and what they are about.

Most people are never shown or taught this in their church or study groups. That is why it seems so intimidating to read or study.

Again, you are going to "know" EVERY BOOK of the Holy Bible IN ORDER, the corresponding groupings of books, and have them set into your memory when we finish this workbook. AND IT WILL NOT TAKE VERY LONG AT ALL!

#### Below are 5 Bible verses from the Pentateuch. Match the correct Bible verse to the corresponding Book. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.

1. "The Lord had said to Moses: 'You must not count the tribe of Levi or include them in the census of the other Israelites."	Genesis 49:1
2. "Then Jacob called for his sons and said: 'Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come."	Exodus 37:1
3. "It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to	Leviticus 12:3
accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."	Numbers 1:48
4. "On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised."	
5. "Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood—two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high."	Deuteronomy 9:5

#### Below are 5 Bible verses from the Pentateuch. Correctly identify the Bible verse with the corresponding book. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.

"If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads."

#### 1. Which book of the Pentateuch?\_\_\_\_\_

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."

#### 2. Which book of the Pentateuch?\_\_\_\_\_

"At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts."

#### 3. Which book of the Pentateuch?\_\_\_\_\_

"But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.""

#### 4. Which book of the Pentateuch?\_\_\_\_\_

"The Lord said, 'If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible to them.""

#### 5. Which book of the Pentateuch?\_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 11:6

Leviticus 20:13

Exodus 20:7

Numbers 20:12

Deuteronomy 15:1

After identifying the previous Bible verses, take the time to find a Bible verse on your own that really identifies with that particular book. Just the act of searching and writing it down gives you a better sense and greater familiarity with the Word of God. You are actively participating in studying the Holy Bible.

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Levincus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

From Exodus 20 or Deuteronomy 5, identify each of the 10 Commandments in correct order thus activating long term memory of each of the sins God shall judge us by. Slowly memorize each one daily until they are all burned into memory. By knowing the sins you will bring them into your consciousness and thus gain the ability to repent which is a requirement of salvation through obedience.

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#### <u>Notes</u>

Describe a topic in this section to remember.

(**Example:** Joseph, son of Jacob, interpreter of dreams was sold into slavery by his brothers at the age of 17, rises to 2<sup>nd</sup> in command in Egypt and saves both the Egyptians and his family from famine. His story is told in <u>Genesis 37-50</u>.