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## PREFACE

Chiefly for the purpose of stimulating Christians to take up the chapter method of Bible study, this work is compiled. It is designed to act as an aid to the ordinary reader in gathering into a nut-shell, as it were, the definite spiritual lessons for the daily life contained in every chapter of the Bible. Many of the statements contained in the conclusions will be found to be familiar, and the writer does not claim originality throughout the work. The work was compiled largely from notes made in the margins of the author's Bible, kept, for the most part without regard to their sources.

The course through the Bible, chapter by chapter, may well be used as a system of daily devotional reading, and we commend it for that purpose as it gives the Word of God its proper place. The "striking facts" will center the reader's attention upon Jesus Christ, while the "strong verses" may often be taken as promises for the day or as memorized verses.

The work is also adapted to be used as a text book for teaching chapter summary work. Members of a class may be required to work out for themselves the points suggested on each chapter. The comparison of their "leading lessons" will make most interesting class work. The teacher may then read the statements given in the Summarized Bible as a guide to the student. In this connection, we would recommend for the use of students, the chapter summary note book designed by Rev. John H. Hunter and published by Biola Book Room, Sixth and Hope Streets, Los Angeles California. This is comprised of blank pages ruled into divisions for "prominent persons"; "best verse"; "leading lesson" and "principal subject."

The Summarized Bible will also be found of value as a reference work. For the preacher who is in search of Scripture illustrations for his sermons, the "conclusions" will often suggest helpful applications. Many suggestive outlines will be found throughout which may be used as skeletons for sermons. The "striking facts" furnish foundation material for a study of Jesus Christ, as He appears in all the Scriptures.

If this work may be used of God to bring some to apply themselves wholly to the Scriptures and the Scriptures wholly to themselves, we shall feel abundantly repaid for the effort.

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## WHAT TO DO WITH THE BIBLE

BY REV. W. H. PIKE



THE Bible is wonderful because it gives us a knowledge of God, of men, of the Universe, and of Redemption. No other book can be compared to it in this respect, but it not only informs us about these important truths, but it also tells us what we are to do with it. We have within the Bible itself instruction as to our attitude toward it

We are exhorted to:

1. "Read it." Neh. 8:8. And may I suggest that it be read slowly, carefully, prayerfully, in large portions, repeatedly, reverently and with a willing spirit to follow its precepts.
2. "Believe it." Rom. 10:8. Because it is the Word of faith. It has been given to increase our faith in God and His working in the Universe.
3. "Receive it." Jas. 1:21. Here it is the engrafted word that is to be received as the soil received the seed, or the tree receives the graft. Taking the Word of God in our heart life, allowing it to grow and bear its own fruit in motives and actions.
4. "Taste it." Heb. 6:5. For it is the good Word of God. Some seem to be afraid of the Bible for fear it will require them to do something they do not wish to do. Be not afraid; it is good and right in all its requirements.
5. "Eat it." Jer. 15:16. This process suggests that we not merely taste but actually live by it, as Jesus said, "Ye shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4.
6. "Hold it fast." Tit. 1:19. It is a faithful word. All its promises are true; all its history is true; and its statements are truth. Therefore we are to rest our faith upon it.
7. "Hold it forth." Phil. 2:16. Because it is the Word of Life. All who come under its beneficent rays feel its life giving power.
8. "Preach it." 2 Tim. 4:2. Here it is called simply the Word. It suggests that we are not to preach any one part of it or any one phase of it, but preach it in its entirety and fulness.
9. "Search it." John 5:29 R. V. This suggests work and patience. The Greek word carries the idea of "ransack" as the housewife goes through the home at housecleaning time; or "to track" as the hunter laboriously follows the game through the brush, so we are to search for truth and run down the lines of God's revelations to man.
10. "Study it." 2 Tim. 2:15. Here is a word that means close application to the Word of God, as the builder minutely studies the plans of the architect before erecting the structure.
11. "Meditate on it." Ps. 1:2. This word has much the same meaning as "eat" for it means literally "to chew the cud." Turning the Word of God over and over in the mind till the sweetness of its truths feed our souls.
12. "Compare it." 2 Cor. 2:13. This is not so much what we do with the Scriptures as what the Holy Spirit does with them in our hearts. This is a divine commentary always at hand. Or as John puts it in his first epistle 2:27 R. V. "The anointing which ye received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you, but as His anointing teacheth you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even so as it taught you, ye abide in Him."
13. "Rightly divide it." 2 Tim. 2:15. This is not an arbitrary division of subjects but the following of a line of truth from the first place mentioned to the last place mentioned; noticing it in all its relation to other truths and as the word literally means "the cutting of a straight line" of truth in the Bible.
14. "Delight in it." Ps. 119:92. Seven times in this Psalm the Psalmist speaks of delighting in God's word. This should always be the heart ambition and attitude.

"Study it carefully; think of it prayerfully;  
Deep in thy heart let its precepts dwell.  
Slight not its history; ponder its mystery.  
None can e'er prize it too fondly or well.  
Accept the glad tidings, the warning, the chidings,  
Found in this volume of heavenly lore,  
With faith that's unfailling, and love all prevailing,  
Trust in its promise of life evermore."

## GENESIS

<b>Key Thought:</b> Beginnings	<b>Number of Chapters:</b> 50	<b>Key Verse:</b> 1:1	<b>Christ seen as:</b> Seed of Abraham
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<b>Writer of the Book:</b> Moses	<b>Date:</b> About 1500 B. C.	<b>Conclusion of the Book:</b> The failure of man under every condition is met by the salvation of God.
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## SUMMARY

## CHAPTER ONE

**Contents:** Original creation and the renovating of earth for habitation of man. Creation of animal and human life.

**Characters:** God, v. 1. Spirit, v. 2. Christ, v. 26 (See Col. 1:15-17; John 1:3) first man and woman.

**Conclusion:** An all-wise, all-powerful, loving God formed all things perfect in the beginning. He made man, the crown of His creation, perfect and capable of fellowship with Himself and able to enjoy and govern Eden.

**Key Word:** Beginnings, v. 1.

**Strong Verses:** 1, 27.

**Striking Facts:** v. 1. Be sure to compare John 1:1, 2, 3, 14. Not only was Jesus Christ present in creation, but creation was bound up with Him as its secret. Col. 1:15-17. See Heb. 1:3.

Gen. 1 is not a history of the original creation, but of a reconstruction following a cataclysmic judgment which had befallen the original creation.

v. 1 Original creation. v. 2 Its destruction. v. 3 and on, Reconstruction.

## CHAPTER TWO

**Contents:** God's Sabbath rest. The creative act of Gen. 1:27 explained. The Edenic covenant.

**Characters:** God, Adam, Eve.

**Conclusion:** Man is a threefold being, body, soul and spirit. The real man is soul and spirit, conferred directly from God. The body, the outward casing, is dust and to dust it returns.

**Key Word:** Man, v. 7.

**Strong Verses:** 3, 7, 18, 24.

**Striking Facts:** Eve, a type of the Church, the Bride of Christ, was not formed of dust, but came from an opened side. The Church is a heavenly Body, born from the opened side of the Second Adam, God's Son.

## CHAPTER THREE

**Contents:** Temptation of Eve and entrance of sin into the race. God's covenant with fallen man and the expulsion from Eden.

**Characters:** God, Satan, Adam, Eve.

**Conclusion:** Doubt lies at the root of all sin. Altering the Word, v. 1; adding to the Word, v. 3 or taking from the Word, v. 5, are dangerous acts.

**Key Word:** Serpent, v. 1.

**Strong Verses:** 9, 15, 19, 22, 23.

**Striking Facts:** Conscience, the realization of what man is, must be met by salvation, the revelation of what God is in Grace, before peace can be restored to man. Through woman sin entered and by her seed alone was salvation promised. Isa. 7:14; 9:6, 7.

## CHAPTER FOUR

**Contents:** First sons of Adam, Cain and Abel. Murder of Abel. First civilization. Birth of Seth.

**Characters:** Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Seth.

**Conclusion:** Attainment can never take the place of Atonement. Without the recognition of Christ as our substitute and sacrifice there can be no approach to God.



**Key Word:** Offering, v. 4.

**Strong Verses:** 4, 26.

**Striking Facts:** There has been more persecution on religious grounds than on any other.

The fruit of Cain's false worship was to avoid the presence of God and to lose himself in the world and its pursuits.

#### CHAPTER FIVE

**Contents:** Generations from Adam to Noah.

**Characters:** Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuseleh, Lamech, Noah.

**Conclusion:** By man came death. In Adam all die. In Christ shall all who believe be made alive.

**Key Word:** Generations, v. 1.

**Strong Verses:** 24.

**Striking Facts:** Enoch, the seventh from Adam was translated and made the trophy of God's power over death.

#### CHAPTER SIX

**Contents:** Flood announced. Compromise of sons of God with daughters of men.

**Characters:** Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth.

**Conclusion:** The true believer can float in peace on the very waters by which the wicked world is judged.

**Key Word:** Flood, v. 17.

**Strong Verses:** 8, 9, 18, 22.

**Striking Facts:** The plan whereby Noah was saved was no invention of his own but one revealed by God, v. 13. Faith is governed by the pure Word of God. Heb. 11:7. The ark is a type of Christ as the refuge of His people from the judgment.

#### CHAPTER SEVEN

**Contents:** The flood comes. Noah and family preserved.

**Characters:** Noah, his sons, and their wives.

**Conclusion:** The blood of Christ keeps out the waters of judgment and makes the believers position "in Christ" a safe one. v. 16.

**Key Word:** Ark, v. 7.

**Strong Verses:** 16.

**Striking Facts:** The hand that made Noah secure within, shut the others out. There was a window in the top of the ark whereby they could look up in communion with God, knowing that no judgment remained for them. Heb. 12:1-2.

#### CHAPTER EIGHT

**Contents:** Waters receding, exit from the ark. Noah's altar.

**Characters:** Noah and family.

**Conclusion:** When judgment days are past, the believer will find himself safely landed in a better world.

**Key Word:** Rest, v. 4.

**Strong Verses:** 1, 20.

**Striking Facts:** Superstition would have worshipped the ark as the means of salvation, but Noah looked to the God back of the means.

#### CHAPTER NINE

**Contents:** Noamic covenant. Noah's shame and Ham's sin.

**Characters:** Noah and family.

**Conclusion:** The believer is as secure as God's promises are true. No promise of God can fail.

**Key Word:** Covenant, v. 9.

**Strong Verses:** 9, 13.

**Striking Facts:** The bow seen upon the storm clouds of judgment speaks of the cross where judgment never to be repeated has been visited upon the believer's sins.

## CHAPTER TEN

**Contents:** Establishing of the nations.

**Characters:** Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, Nimrod, Canaan.

**Conclusion:** God made all nations of one blood and determined the bounds of their habitations.

**Key Word:** Nations, v. 31.

**Strong Verses:** 32.

**Striking Facts:** From the seven sons of Japheth, the Gentile nations are descended.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

**Contents:** Failure under Noamic covenant. Tower of Babel. Scattering of the people. Ancestry of Abram.

**Characters:** Shem, Terah, Abram, Lot, Sarai.

**Conclusion:** Man ever builds under the heavens, seeking a name and a portion in the earth. The believer builds on an imperishable foundation laid in heaven by God. Man's devices all fail.

**Key Word:** Confusion (Babel) v. 9.

**Strong Verses:** 5, 9.

**Striking Facts:** To exalt man without God in Christ is to elevate him to a dizzy height from which he is sure to fall into hopelessness.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

**Contents:** Call of Abram. His worship and testing. The error in Egypt.

**Characters:** Abram, Sarai, Lot, Pharaoh.

**Conclusion:** The path into which God calls the believer may often be trying to the flesh, but this does not necessarily indicate that he is out of God's will.

**Key Word:** Sojourners, v. 10.

**Strong Verses:** 3, 8.

**Striking Facts:** God's biddings are His enablings. Better suffer in Canaan in God's path than live in luxury in Egypt in the devil's path.

The altar marks Abraham as a worshipper. The tent marks him as a pilgrim. These are distinguishing marks of the followers of Christ.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

**Contents:** Abram's return to the land and the altar. Separation from Lot. Lots backsliding and choice of the land.

**Characters:** Abram, Lot.

**Conclusion:** Material blessings are often accompanied by moral blight. Let nature range where it will, it can never take faith's treasure.

**Key Word:** Separation, v. 9.

**Strong Verses:** 4, 17, 18.

**Striking Facts:** Lot pictures a professing Christian trying to make the best of both worlds, v. 12.

He who puts God and Christ first will never be bereft of that which is best for him.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

**Contents:** Abram delivers Lot. Abram's refusal to compromise with the King of Sodom.

**Characters:** King of Sodom, Lot, Abram, Melchizedek.

**Conclusion:** Genuine faith never wraps itself in fleece while a brother shivers in the cold. The farther a believer lives from the world, the greater power he will have over it.

**Key Word:** Deliverance, v. 20.

**Strong Verses:** 22, 23.

**Striking Facts:** The most effectual way to serve the world is to be separated from it.

The first mention in the Bible of the kings, finds them fighting. The last of Revelation leaves them hard at it still.

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

**Contents:** Abrahamic covenant confirmed and spiritual seed promised.

**Characters:** Abram, God.

**Conclusion:** The promises to faith are more certain than the conclusions of logic (v. 25). Faith is the key that unlocks the cabinet of promises.

**Key Word:** Seed, v. 5.

**Strong Verses:** 1, 6.

**Striking Facts:** v. 17. A smoking furnace suggests that the inheritance would be reached by passing through furnaces of trial. The bright lamp tells of God's relief which shines brighter as the road gets darker.

#### CHAPTER SIXTEEN

**Contents:** Birth of Ishmael.

**Characters:** Sarah, Abram, Hagar, Angel, Ishmael.

**Conclusion:** The moment the believer takes his eyes away from God's promises he is ready for mean devices of unbelief which bring him untold suffering.

**Key Word:** Despised, v. 4.

**Strong Verses:** 13.

**Striking Facts:** God promises—faith believes—hope anticipates—patience waits. Heb. 6: 12. The heart prefers anything to the attitude of waiting.

#### CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

**Contents:** The revelation of God. Abram's name changed. Covenant confirmed. Circumcision established. Promise of Isaac.

**Characters:** God, Abram, Isaac, Sarah, Ishmael.

**Conclusion:** When man is in the dust God can talk to him in grace. In spite of the believer's mistakes, God is faithful.

**Key Word:** Covenant, v. 2.

**Strong Verses:** 1, 2, 19.

**Striking Facts:** Abram means "father of altitude." Abraham means "father of breadth." The perpendicular of justice is transversed by the horizontal beam of embracing love. In the two names we see a picture of the cross.

#### CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

**Contents:** Abraham, the friend of God. Promise of the seed renewed. The plea of Sodom.

**Characters:** God, Sarah, Abraham.

**Conclusion:** The closer the believer walks with God, the more he will know of God's mind about everything. The secrets of the Lord are with those who fear Him.

**Key Word:** Communion, v. 33.

**Strong Verses:** 17, 18.

**Striking Facts:** The way to know the divine purpose about the world is not to be mixed up with its schemes and speculations but walking in communion with Christ.

#### CHAPTER NINETEEN

**Contents:** Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot's backsliding and escape.

**Characters:** Angels, Lot and family, Abraham, Moab, Benammi.

**Conclusion:** No Christian can find his pleasure and profit in the world and at the same time bear effectual testimony against the world.

**Key Word:** Destruction, v. 13.

**Strong Verses:** 27, 29.

**Striking Facts:** In gaining great worldly influence, Lot had lost all influence and spiritual power, even over his own family, v. 14. Choose between the Word and the world. No heart can mature two crops.

#### CHAPTER TWENTY

**Contents:** Abraham's lapse at Gerar. Lying to Abimelech about his wife.

**Characters:** Abraham, Sarah, Abimelech.

**Conclusion:** Sin has many tools but a lie is a handle that fits them all. If the truth is stretched, expect it eventually to fly back and sting you.

**Key Word:** Sin, v. 9.

**Strong Verses:** 6, 17.

**Striking Facts:** One is often struck with the amazing difference between what God's people in Christ are in His view and what they are in the world's view. God sees His own through Christ, although in themselves, they are often feeble and inconsistent.