WHAT DO CHRISTIANS DO?

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Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the ²prayers.

1. What is the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16

(16) All Scripture is breathed out by God...

SPIRITUAL

 A book of God's words written down to give us God's life.

PHYSICAL

- Most authors wrote using their own intellect, skill, personality
- Old Testament = Before Jesus; Focus on Israel
- New Testament = After Jesus; Focus on Church
- One BIG story

2. Why should I read the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

(16) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Why read the Bible?

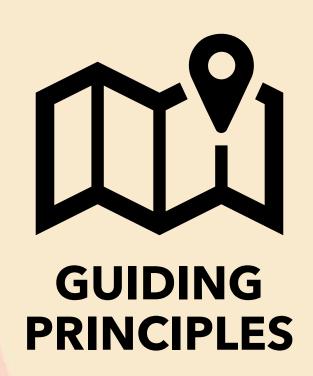
To know God and...

learn to live the way he made us so that...

we can be who he made us to be.

3. How can I read the Bible well?



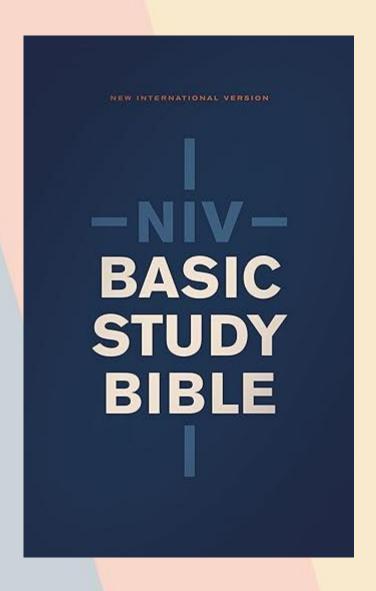


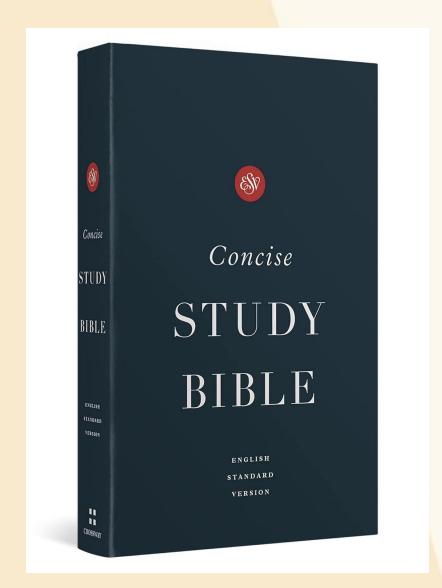


3 Necessary Resources



A good Bible translation

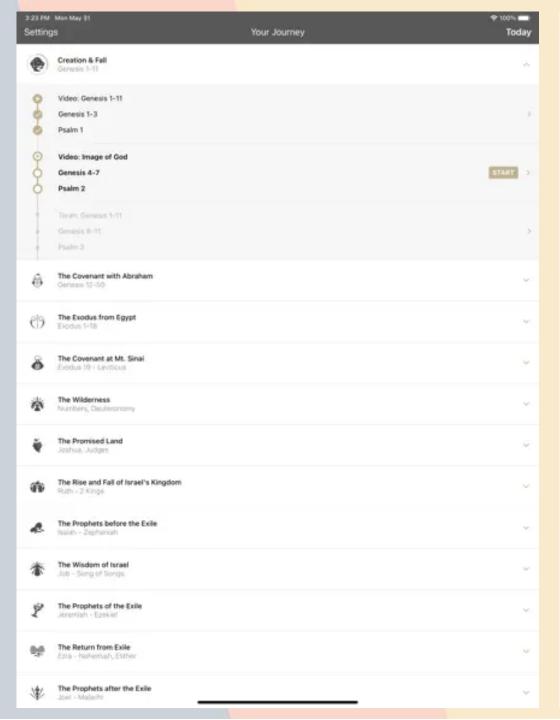




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Take a deep breath as you begin to spend time with God

Genesis 1-TI: God creates a good world, but humanity rebels against God and rules it. We trace that story to see how God has a plan to rescue and bless the whole world through Abraham.

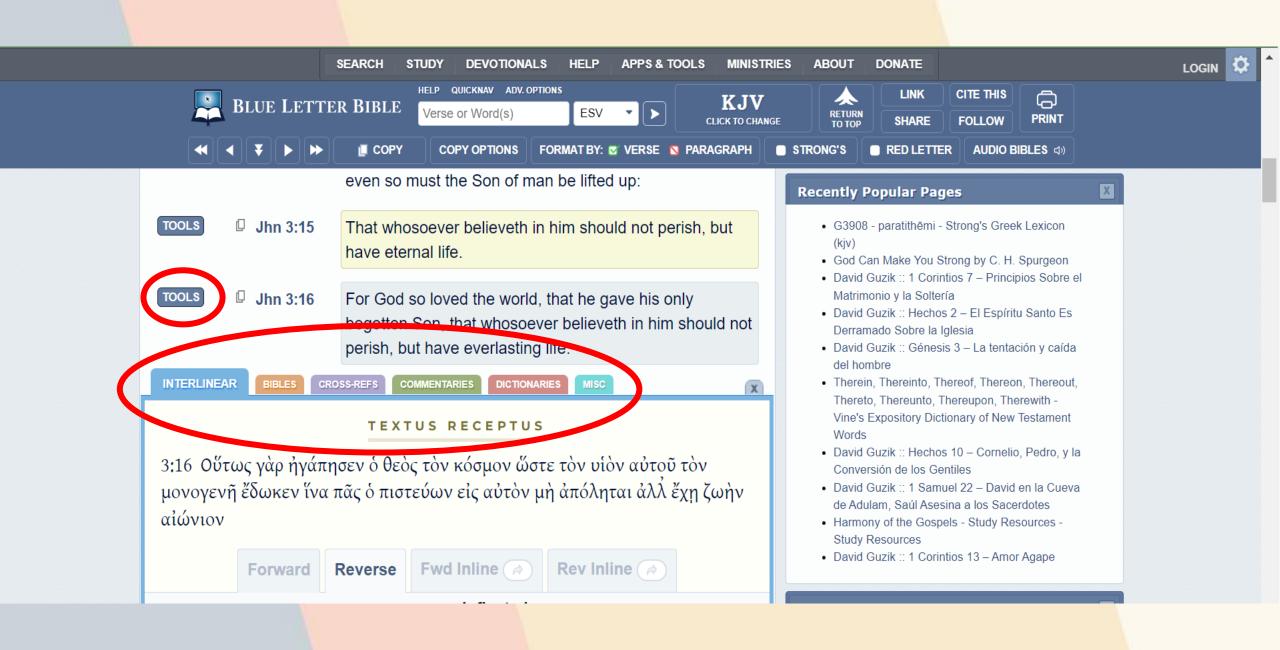




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2 Guiding Principles



2 Timothy 2:7

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

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Humility

Effort



1. Plan

- A. Know yourself B. Timing & Location
- 2. Pray



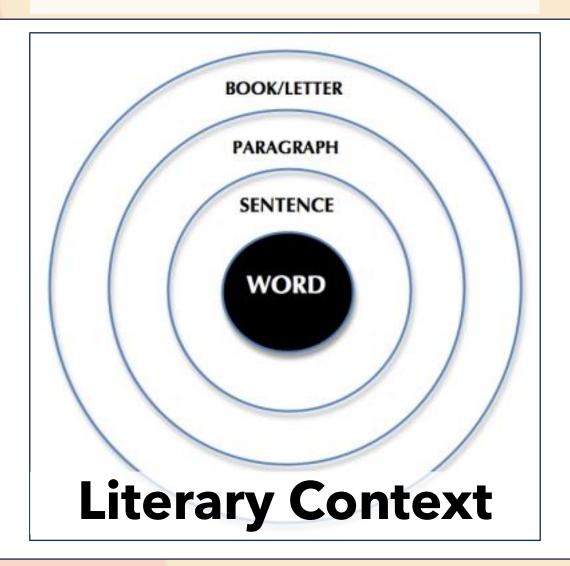
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- B. Context, context, context!

Historical Context

Where do the characters in the story live?

What time period does the story take place in?



Who wrote the book?

To whom did they write it?

When did they write it?

Where did they write it?

What was their purpose?

What is that? It's full of bags and flies.

The men on the back are swatting at them.

Grant just saw the garbage truck outside. His reaction was priceless...

"What is that? It's full of bags and flies. The men on the back are swatting at them."



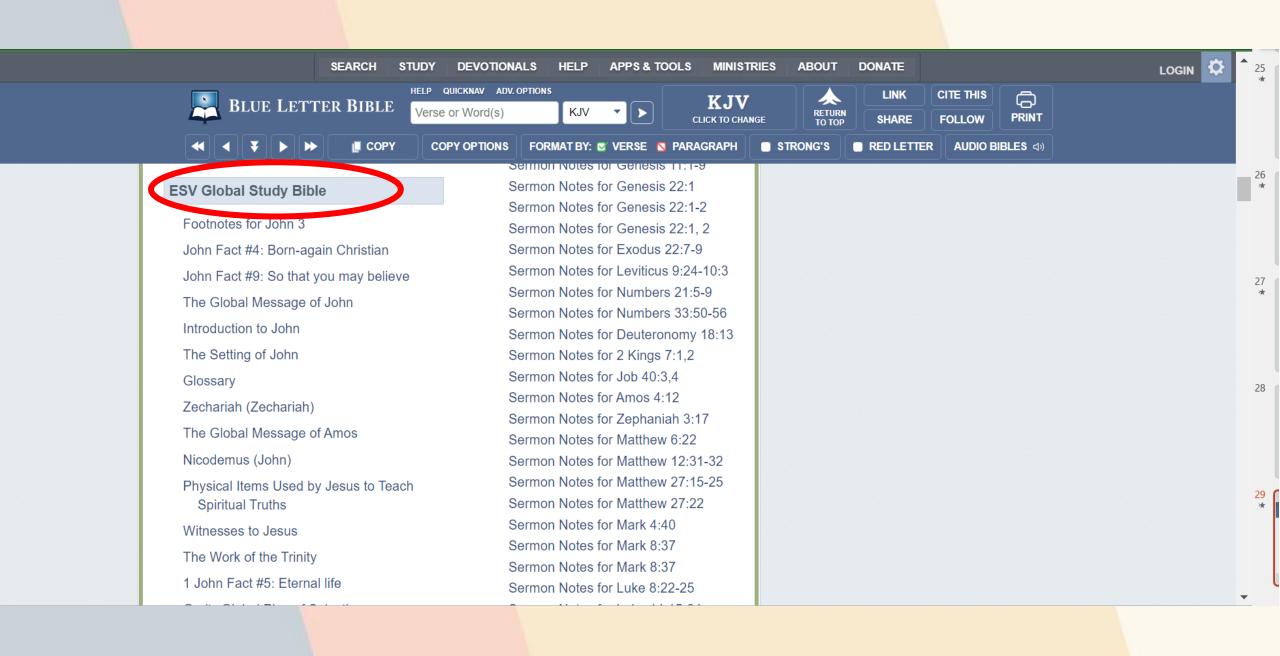






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 - i. Read entire book first
 - ii. ReadScripture App Videos
 - iii. Blue Letter Bible "Tools" Tab





- 3. Pore Over
 - C. Play by the rules
 - D. Talk to the text
- 4. Pencil
- 5. Ponder
 - A. God, Gospel, Me



6. Pray

*BONUS: Practice

Modeling



God's Provision

- 10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- 14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts

Paul thanks the Christians in Philippi for their support, and he shows how Jesus' self-giving love is the model for the Christian way of life.







ESV Global Study Bible

Footnotes for Philippians 4

Joy and Rejoicing in Philippians

Philippians Fact #2: "hymn of Christ"

The Global Message of Philippians

Introduction to Philippians

The Setting of Philippians

New Testament: Theology and Key Dates

New Testament Timeline

Major Events in the Life of the Apostle Paul

The Epistles

Acts Fact #26: What happens next?

The Global Message of Colossians

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Study Guide for Philippian

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Hebreos 13 – Viviendo un Cristiana Positiva

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of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Straining Toward the Goal