


READING OUR BIBLE

**Encouragement for a lifetime
of rejoicing in Christ!**

Winter 2025



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Context, Literary, Genre, Word Study, etc.!

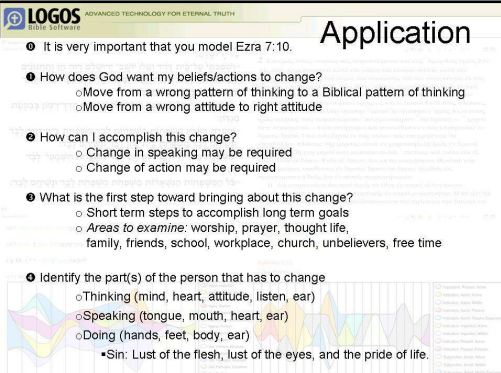
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Main Way #1

Read to get direction (application)
for your life.

“marching orders” for daily living.

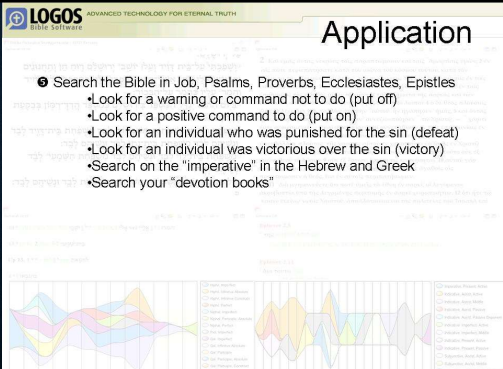
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Application

- It is very important that you model Ezra 7:10.
- How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
 - Move from a wrong pattern of thinking to a Biblical pattern of thinking
 - Move from a wrong attitude to right attitude
- How can I accomplish this change?
 - Change in speaking may be required
 - Change of action may be required
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?
 - Short term steps to accomplish long term goals
 - Areas to examine: worship, prayer, thought life, family, friends, school, workplace, church, unbelievers, free time
- Identify the part(s) of the person that has to change
 - Thinking (mind, heart, attitude, listen, ear)
 - Speaking (tongue, mouth, heart, ear)
 - Doing (hands, feet, body, ear)
 - Sin: Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

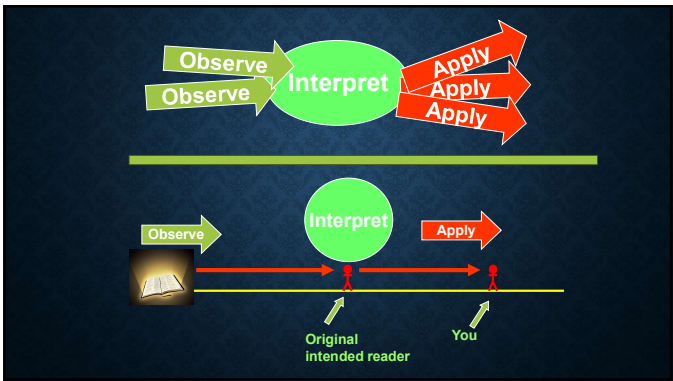
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Application

- Search the Bible in Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Epistles
 - Look for a warning or command not to do (put off)
 - Look for a positive command to do (put on)
 - Look for an individual who was punished for the sin (defeat)
 - Look for an individual who was victorious over the sin (victory)
 - Search on the "imperative" in the Hebrew and Greek
 - Search your "devotion books"

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Main Way #2

Understand and grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus.

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“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...

(Hebrews 1:1-2)

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And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself...

(Luke 24:27)

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How do I read to “find Christ?”

Need for Christ
Law (command)
Failure & mercy

Pictures of Christ
Gospel (promise)
Rescue

God's character, fully seen in Christ
Big Picture: Jesus planned, all along

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Objection:

Reading this way means I don't work on myself as much, and God wants me to do that.

Joy, love, peace....

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Don't read too much at a time

Think about how this ties in to the story.

Be encouraged: Jesus has paid it all for you!

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After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy^{ab} will go over there and worship and come again to you."⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

Genesis 22

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⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide";^{ab} as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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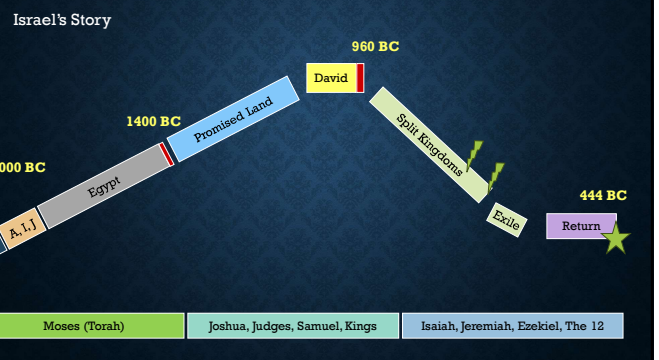


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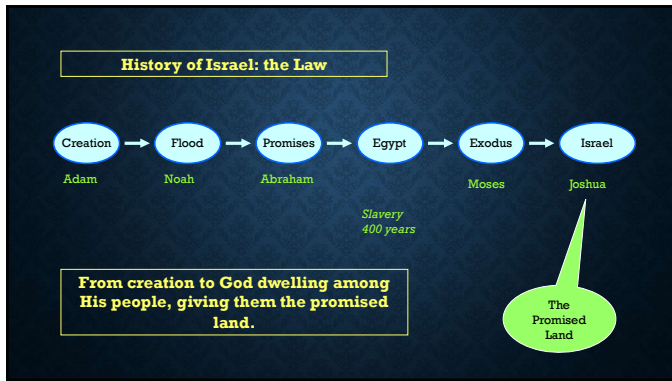
The Old Testament (Hebrew order):

LAW <i>Torah</i>	PROPHETS <i>Nebi'im</i>		WRITINGS <i>Kethub'im</i>
	FORMER	LATTER	
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Samuel Kings	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The 12	Psalms Job Proverbs Ruth Song of Songs Ecclesiastes Lamentations Esther Daniel Ezra/Nehemiah Chronicles

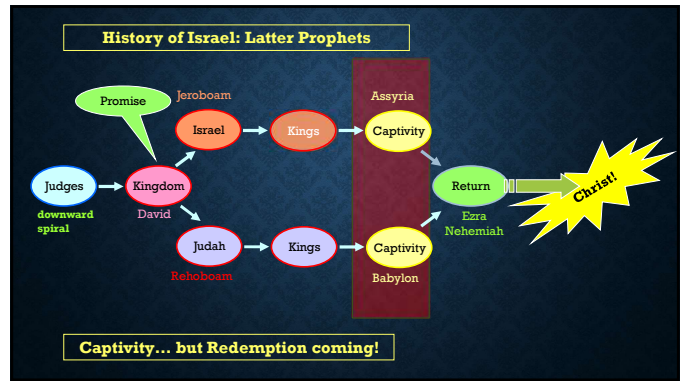
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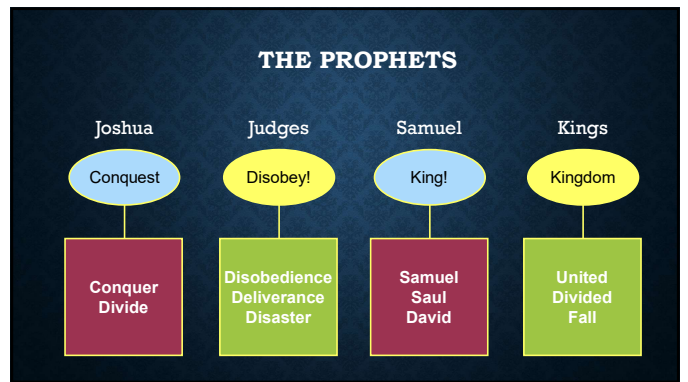
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