

EASY STEPS TO LEARNING THE OLD TESTAMENT STORY

A Biographical Approach

The Old Testament can be very intimidating because of its sheer volume. But many do not realize that there is a continuous story running through the pages of the Old Testament, a story that is not hard to grasp. The Old Testament is basically the story of one man and his family. That man is Abraham. In following the story one reads of many adventures and learns many profound lessons about God---what he is like, what he wants from people, how he blesses those who are faithful to him---and how he punishes those who disobey him. These are lessons just as vital today as they were in the past.

These lessons are designed to be very easy and simple---so much so that young children can use them profitably. Each lesson is only one page. The approach is to select the most important people in the Old Testament, summarizing the most significant elements in their lives. They are presented, for the most part, in chronological order.

Those who complete these lessons as instructed will be amazed at how they see the Old Testament in a whole new light---and how all future study of the Old Testament will be enhanced by the ability to place in historical context whatever is being studied.

Built into these lessons are steps to help ensure that the information is thoroughly “digested”---not just hurriedly scanned (and there is a BIG difference). The following steps are strongly recommended:

1. Read each lesson a few times---until the basic information is well in mind.
2. Go through the “Self-check” questions for each lesson, making sure that every question can be answered from memory.
3. Go to the next lesson ONLY after the current one is well in mind.
4. Make it a point to remember the characters in order.
5. Do all the review exercises.

PREPARE TO BENEFIT GREATLY! (Marion Owens)