



How to Study the Bible

The Study of a Section

- I. APPLY THE EARLIER PRINCIPLES
- II. SECTIONS FOUND WITHIN THE BIBLE
 - A. Law
 - 1. Genesis – Deuteronomy
 - 2. Five books
 - B. History (Old Testament)
 - 1. Joshua – Esther
 - 2. Twelve books
 - C. Poetry
 - 1. Job – Song of Solomon
 - 2. Five books
 - D. Prophecy (Old Testament)
 - 1. Isaiah – Malachi
 - 2. Seventeen books
 - 3. Sometimes divided into Major Prophets (five books) and Minor Prophets (twelve books)
 - E. History (New Testament)
 - 1. Matthew – Acts
 - 2. Five books
 - 3. Sometimes divided into Gospels and Acts
 - F. Epistles
 - 1. Romans – Jude
 - 2. Twenty-one books
 - 3. Sometimes divided into Gentile Epistles (thirteen books) and Jewish Epistles (eight books)
 - G. Prophecy (New Testament)
 - 1. Book of Revelation



2. One book

III. PRINCIPLES FOR STUDYING A SECTION

A. Theme

1. What is the major theme of the section?
2. Does the theme of this section link it to another section of the Bible or does it separate it from other sections of the Bible?
3. Is there a shift in theme within the section?

B. People

1. Who were the authors who wrote books in this section?
2. Who were the people mentioned by name in this section?
 - a. Were they mentioned as being alive?
 - b. Were they mentioned as a point of history?
 - c. Were they mentioned as a point of prophecy?
3. Who were the major people mentioned by name in this section?
4. Who were the transitional men in this section?
5. Who was the Lord's main messenger(s) in this section?
6. Who was born in this section?
7. Who died in this section?
8. Who was married in this section?

C. Places

1. What places were named in this section?
2. What place was the location where this section began?
3. What place was the location where this section ended?
4. Is there a place that was the major focus of this section (this may be broader than a city)?
5. Can the section be divided based on the main locations given?

D. Events

1. What were the major events in this section?
 - a. Were the major events history?
 - b. Were the major events prophetic?
2. Can the section be divided based on the major events?

E. Time

1. What dates were given within the section?
2. What was the beginning date given?
3. What was the ending date given?
4. How much time did the section cover?