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Welcome

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WHY ARE WE PRESENTING THIS SEMINAR?

- *Our motive is to encourage respect for, familiarity with, and understanding of the Word of God*
- *It is not our role to convert you to our way of thinking in this course*
- We will avoid a discussion on controversial Bible subjects
- And we will not ask you for money

It is our aim to help you to read your Bible effectively and from this we hope that God's message will be made plain to you

INTENT OF THIS SEMINAR

- This is a condensed version of what is normally an 8-week seminar
- Provide direction in opening and reading your Bible
- Show some hidden gems within the Bible
- Help you to navigate your way through the book
- Show you the key elements in effective study
- Answer some key questions about Bible Terminology & meaning
- Show you how to use tools and guides
- Get you on your way to personal reading
- You will need to determine its value
- Our goal is to provide people with some tools to get started

COURSE MATERIALS AND TOOLS

- LTRBE Course Material Online
- We will provide 8 sessions in total
- With additional handouts & other information available online
- We will attempt to follow the course materials but may abbreviate due to the condensed nature of these online talks
- Each talk will be approximately 30-45 minutes in length

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Distance Learning Programme

Introduction and Course Guide



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THE BIBLE – WHAT IS IT?

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

You are here hopefully because you want to know God better but:

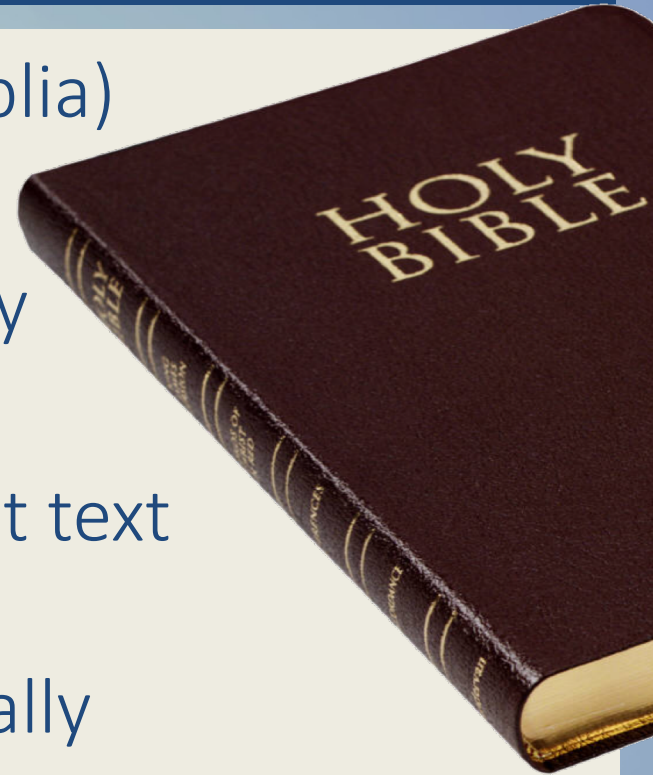
- You may have found reading the Bible challenging
- Or been frustrated with the language
- Or wrestled with seeming contradictions

Some people wrestle with some of the bigger questions such as:

- How there be some many religions when we all have the same book?
- Are there answers for what is going on in the world contained in my Bible?

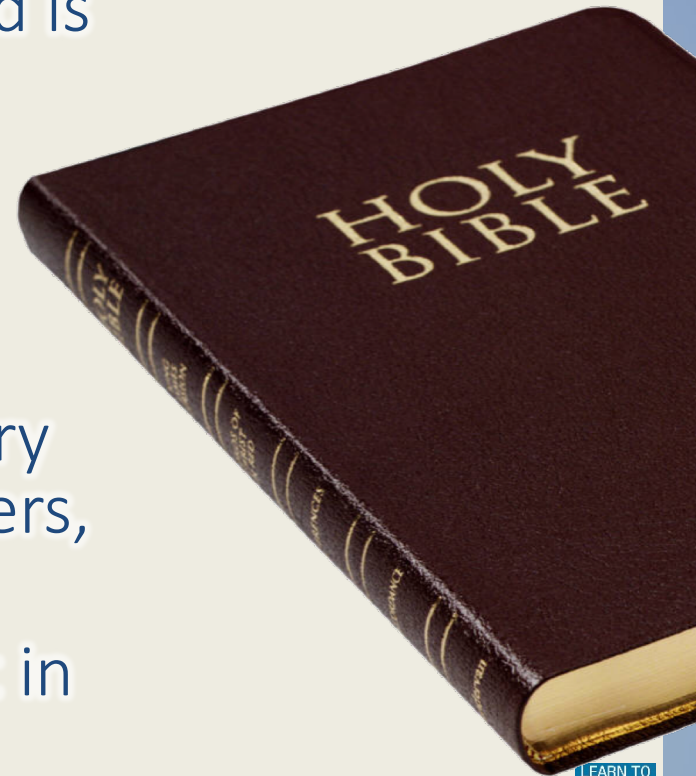
THE HOLY BIBLE – WHAT IS IT?

- Holy Bible = ‘Separate Book’ (gk biblia)
- Best selling book – ever.
- Over 100 millions copies sold yearly
- Translated into 1808 languages
- Most completely supported ancient text in existence
- Many have a bible however few really read and understand it



THE HOLY BIBLE – WHAT IS IT?

- 66 Books, 40 Writers – however God is the author
- Written over 1600 years
- 2,930 characters, 1,551 places
- It would take approx. 70 hrs to read
- Its message is expressed in all literary forms (narrative, poetry, prose, letters, etc.)
- That's a small beginning investment in time when you think about it



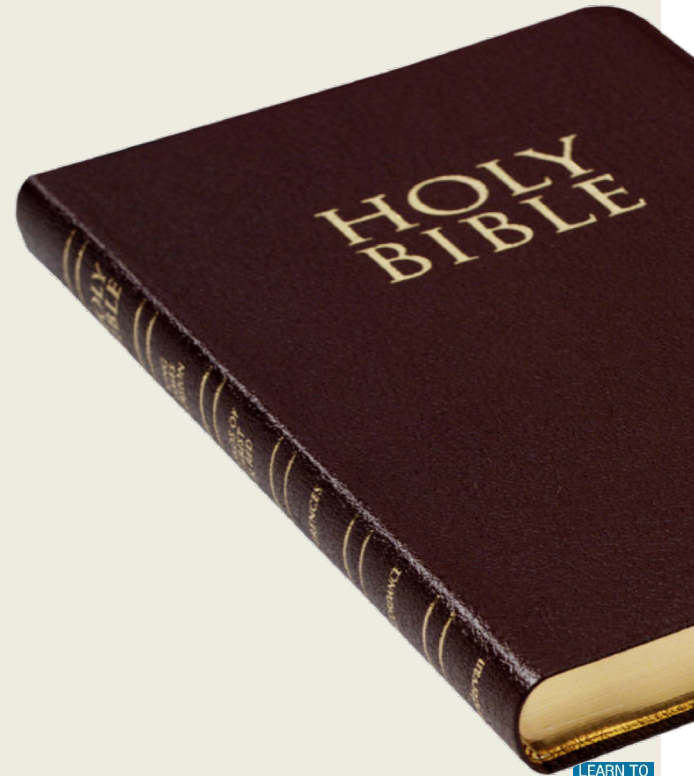
WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US?

The Bible is God's telling of His purpose with mankind and this earth and His calling out a people for His name.

It contains history, prophecy, records of people and lands. It is a listing of his Commands and his Promises

It tells us the story of man's struggle with himself, and sin.

It will tell us what God has in store for us...



THE BIBLE IS:

- A guidebook for living your life before God
 - Standards for conduct, guidelines for knowing right from wrong – provides a moral compass
- A book of the accounts of faithful men and women
 - These accounts emphasize the triumphs and failures of ordinary people – examples for us
- A refuge in trouble
 - People struggling with the issues of life use the Bible for strength
- A treasury of insight as to who we are
 - The struggle with our nature and the choices we must make

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE COVER?

Old Testament

- Record of the Creation
- Record of the Flood
- History of the Patriarchs
- Israel as a Nation
- History of surrounding nations
- Records of the prophets
- Prophecies of Nations & Christ

New Testament

- Gospels of Christ's ministry
- The record of Christ's life/death
- The spread of the Gospel
- The Epistles of the Apostles
- Development of early ecclesias
- Letters to the Ecclesias
- The Prophecy in the Revelation

WHY READ THE BIBLE?

*... from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:** That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

2 Timothy 3:15-17

IT CAN BE RELIED UPON

*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: **Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.***

2 Peter 1:19-21

THE SOURCE OF TRUTH & KNOWLEDGE

The *law of the LORD is perfect*, converting the soul: the *testimony of the LORD is sure*, making wise the simple. The *statutes of the LORD are right*, rejoicing the heart: the *commandment of the LORD is pure*, enlightening the eyes. The *fear of the LORD is clean*, enduring for ever: the *judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether*.

Psalm 19:7-9

FOR OUR LEARNING

*For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures **might have hope.***

Romans 15:4

PROVIDES KNOWLEDGE FOR SALVATION

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:16-17

BACKGROUND OF THE BIBLE

Workbook
pages 7-9

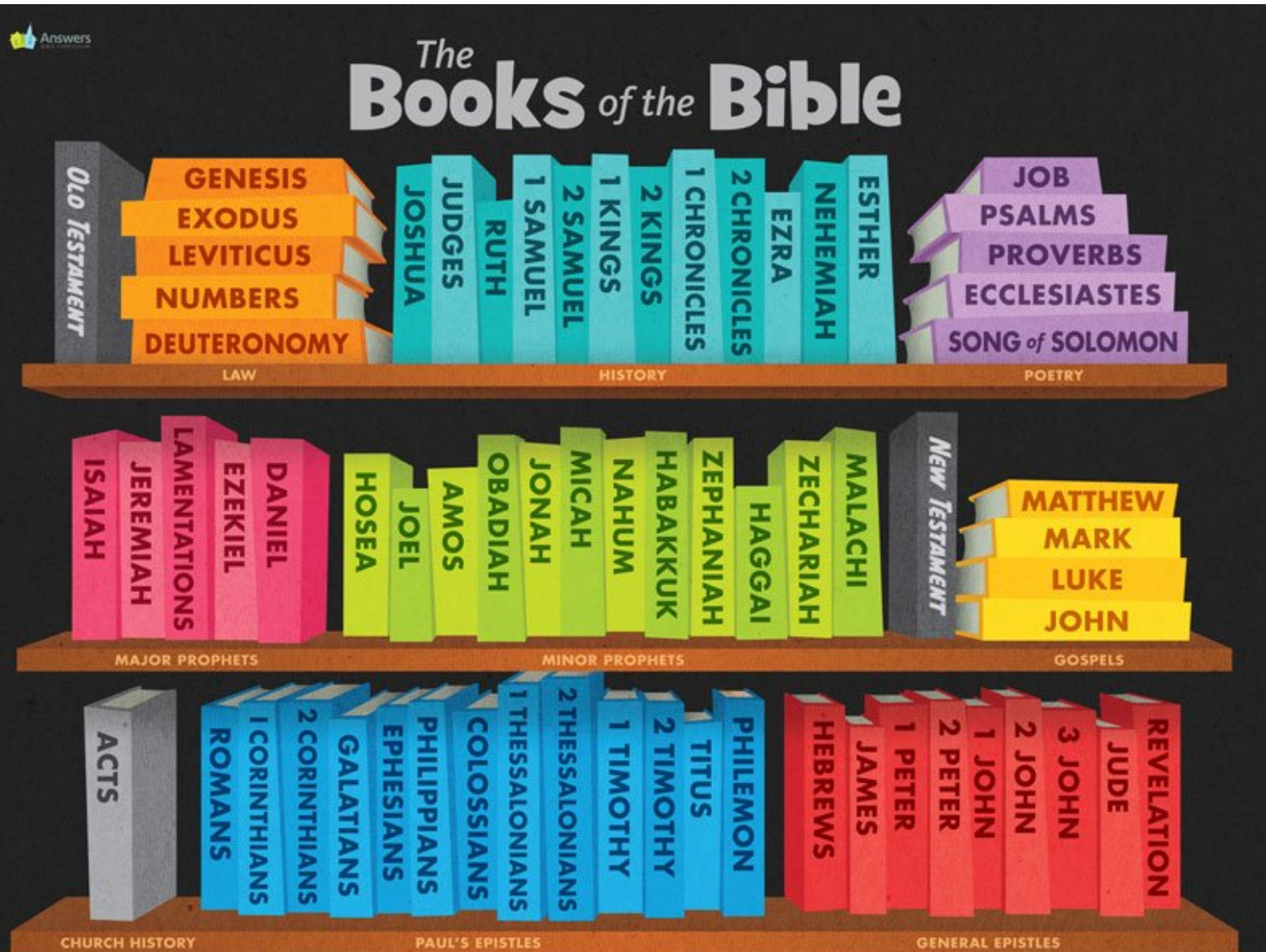
BACKGROUND OF THE BIBLE

- Going to skip over much of this section due to time constraints
- Information can be found however on Pages 7-9 of your Workbooks
- Suffice it to say that we believe the Bible is complex but Divinely inspired by God
- And most importantly can be trusted with absolute confidence because it is God's Word revealed to us

The overall structure of the Bible Into 2 major sections

Old Testament

New Testament



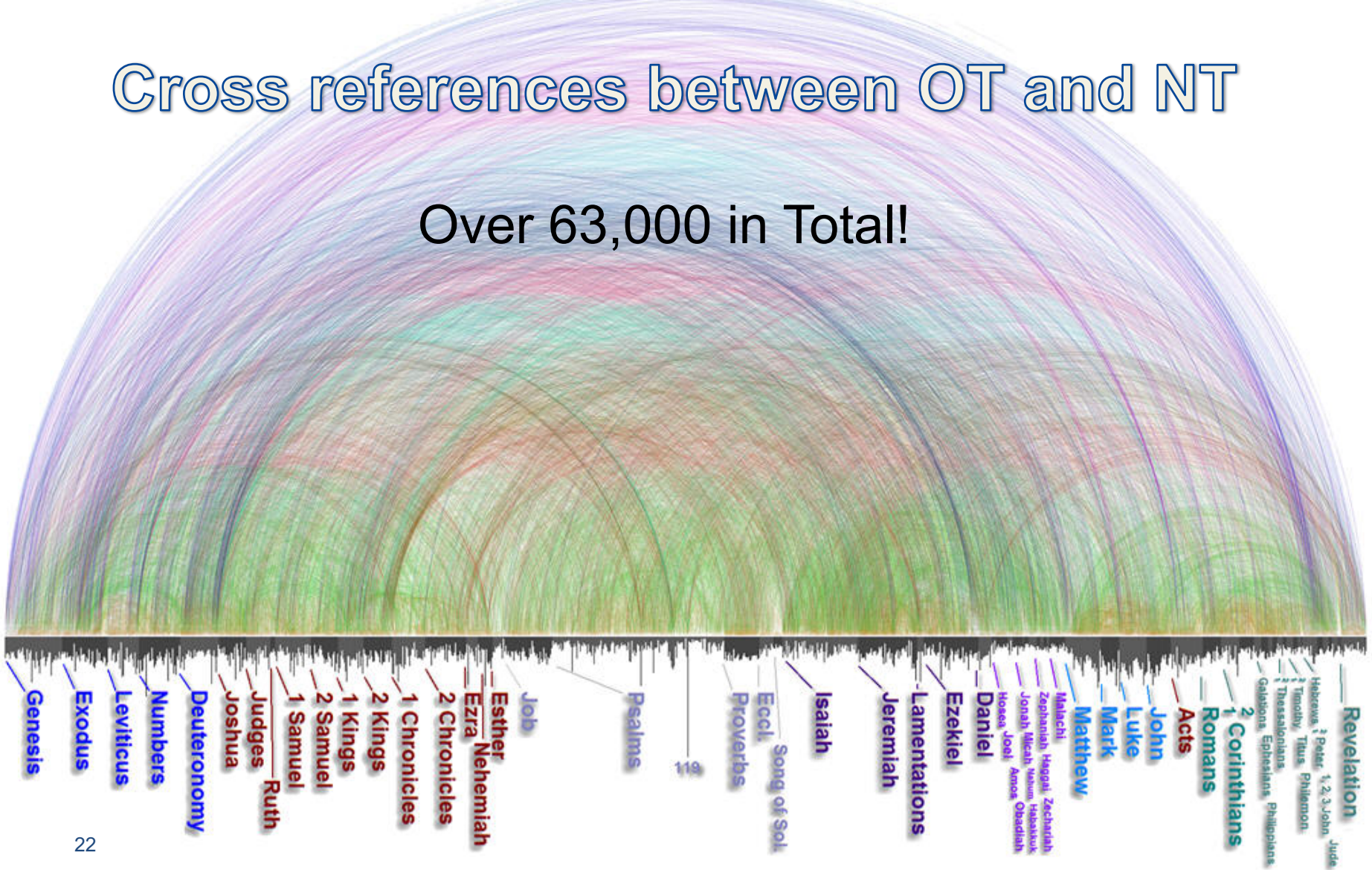
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THE BIBLE INTERPRETS ITSELF

Workbook
pages 10-11

Cross references between OT and NT

Over 63,000 in Total!



THE BIBLE INTERPRETS ITSELF

- ✓ DO: Look first to the Bible for answers to your questions.
- ✓ DO: Read all of the Bible to find answers to your questions.
- ✓ DO: Write down questions (it may be awhile until you get the answer).
- ✗ DON'T: Expect quick answers.
- ✗ DON'T: Look at isolated passages and make conclusions.
- ✗ DON'T: get frustrated by the task and give up.

The Bible is one cohesive book.

HOW DO YOU STUDY?

- Build up over time
- Consistent and Concise
- Slow and Methodical
- Don't expect instant results
- Read with a friend or alone (and read it aloud!)
- Write down questions
- Have a concordance with you
- Take it in prayer



ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS!

‘It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.’

Proverbs 25:2

SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8



ASK FOR WISDOM

*If any of you lack wisdom, **let him ask** of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him **ask in faith**, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.*

James 1:5-6



OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE (PART 1)

Workbook
pages 12-17

BOOKS of the BIBLE

The overall structure of the Bible



66 BOOKS 40 AUTHORS 1500 YEARS 3 LANGUAGES 3 CONTINENTS

IN SUMMARY

- Read with an open mind and no preconceived ideas as much as possible
- Keep reading - even if you don't understand everything
- Read aloud and read with someone else
- Read with a pencil and notebook – write things down
- Read it again – you will find you will have missed things
- Try and make your reading a daily habit and follow a plan
- Read the entire Bible not just the Psalms or the NT
- Always read prayerfully – ask God to reveal his Word to you!
- We believe you won't be disappointed ...

NEXT SESSION

- Mr. Clyde Snobelen
- Challenges in Bible Reading
- Why Two Testaments?
- Using Cross References
- Overview of the Books of the Bible - Genesis