

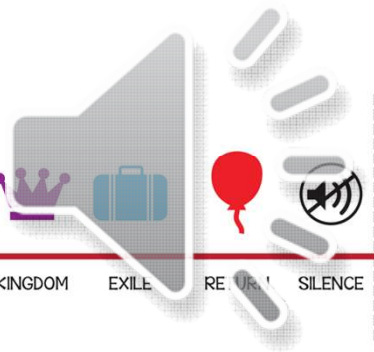


# BIBLE TIMELINE

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## Narrative frameworks for the story

- Covenants and blessings
- Redemption history
- Tracing God's glory (presence)
- Sanctuaries/temple
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## TIMELINE OF THE BIBLE

**GOD'S COVENANTS**

- ~ABRAHAM
- the LAW
- w/ DAVID (~1,000 B.C.)
- 587 B.C.
- NEW via CHRIST (~5 B.C.)

**MAJOR TIME PERIODS (Mt. 1:17)**

<p><b>1. ABRAHAM-DAVID</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- God makes promises</li> <li>- God sets expectations</li> <li>- God keeps good promises</li> <li>- God + Israel united @ Jerusalem</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. DAVID-EXILE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Israel breaks rules</li> <li>- Kingdom divides</li> <li>- God is patient, sends prophets</li> <li>- God keeps promises to discipline Israel</li> </ul>	<p><b>3. EXILE-MESSIAH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Israel returns, has second chance</li> <li>- Rebuilding temple and Jerusalem, some reform</li> <li>- God sends a few prophets, then goes silent</li> <li>- Will they/won't they?</li> </ul>	<p><b>4. MESSIAH-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jesus outshines every OT hero (Moses, David, etc.)</li> <li>- Jews + Gentiles united in Christ</li> <li>- God keeps good promises and makes better ones</li> <li>- Kingdom of God is at hand!</li> </ul>
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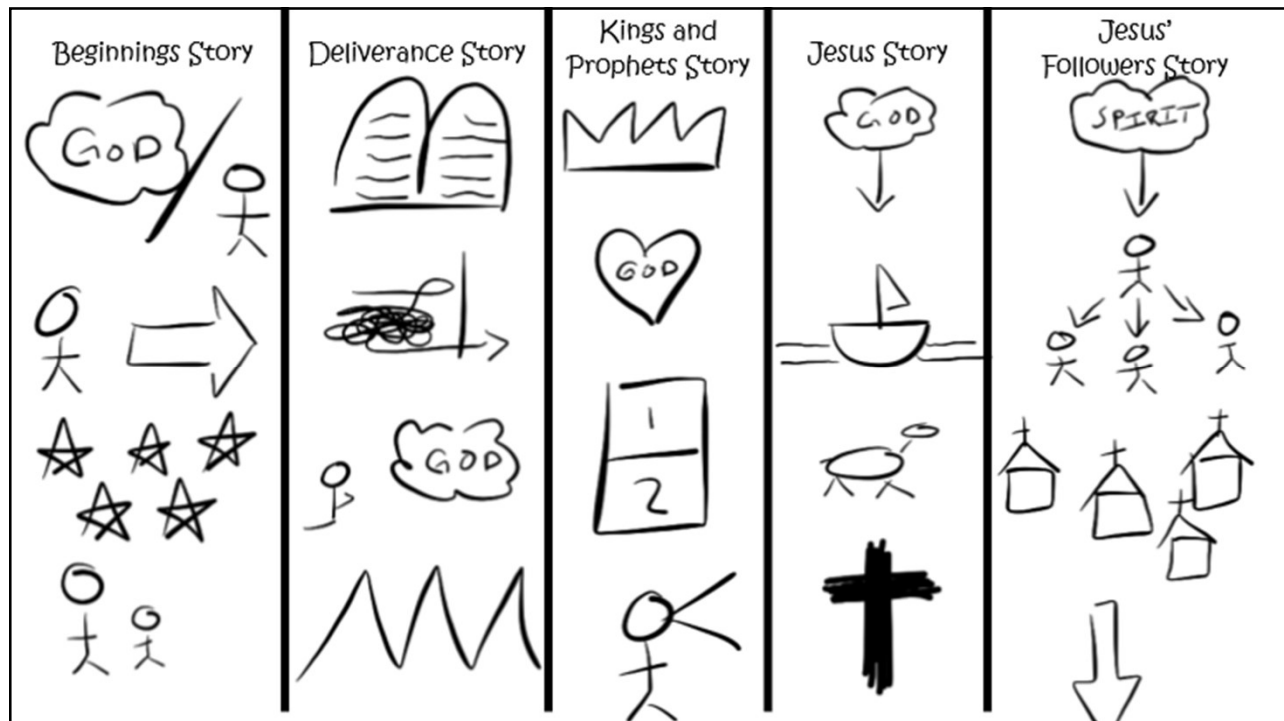
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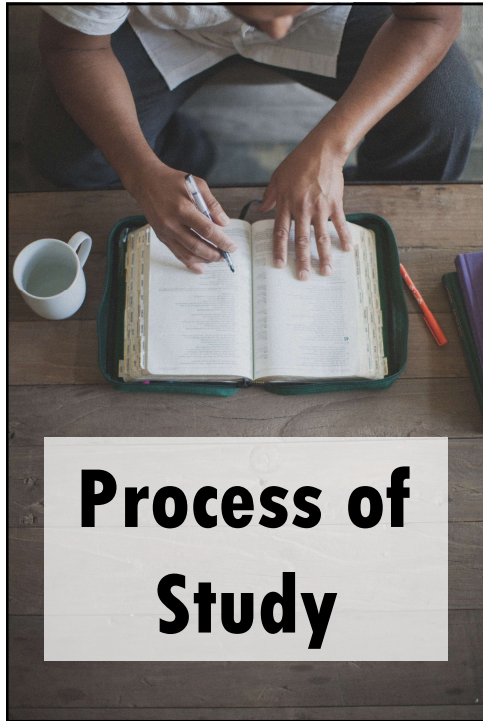
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## Learning the biblical narrative

- Bible story books (children's, *Picture Bible*, *Action Bible*)
- Chronological Bible study (or Bible)
- Read Bible straight through
- Verbal practice





## Repetition

*(infiltrate your mind)*

## Concentration

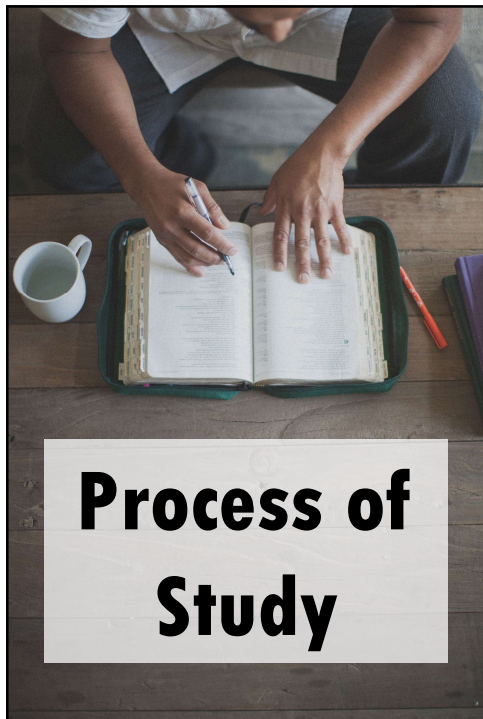
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## Reflection

*(learn the significance of what you study)*



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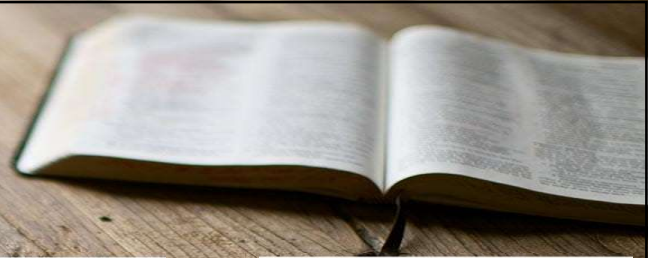
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# Helps for Reflection

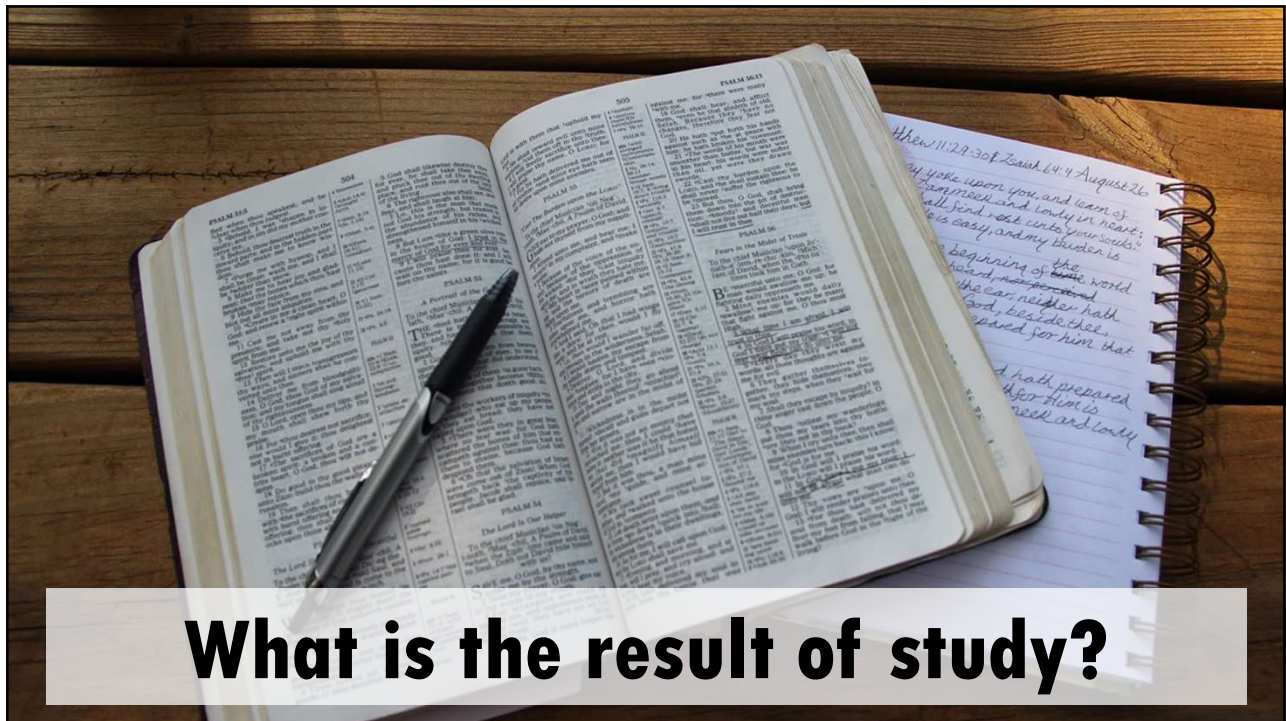


**Journaling**

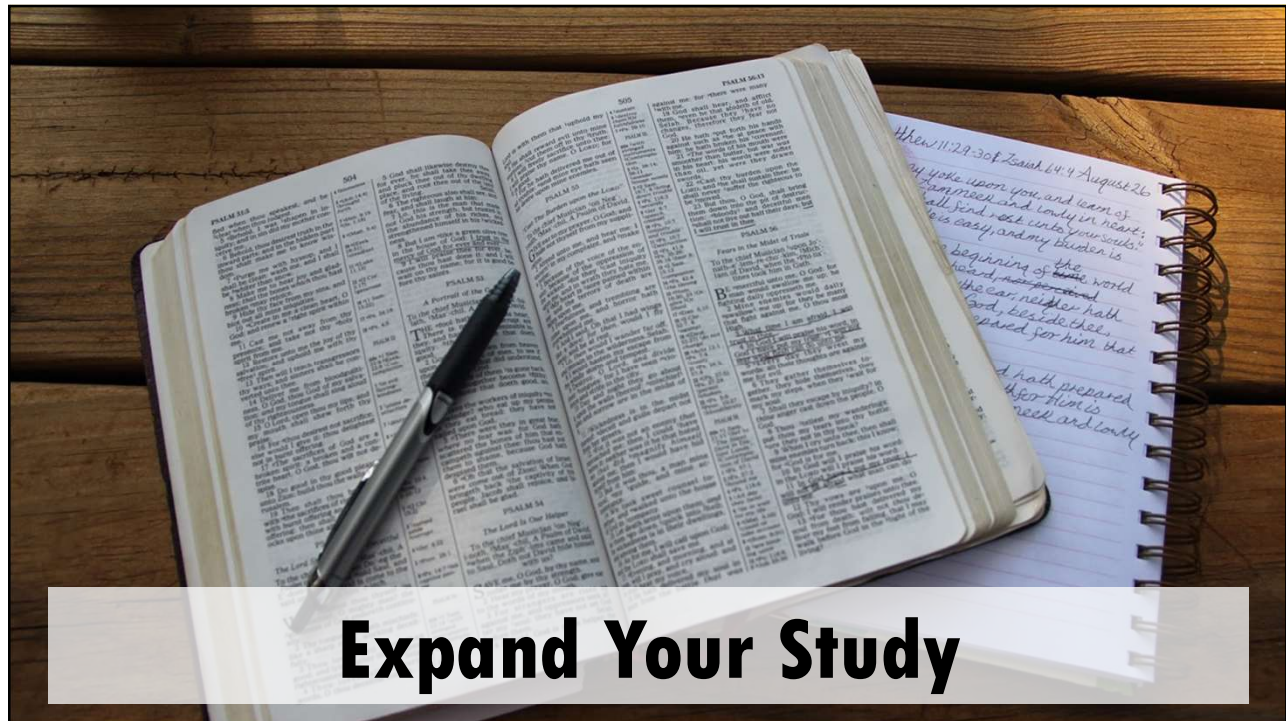
**Scripture  
Observation  
Application  
Prayer  
SOAP  
Method**



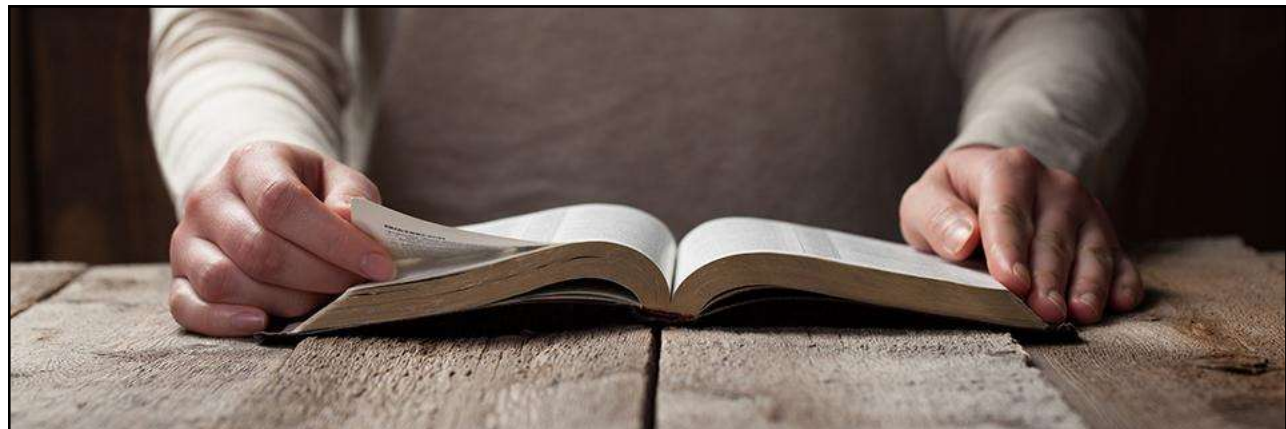
**Discussion**



**What is the result of study?**



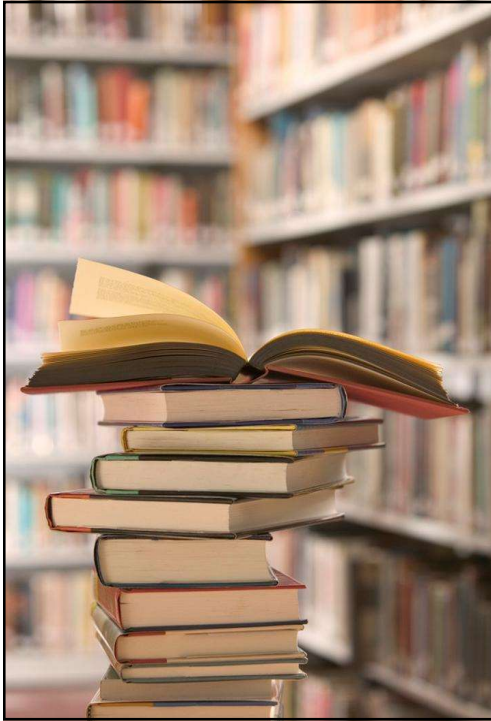
## Expand Your Study



When we study a book of the Bible we are seeking to be controlled by the intent of the author, we are determined to hear what he is saying, not what we want him to say. We want life-transforming truth, not just good feelings. We are willing to pay the price of barren day after barren day until the meaning is clear. This process revolutionizes our lives.

- Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*





## Other books and resources

- Commentaries
- Bible studies, books on Christian living...
- Devotional classics
- Biographies of great spiritual heroes of the church: Martin Luther, John Wesley, Billy Graham, etc.



## If you're not a 'reader'...

- Audiobooks
- Podcasts
- Non-verbal "books"...

  - Nature
  - People and culture
  - Yourself

## Study Challenge for This Week

- Read the Bible this week (*if you don't already have a plan, read 1 Timothy*)
- Add something to your study (reflection time)
- Be ready to talk about it next week