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LESSON ONE

Chapter Twelve

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheet of John 12
“John at a Glance”
“Israel in the Time of Christ”
“The Feasts of Israel”
Cross-references

This portion of the Gospel of John, especially chapters 13 through 17, contains some of the most enlightening teaching to be found in the Word of God on the relationship between the child of God and the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you want to know what Jesus meant when He said that He came “that [we] may have life and have it abundantly,” it is here in this segment of John that you will find it.

The hour had come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Do your homework well, Beloved. Do not do it in one sitting. Spread your homework out over the week. Try to allow time to meditate on the truths of this marvelous Gospel. Inscribe these truths on your heart through prayer; secure them in your mind through meditation so that they will produce fruit in your life.

DAY
ONE
AND
DAY
TWO

If you give adequate time and diligence to observation, you personally will gain insights into the Scriptures that will absolutely amaze you. Your time spent on accurate interpretation and correct application will be greatly shortened. You will have new confidence in understanding the truths you’ve studied.

As you read and reread the Scriptures observing the text, maintain an attitude of prayer and dependency on the Spirit of God; it is His work to reveal to you the things that belong to God. The key is not human wisdom, education, or cleverness, but rather taking the time to listen to the Holy Spirit’s teaching.



2. Now it's time to begin studying the rest of John.
- a. Look at the back cover of this workbook and cut out the Key Word Bookmark. On the blank side, write the following key words and mark them each in a distinctive way. Some have a suggested marking on the other side. These are indicated with *.

- 1) time references*
- 2) *Passover*
- 3) geographical locations*
- 4) *raised*
- 5) *dead**
- 6) *Judas*
- 7) *believe**
- 8) titles for *Jesus**
- 9) *glorified*
- 10) *signs**

If you see other repeated words you'd like to mark, do so.

- b. Take out your Observation Worksheet of John 12. Observation Worksheets are Scripture texts double-spaced with wide margins so you have plenty of room to mark and make notes.

Mark the key words listed on your bookmark. When you come to locations in the text, find them on the map, "Israel in the Time of Christ" in the Appendix.

3. Summarize each paragraph either in the margin of your Observation Worksheet or below.

a. 1-8

b. 9-11

c. 12-19



- d. 20-26
 - e. 27-36a
 - f. 36b-43 (Sometimes a new paragraph is shown with indentation and a bold first letter in a text.)
 - g. 44-50
4. Summarize the events of John 12 using a words from the text and record that theme on your At a Glance chart. This chart will be helpful to you later when you want to find in which chapter an event in John took place.

This is quite a chapter, isn't it, Beloved? We pray that you will never let your Precept studies become just a means of gaining knowledge but that God's Word will become so at home in you that people will recognize you as having "been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13), know that you're His disciple . . . by the way you live.

DAY THREE

Now that you've observed John 12, we're going to dig deeper into this chapter so that we can understand it better. But before we do, ask the Father to reveal truth to you and show you how to apply it to your life.

1. Read John 12:1-11 and answer the questions below.
 - a. When do the events in verses 1-11 take place?
 - b. Where was Jesus? (You might look at your map again.)



c. 8:39-44, 59

d. 10:22-33

e. 11:45-57

8. John 12:12 begins with “The next day.” What happened and where according to verses 12-19?

9. Let’s focus for a few minutes on Jesus’ title in verses 13-15.

a. What is it?

b. Compare this with the title in John 1:49.



- c. This title will become more important as we study the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. But for now, see what happened in Matthew 2:1-12, 16.
10. When you observed John 12, you probably noticed John's references to the Old Testament. Why do you think he included them? Look at John 1:45; 2:13-22; 5:39.
11. Finally, Beloved, what lessons have you learned today from studying John 12:1-19?

DAY
FOUR
AND
DAY
FIVE

1. After beginning the day with prayer, read John 12:20-26.
- Greeks going to the feast? How could that happen? Read Exodus 12:48-49. Acts 2:10; 6:5 and 13:43 use the words "proselytes" or "converts" referring to Gentiles who had converted to Judaism.
2. Before going further in our study of John 12, let's review the feast mentioned in verses 1 and 20. Look at the chart in the Appendix, "The Feasts of Israel" and read about Passover. You might also read Exodus 12:12-17.



3. If you don't remember who Philip and Andrew were, go back to John 1 and read verses 35-45. Note what John 1 says about them.

4. Now let's look more closely at what Jesus said in John 12:23-26 when the Greeks wanted to see Him.
 - a. First, the time reference.
 - 1) What is it? And what is it about?

 - 2) Compare this with John 2:1-11; 7:1-8, 30; 8:20.

 - b. One of the key words in this chapter is *glorified*.
 - 1) What do you think it refers to in verses 16 and 23?

 - 2) Now read John 7:37-39.

 - c. Look at John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4. When does it seem that the glorifying in *these* verses took place?



7. Jesus referred to the ruler of this world in John 12:31. Who is the ruler of this world? Read the following and record what you learn about him.
 - a. 1 John 5:19
 - b. Ephesians 2:1-3
 - c. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
 - d. Luke 4:1-6
 - e. John 8:44

8. If you haven't read Isaiah 6 lately, you might want to compare it with John 12:39-41.

APPENDIX

EXPLANATIONS OF THE ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION BIBLE TEXT FORMAT

Paragraphs are designated by boldface numbers or letters. These were determined by the translators.

In the New Testament, **Old Testament quotes** are indented.



JOHN 12

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

SIX days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table.

3 Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said,

5 “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”

6 He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial.

8 “For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

9 When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well,

11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.



- 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”
- 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,
- 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
 behold, your king is coming,
 sitting on a donkey’s colt!”
- 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.
- 17 The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness.
- 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.
- 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”
- 20** Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.
- 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”
- 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
- 23 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
- 24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- 25 “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
- 26 “If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.
- 27** “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.



- 28 “Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”
- 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”
- 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.
- 31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.
- 32 “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
- 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.
- 34 So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”
- 35 So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.
- 36 “While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”
- When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.
- 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,
- 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
- “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”
- 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,
- 40 “He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”



- 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.
- 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;
- 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.
- 44 And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.
- 45 “And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
- 46 “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
- 47 “If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
- 48 “The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
- 49 “For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.
- 50 “And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”



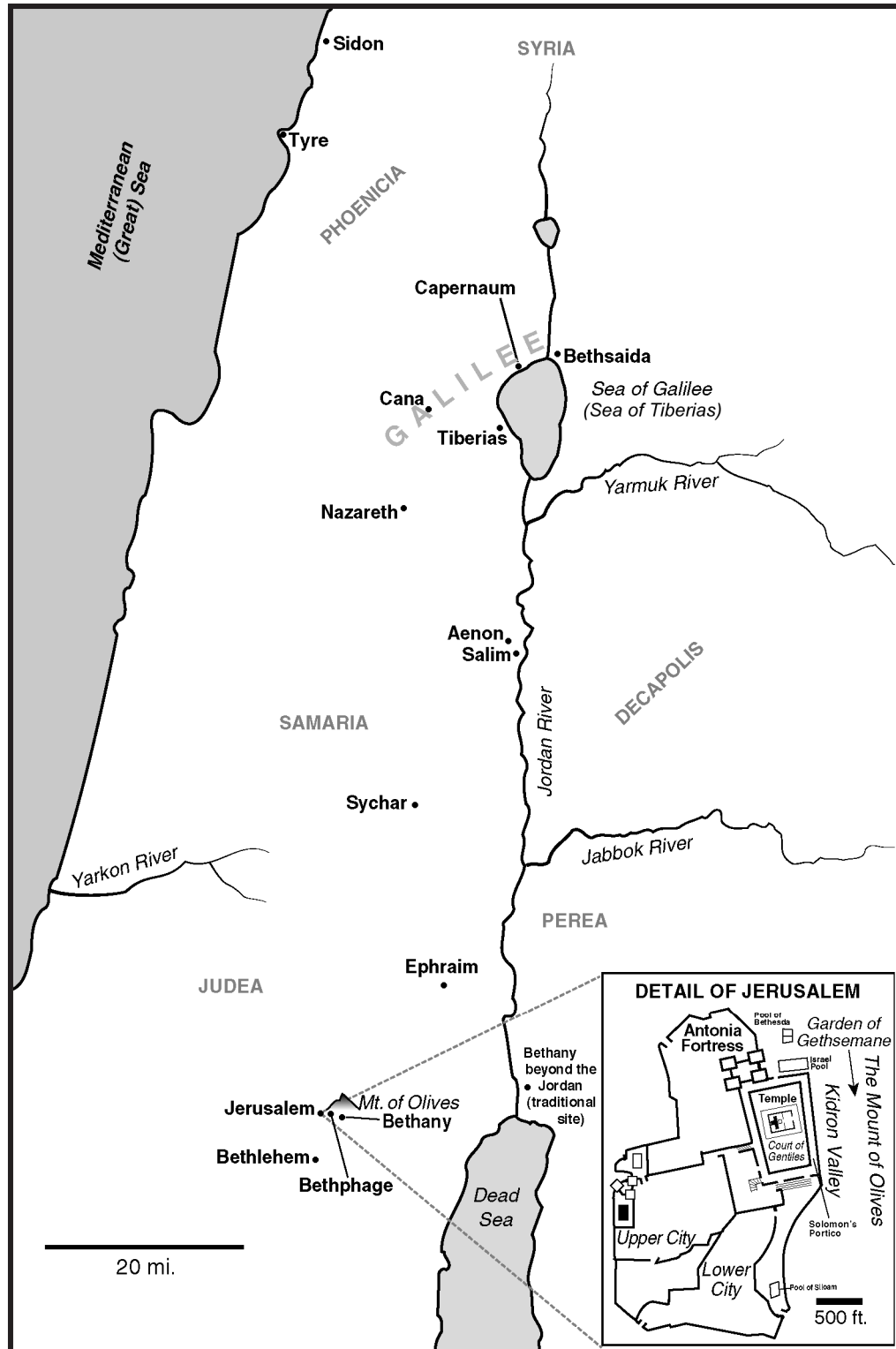
JOHN AT A GLANCE

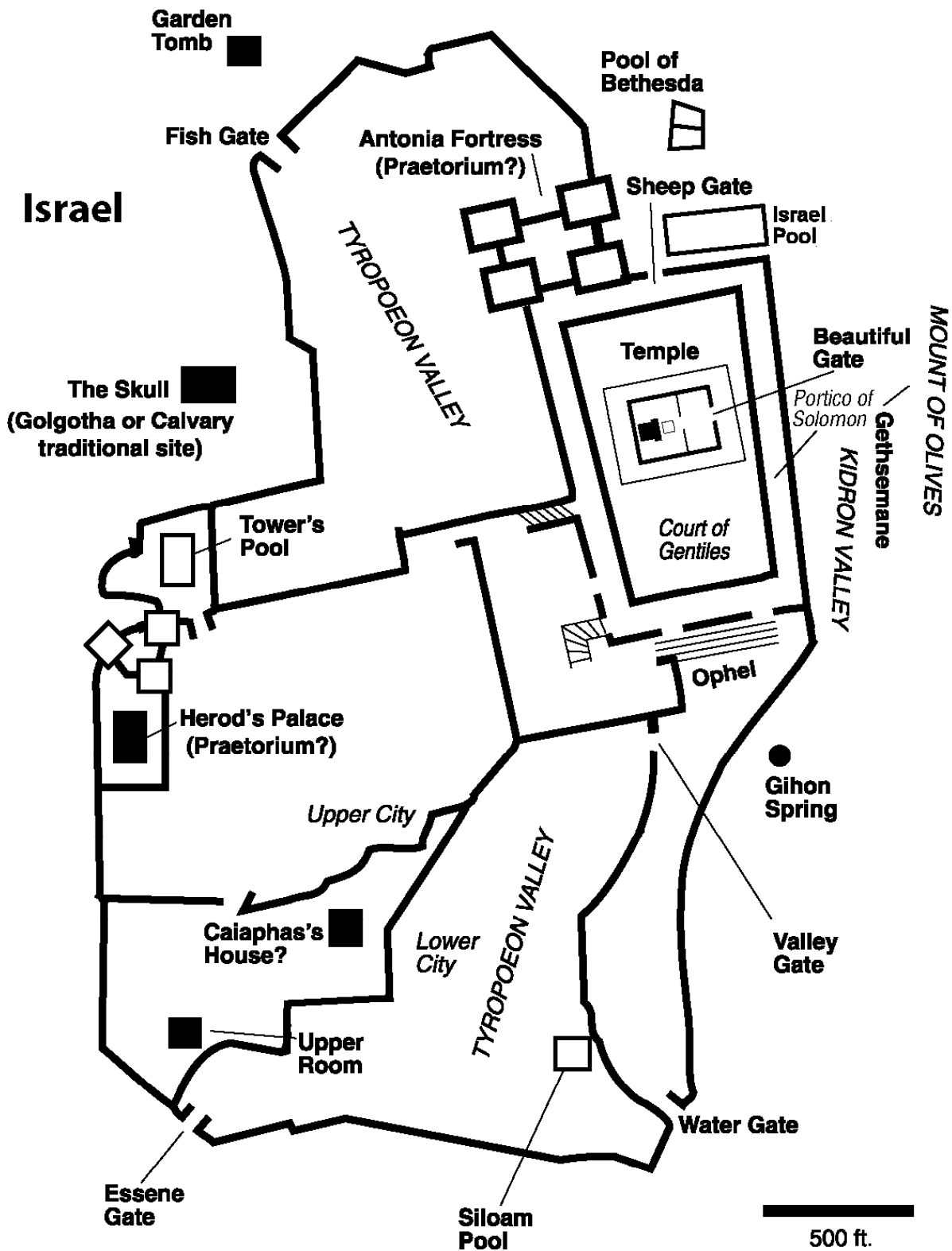
Book Theme:

		Segment Divisions		
		Signs	"I am"	Ministry to
Author	Chapter Themes			
	1:1-18 The Word became flesh			
When written	1:19-51 John the Baptist's testimony— Lamb of God; Jesus' disciples			
	2 1st sign—water to wine; Money changers driven from temple	Water to wine		
Purpose	3 Born again; Son of Man lifted up; Light			
	4 Woman at well; Royal official's son healed	Healed official's son		
Key Words	5 Healed on Sabbath—persecution; Father & Son; Testimonies	Healed lame man		Israel
	6 Fed 5000; I am the bread of life	Fed 5000 Walked on sea	Bread of Life	
	7 Feast of Booths—seek to seize, kill but His hour not yet come			
	8 I am—believe or die in sins, your father the devil		Light of the World	
	9 I am the light of the world, blind man healed	Healed blind man		
	10 I am the good shepherd One with Father—Jews wanted to stone him		Door Good Shepherd	
	11 I am the resurrection and the life— Lazarus raised	Raised Lazarus	Resurrection and Life	





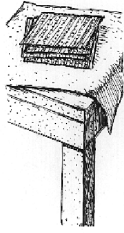






Chapter Themes	Segment Divisions		
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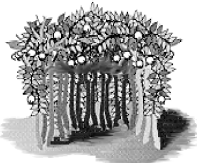
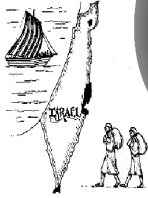

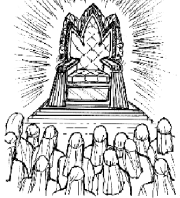



THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL

		1st Month (Nisan) Festival of Passover (<i>Pesach</i>)			3rd Month (Sivan) Festival of Pentecost (<i>Shavuot</i>)	
Slaves in Egypt	Passover	Unleavened Bread	Firstfruits		Pentecost or Feast of Weeks	
						
	Kill lamb & put blood on doorpost Exodus 12:6, 7	Purging of all leaven (symbol of sin)	Wave offering of sheaf (promise of harvest to come)		Wave offering of two loaves of leavened bread	
	1st month, 14th day Leviticus 23:5	1st month, 15th day for 7 days Leviticus 23:6-8	Day after Sabbath that occurs during the week of Unleavened Bread Leviticus 23:9-14		50 days after firstfruits Leviticus 23:15-21	
Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin	Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed	Clean out old leaven... as you really are unleavened	Christ has been raised...the firstfruits	Going away so Helper can come	Promise of the Spirit, mystery of church: Jews-Gentiles in one body	
				 Mount of Olives		
John 8:34	1 Corinthians 5:7	1 Corinthians 5:7, 8	1 Corinthians 15:20-23	John 16:7 Acts 1:9-12	Acts 2:1-47 1 Corinthians 12:13 Ephesians 2:11-22	

Months: Nisan—March, April • Sivan—May, June • Tishri—September, October



7th Month (Tishri) Festival of Tabernacles (<i>Succoth</i>)			
Interlude Between Festivals	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Booths or Tabernacles
			
	<i>Trumpet blown — a holy convocation</i>	<i>Atonement shall be made to cleans you</i> Leviticus 16:30	<i>Harvest celebration memorial of booths in the wilderness</i>
	7th month, 1st day Leviticus 23:23-25	7th month, 10th day Leviticus 23:26-32	7th month, 15th day, for 7 days; 8th day, Holy Convocation Leviticus 23:33-44
Regathering of Israel in preparation for final day of atonement Jeremiah 32:37-41	Israel will repent and look to Messiah in one day Zechariah 3:9, 10; 12:10; 13:1; 14:9	Families of the earth will come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Booths Zechariah 14:16-19	New heaven and new earth God dwells with men Revelation 21:1-3
			
Ezekiel 36:24	Ezekiel 36:25-27 Hebrews 9, 10 Romans 11:25-29	Ezekiel 36:28	
			

Israel had two harvests each year—spring and autumn



HOW TO DO A CHAPTER STUDY
LET'S GET STARTED!

*A **chapter study** helps you to focus in on the details in the chapter to better understand what the author is saying. Each of the skills is used to bring important points to light.*

- LOOK FOR THE 5 Ws AND H

Read the text asking the 5 Ws and H—*Who, What, When, Where, Why, How*. For example, when studying John 1, read the text asking questions like:

Who is this about?

When?

Where was the Word?

Who was the Word?

What did the Word do?

Don't expect every verse or chapter to answer all the 5 Ws and H about a particular subject or person, but you should read with a questioning mind-set.

- MARK KEY WORDS AND PHRASES

Marking key words and phrases and making lists help you to answer the 5 Ws and H.

KEY WORDS are repeated words within a text which are vital to its meaning.

Mark in a distinctive way each key word or phrase in the chapter along with its pronouns and synonyms. Use colors and/or symbols.

Example: **Word** is a repeated word that is key to understanding John 1.

- LISTS

The next step is to list what the chapter says about each of the key words. Look at each place you marked a key word and list what the text says.

A LIST is a compilation of the facts given about a particular word or person. It gives the 5 Ws and H (who, what, when, where, why, how) about that word or person. Use words from the text.

A list about the **Word** from John 1 begins this way:

was in the beginning, v. 1

was with God, v. 1

was God, v. 1

was in the beginning with God, v. 2



• MARK AND EVALUATE:

CONTRASTS — point out differences. To mark a contrast, put a symbol in the margin by the verse(s), such as *V*.

John 1:17: *For the **Law** was given through Moses; **grace** and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.*

But, however, or nevertheless might indicate a contrast.

John 4:2: *...Jesus Himself was not baptizing, **but** His disciples were....*

COMPARISONS — point out similarities. To mark a comparison, put a symbol in the margin by the verse(s), such as *=*.

John 10:9: *I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved....*

Sometimes *like* or *as* indicate a comparison.

John 3:14-15: ***As** Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.*

TERMS OF CONCLUSION — show that a conclusion or summary is being made. These help us understand *why*. Look for the words signifying a conclusion or result such as *therefore*, *for this reason*, and *finally*.

John 12:50: *I know that His commandment is eternal life; **therefore** the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me. ☼*

EXPRESSIONS OF TIME — give timing, sequence of events, or progression. Look for words such as *then*, *after*, *when*, *until*, *the day of...*

John 1:2: *He was **in the beginning** with God. ○*

• IDENTIFY SUBJECTS OR THEMES

Identify main subjects, events, or points of a chapter by observing it paragraph by paragraph. Paragraphs can be shown with boldface type for the first verse number of a paragraph, by a paragraph symbol, or by an indention at the beginning of a paragraph.

Read each paragraph, and in the margin list the event, subject, or main point of the paragraph.

John 1:6-8 **6** *There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.*
John testified **7** *He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.*
about the Light **8** *He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.*

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