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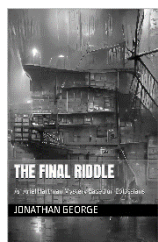
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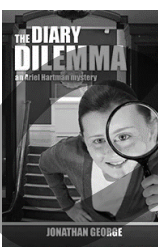


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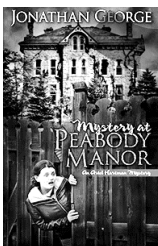


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# How to Use this Guide


The Word2U study system blends the essential aspects that make an effective study program in Bible Quizzing with the elements of a devotional. You won't just be memorizing. You'll be digging deeper into the meaning of the verses you're learning, praying the Word, and learning how to apply Scripture to your own walk with God.

This section provides an overview of this resource, including the contents of the document and how to use the guide as part of your study.

Let's take a quick tour of the tool.

## INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions set the stage for what you are about to study. The general introduction at the beginning of the guide provides a brief overview of the material and the theme for the year. Each chapter opening summarizes the primary context of the chapter and the key takeaways from the verses you are about to learn.

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# STUDY MODULES

The Study Modules are organized by days and identify the areas of memorization and review work to be completed. Plus, each day has its own devotion and prayer. These devotions are designed to draw out a key point from one or more of the verses that you will memorize that day. They also give rise to the prompt for “praying the Word”. There are 100 Study Modules for Intermediate quizzers and 125 Study Modules for Experienced quizzers.

Let’s look at the elements of the Daily Study Modules:

**DAY COUNT**

**DEVOTION TITLE**

**MEMORIZATION VERSES** – On average, between 4-5 verses per day.

**REVIEW** – In Order (the two prior days’ memory verses). Mixed with verse cards.

**DEVOTION** – short narrative derived from one or more key points from the memory verses.

**PRAYER** – focus/prompt inspired by the Devotion.

## A Baptism in Boldness

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# 27

### Ambassadors for Jesus

**Acts 4:10**  
Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

**Acts 4:11**  
This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

**Acts 4:12**  
Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

**Acts 4:13**  
Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled, and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

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**REVIEW** In Order: Acts 4:1-9 Mixed: Acts 1:1 thru 3:26

What was it about Peter and John that convinced the council that they had been with Jesus? Was it their knowledge of Scripture? Surely ignorant fisherman from the backwaters of Galilee would not be so confident in their interpretations of sacred text before such learned men.

Was it their boldness alone that convinced the council? After all, Jesus stood toe-to-toe with the High Priest when accusations were brought against Him, as did they.

Was it their proclamation about the superiority of Jesus and His name that suggested that they must have been well-taught by the crucified Galilean?

Perhaps it was all these reasons. The words that Peter said were not inspired by his own command of Scripture, but rather breathed by the Holy Ghost. He stood confident that what he and the other disciples experienced on the Day of Pentecost was real. At this point in time, 5,000 converts knew without a doubt Jesus was the Messiah. Also, the lame man’s healing could not be contrived. He, in fact, could walk with feet that had never felt the ground for four decades. These people were witnesses to the reality of Jesus.

Likewise, we are witnesses of His grace. We are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “So we are ambassadors who represent Christ” (II Cor. 5:20, CEB). Yet, in our day-to-day lives, can others recognize that we have been with Jesus? Do they see our Savior through our actions and hear it in our speech? Can we, like Peter, boldly proclaim our association with Jesus, or do we hide in the shadows to fit in? Live this Apostolic way boldly.

### Prayer

Assess your role as an ambassador for Jesus. Where do you need to be more effective? Share this with Him and learn to fear God more than people.




## INSIGHTS

Articles embedded within the guide provide deeper understanding and awareness on specific topics mentioned in the passages of Scripture.

**💡 INSIGHTS 💡**

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**The Religious Elite**



There are several important religious figures in Jewish society that are mentioned in Acts 4. Who these individuals are and what roles they played during the time of Jesus and the apostles are listed below.

**Annas** – served as High Priest from 6 AD to 15 AD. While deposed by Roman procurator Valerius Gratus, he remained a significant and influential spiritual figurehead in Jewish society. He continued to bear the title of High Priest as a show of respect for his previous station in life. His five sons and his son-in-law, Caiaphas, served as official High Priest at some point in time. Jesus is first brought before Annas before He is sent to Caiaphas, the official High Priest (Jn 18:12-14, 19-24).

**Caiaphas** – son-in-law to Annas, served as High Priest from 16 AD to 36 AD. He was the High Priest during the arrests of Jesus and subsequently Peter and

John. As High Priest, he presided over the council known as the Sanhedrin.

**John** – (Acts 4:6) believed to be Jonathan ben Ananus, son of Annas, and successor to the role of High Priest after Caiaphas, 36-37 and 44 AD.

**Alexander** – (Acts 4:6) little is known about this man. Josephus, the first century Jewish historian, said he was "a man of great repute."

**The council** – these are the seventy men who made up the Sanhedrin. This was the supreme religious body of the Jewish faith, and final authority on Jewish law (the law of Moses). Originally appointed by Moses ("seventy men from the elders of Israel" Num. 11:16), then by Jewish kings, and finally by members of the council itself when vacancies occurred.

## REVIEW FOLLOWING MEMORIZATION

These objectives will guide your daily review until you are working entirely from verse cards. This follows Day 100 for Intermediates and Day 125 for Experienced.

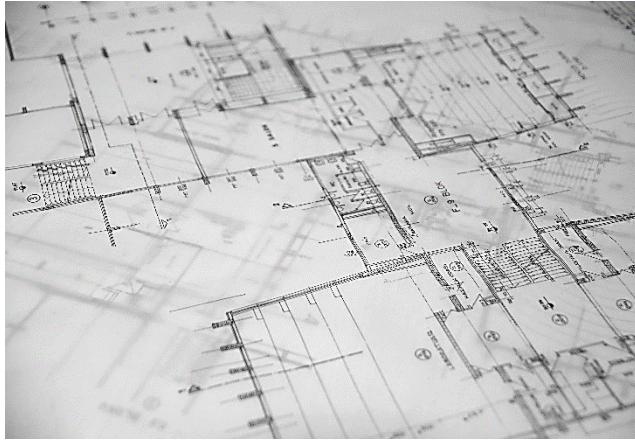
## OPTIONAL REVIEW EXERCISES

These optional exercises aid information recall and increase capabilities in responding to specific types of questions.

## DISCIPLINES OF STUDY

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# Acts 1

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# The Mantle is Passed

## 1

### The Dual Perspective of Passion

#### Acts 1:1

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

#### Acts 1:2

Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

#### Acts 1:3

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

#### Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

**REVIEW** In Order: None

Mixed: None

*Passion.* More than likely, when you hear or read this word, it conjures up thoughts of romantic love or a nearly obsessive interest in an occupation or activity. In Acts 1:3, however, the word *passion* is derived from the Greek word *pathein* (παθεῖν) which means “to suffer.” It speaks of Christ’s crucifixion.

When thinking about Jesus Christ, one can see that passion can invoke both meanings. In Isaiah 53, we read of the prophetic suffering of Jesus. He was despised and rejected; a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. In other words, Jesus suffered.

Yet, in Hebrews 12:2, this same Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him. This speaks of an inexplicable, nearly obsessive love that looked beyond the pain and saw us, showering our love upon Him.

His love for us drove Jesus to the cross. To restore the relationship with fallen humanity, Jesus became “the lamb for sinners slain.” In return, we love Him because He first loved us. Our passion to know Jesus sustains us in our trials and tribulations. The promise of an eternity in heaven with the One who died for us keeps us faithful to the Lover of our souls in the good times and the bad. We have shared passions with Jesus.

### Prayer

Do you fall in love with Jesus more with each passing day? Do you long to look upon the face of the One who saved you by His grace one day? If so, shower your love upon Him with praise.

# The Mantle is Passed

## 2

### You Are Powerful

**Acts 1:5**

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

**Acts 1:6**

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

**Acts 1:7**

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

**Acts 1:8**

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Acts 1:9**

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

**REVIEW** In Order: Acts 1:1-4

Mixed: None

If you are like most people, you want to feel powerful. This may be a reason why superheroes are so popular. Even in ancient times, legendary epics existed such as *Odyssey* by Homer and *Argonautica* ("Jason and the Argonauts" / "Golden Fleece"). The ability to overcome obstacles and conquer the laws of nature have long captivated us mere humans.

However, we realize that superheroes such as these, and even modern-day renditions such as Spiderman, Superman, and Wonder Woman, are figments of an artist's imagination. There are limits to our abilities. Even the strongest person cannot hold back a storm. The smartest woman cannot unravel the mysteries of time travel or how to reach the edge of the observable universe. We can't fly into space or plunge into the depths of the sea without special vehicles and equipment.

Yet, Jesus promised that along with the Holy Ghost comes power. What powers are we granted? The Holy Ghost gives us power over our old nature and sin. The Holy Ghost gives us power to go before the throne of God with our petitions. We are given powers to operate in the realm of the Spirit where miracles, signs, and wonders are performed. Also, through the Spirit, we can repel the potent dark forces meant to destroy our faith. John wrote, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). By ourselves, we lack the power to accomplish great things for the kingdom. With God, however, all things are possible.

## Prayer

The Holy Ghost has power to transform us into a new creation in Christ Jesus. What changes did the Holy Ghost bring into your life? Give God glory for the miraculous changes you have seen.

# The Mantle is Passed

## 3

### The Fires of Olivet

**Acts 1:10**

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

**Acts 1:11**

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**Acts 1:12**

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

**Acts 1:13**

And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

**REVIEW** *In Order:* Acts 1:1-9

*Mixed:* None

The Mount of Olives was a significant location to the Hebrews. It was a place used both to mark the change of seasons and as a call to worship. For example, when a new moon was observed, bonfires were built atop mountains, beginning at the Mount of Olives. These fires signaled to all the people scattered throughout Israel that the time had come to return to Jerusalem to worship. Further, Zechariah prophesied that the day of the Lord's coming – which we translate to be the Second Coming of Jesus Christ – will see the feet of the Messiah touch down on the Mount of Olives, splitting it in two (Zech. 14:4).

Compare this with Jesus. He made His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem riding upon a colt starting at the Mount of Olives (Mt. 21:1-11), thus fulfilling the Messianic prophecy recorded in Zechariah 9:9. Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives with a promise from the angels that in like manner he would return, and thus fulfill the prophecy in Zechariah 14:4.

A spiritual fire was lit in an upper room on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem just a half mile away from the place of Jesus' ascension. This fulfilled John the Baptist's prophetic declaration that Jesus would baptize with Holy Ghost and fire. One day, the One whom John called "the Light of the world" will ignite Olivet, ushering in a new season and a new kingdom upon the earth.

### Prayer

The signs of the times suggest that Jesus' Second Coming is not far away. Keep the fires of the Spirit lit in your hearts. Your Bridegroom approaches. Pray that you are ready and used in this last day harvest.

## The Upper Room



*Source: Israel Ministry of Tourism*

The Upper Room, or the Cenacle as its also called, is located on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. It is the upper floor to a two-story building south of the Zion Gate in the walls of the Old City.

Two important events in Biblical history occurred in this location: the Last Supper of Jesus Christ before His arrest and execution, and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost following His resurrection.

According to some Christian historians, this was the upper floor to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark. This would have been an important meeting place for the early disciples of Jesus. Mary's home was also the scene of the prayer meeting that resulted in Peter's miraculous prison escape by the angel, as recorded in Acts 12. Today, it serves as a place of pilgrimage for many Christians visiting important sites of faith in Jerusalem.<sup>1</sup>

# The Mantle is Passed

## 4

### Let Us Pray

**Acts 1:14**

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

**Acts 1:15**

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

**Acts 1:16**

Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

**Acts 1:17**

For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

**Acts 1:18**

Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

**REVIEW** *In Order:* Acts 1:1-13

*Mixed:* None

History teaches us that great moves of God were preceded by earnest corporal prayer. Days before there was a Pentecost, a prayer meeting began with 120 in the upper room that continued until the fire fell. This was not the last time the Holy Ghost fell after people cried out to God. Some examples include:

- On the heels of the American Revolution, crowds gathered at outdoor meetings to hear circuit preachers such as Peter Cartwright and James McGready. This movement gave rise to Charles Finney, “the father of modern revivalism”. His meetings were pre-empted by the prayers of his associate, Daniel Nash. Nash went to the towns Finney was to visit, rented a room, and interceded for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. He remained until he felt a release in his spirit.
- In 1857, with a country on the brink of Civil War and with financial panic on Wall Street, Jeremiah Lanphier stepped onto the stage. He organized noontime prayer meetings at the Dutch Reformed Church in Lower Manhattan in New York City. What started with six people at the first prayer meeting swelled to over 6,000 at multiple locations within weeks.<sup>2</sup>
- More recently (as of the date of this writing), universities around America have seen students gather to pray, repent, and worship. This began in early February 2023 when a group of students at Asbury University in Wilmore Kentucky lingered in God’s presence long after chapel “dismissed”.<sup>3</sup>

The early church gave us the pattern for mighty Holy Ghost outpourings. That is persistent prayer.

## Prayer

Pray that God grips the world with a spirit of repentance. Intercede for Him to move among young people.



# The Mantle is Passed

## 5

### The Price of Betrayal

#### Acts 1:19

And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

#### Acts 1:20

For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

#### Acts 1:21

Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

#### Acts 1:22

Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

**REVIEW** *In Order:* Acts 1:10-18

*Mixed:* Acts 1:1-9

What is the price for betrayal? For Judas, he betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. This amount is significant in the Bible. Under the law, this is the amount paid by the owner of a bull to the master of a slave gored by his animal (Exodus 21:32). It was also the wages paid to the shepherd, later given to the potter in Zechariah's prophetic reference to the Messiah in Zechariah 11. Lastly, and more personal to Judas, it represented the value he placed on Jesus.

Judas was the treasurer for Jesus and the disciples. In John 12, we see Judas arguing that the cost of Mary's broken alabaster box of expensive ointment could have been sold and given to the poor. However, John said that Judas did not care for the poor. Rather, he stole money from the fund. In the negotiation for Jesus with the Sanhedrin, some argue that Judas made the deal less about the money and more for political clout. In either case, for Judas, there existed something that had greater value than Jesus.

So often, people turn away from God for paltry reasons. Temporary pleasures and the glitter of the world appeal to them. They become offended. They quit seeking God in prayer and studying his Word, and their love dies, as does their faith. Yet, Jesus asked, "What will profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Interestingly, both Peter and Judas betrayed Jesus. Both became remorseful. This is shown when Judas tried to return the silver to the Sanhedrin. The difference between Peter and Judas, however, is that Judas died in his sins by his own hand. Peter died to himself in a prayer of repentance.

## Prayer

You will make mistakes. You might say or do something that you regret. Be quick to repent. If there is anything that you have placed between yourself and God, take it to Him in prayer.

# The Mantle is Passed

## 6

### The Forgotten Apostle

#### Acts 1:23

And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

#### Acts 1:24

And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

#### Acts 1:25

That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

#### Acts 1:26

And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**REVIEW** *In Order:* Acts 1:14-22

*Mixed:* Acts 1:1-13

While the 120 gathered, awaiting the promise of the Father, Peter determined to replace Judas. He quoted two passages from Psalms as justification for this. In Acts 1:17, he quoted from Psalm 109:8, “Let his days be few; and let another take his office.” In Acts 1:20, he quotes from Psalm 69:25, “Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.” Who they selected as a possible replacement for Judas, however, were men we know very little about – Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

Nevertheless, we do know that there were more than just the twelve who followed Jesus throughout His ministry. In Luke 10:1, Jesus chose seventy-two disciples and sent them out in pairs. Further, there were ten times as many people in the upper room as there were apostles. It comes as no surprise that there were unknown men as Barsabas and Matthias among the group.

Yet, even after Matthias is chosen as Judas’ replacement, Scripture goes quiet about his works. Soon, he is overshadowed by the apostle to the Gentiles, Paul, who takes up a vast amount of real estate in the New Testament. Some scholars speculate Matthias evangelized in Ethiopia where he was martyred. Others think he traveled to Damascus to minister. Still more think he stayed close to home in Jerusalem.

Only eternity will tell. However, the important lesson to learn through Matthias is that while his works are lost to history, his commitment to the Lord is preserved. You may do great things for God which go unrecognized. What really matters is if you are a man or woman of God. God gets the glory, and you get the crown of life. Be less concerned with recognition. Be more concerned with the Father’s business.

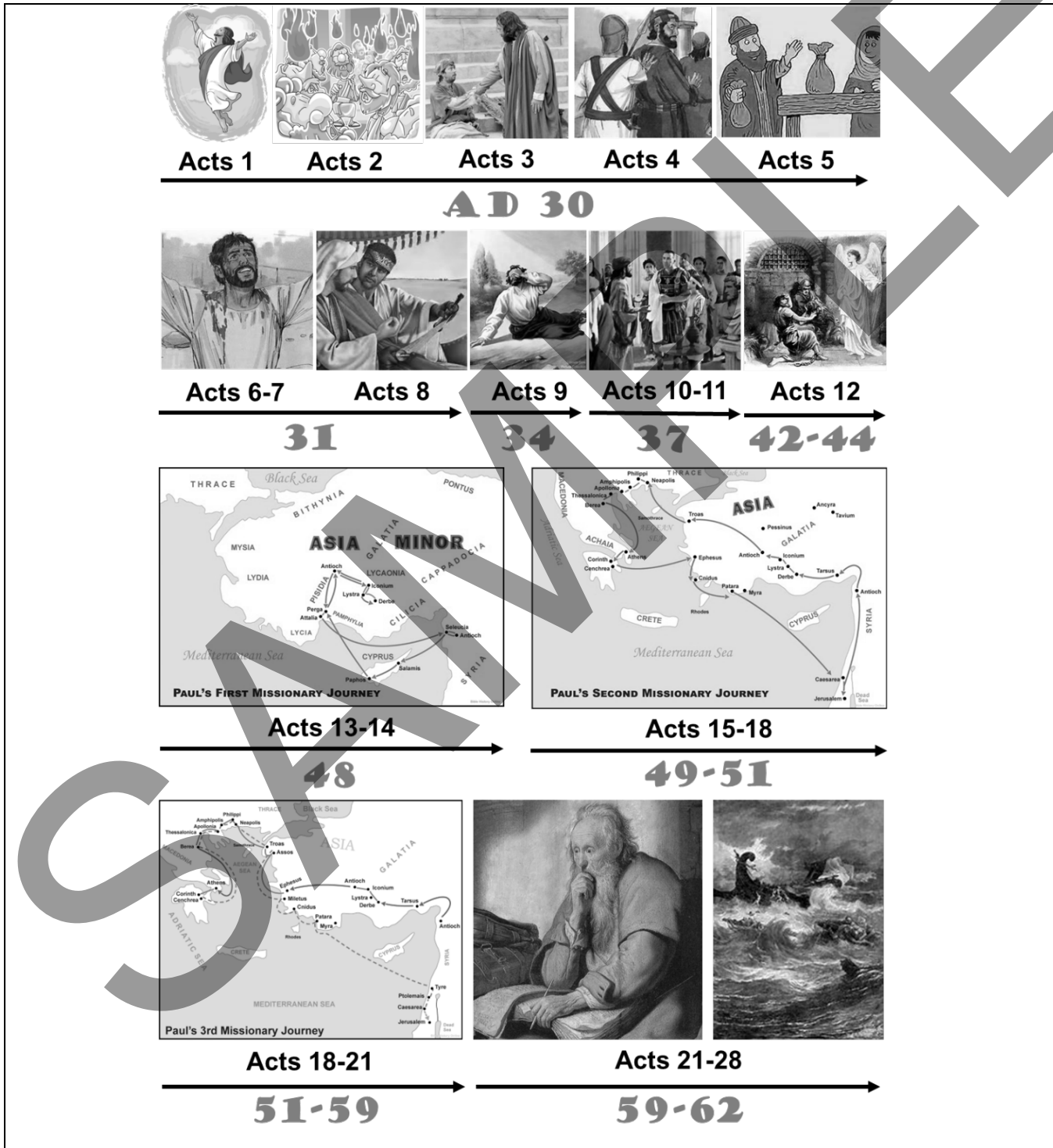
### Prayer

Search your heart. Do you desire accolades and recognition more than the soft clap of two nail-scarred hands? Give God the glory for your accomplishments. Seek His help to serve Him with humility.

# INSIGHTS

## Timeline of Acts

While specific dates for the events in Acts are not known with irrefutable accuracy, we do know that Acts spans several decades in history. The following timeline provides an estimation of these dates by chapter.<sup>4</sup>



# Acts 2

## Baptized with Fire

### CHAPTER AT-A-GLANCE

**Acts 2:1-13**

The Fire Falls

**Acts 2:14-41**

Peter Preaches Salvation

**Acts 2:42-47**

The Believers Form a Community

The Feast of Pentecost (Greek for fifty) is known by many names: The Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22), the Feast of Harvest (Exodus 23:16), the Feast of First Fruits (Numbers 28:26) or the *Shavnot*, in Hebrew, representing seven weeks from Passover plus one day, or fifty days. It coincided with the end of barley and wheat harvests, and a time for Israel to gather in Jerusalem to celebrate God's abundance with first fruits from the late spring crops. It also signified the revealing of God's law to Moses on Mount Sinai.

When you consider the significance of this day in regards to the Passover which marked the crucifixion of Jesus, it is little wonder why God would designate the Day of Pentecost to pour out His Spirit. Paul described Jesus as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20). Jesus is the firstborn of all creation and the firstborn from the dead (Colossians 1:15, 18). He is also the firstborn of many brethren (Rom. 8:29).

Perhaps what gives this date the greatest relevance to the believers, particularly to Gentiles, is that God provided a new and better covenant on the anniversary of the old covenant under Moses. The writer of Hebrews writes that through Jesus, our mediator, we have obtained a "better covenant" established on "better promises" (Heb. 8:6).

With the outpouring of the Holy Ghost beginning on the Day of Pentecost following Jesus' resurrection, there is a new harvest to celebrate. That is, the hearts of men imbued with the Spirit of Jesus Christ so that we become sons and daughters of God. With this came a new plan of redemption centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ – His death, burial, and resurrection – found in the most often quoted verse in the Oneness Apostolic movement, Acts 2:38.

# Disciplines of Study

## Tips for an Effective Study Program

### Bible Quiz Study 101

The amount of study required in Bible Quizzing is a big commitment. It takes time, consistency, and patience. However, there are some practical tips to help you become more effective during your study time. The following pages outline some fundamentals for developing Disciplines of Study in the areas of **memorization**, **review**, and **planning**.

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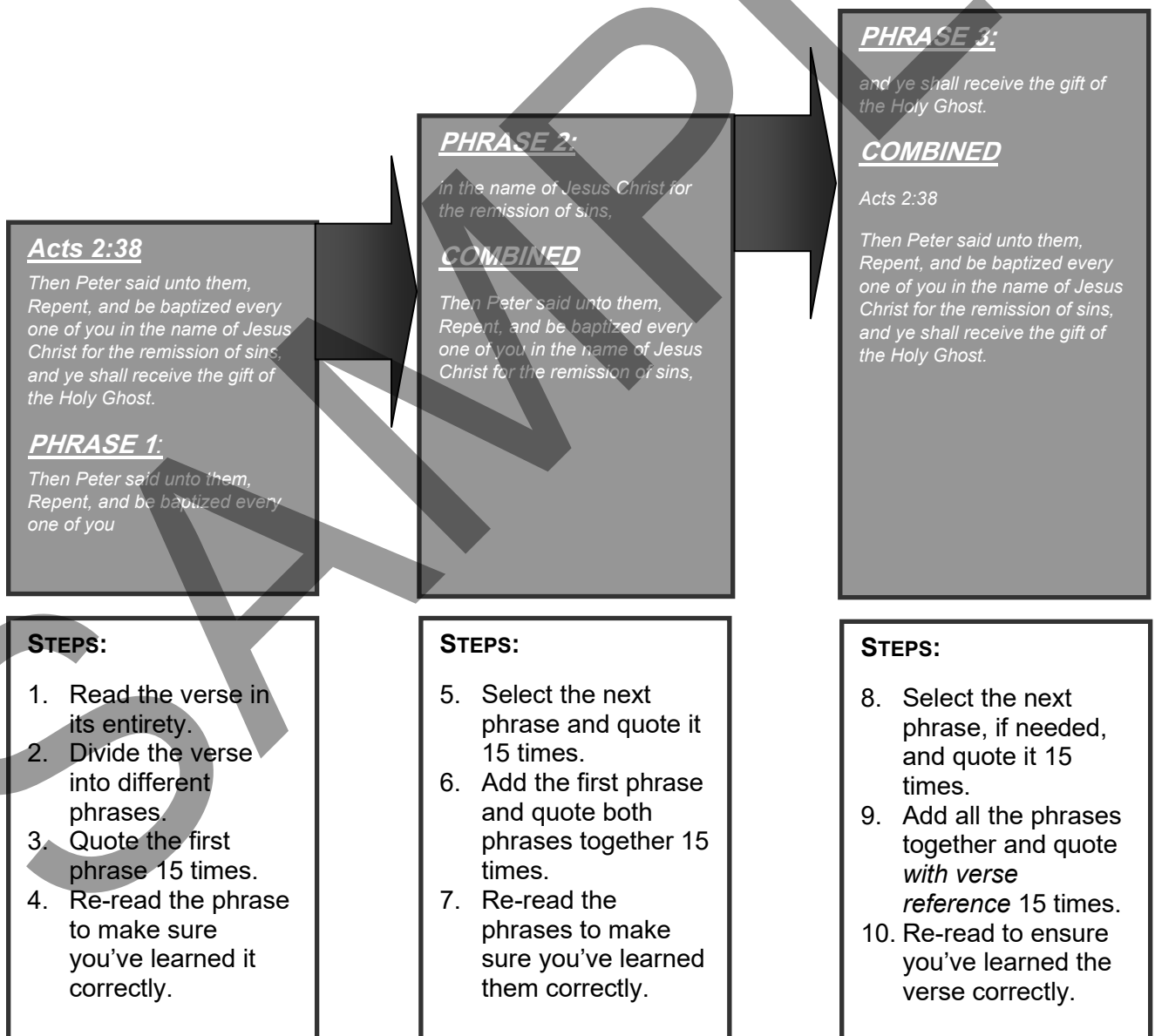
# Memorization

There are two approaches that follow which can be used to memorize scripture: the Phrase-15 Method and the Reading Method.

## Phrase 15-Method

*How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.*

This expression rings true with memorization. By breaking the verse into “bite-size” pieces, the quizzer is better able to memorize. Here’s how it works:



# Memorization (Cont'd)

## Reading Method

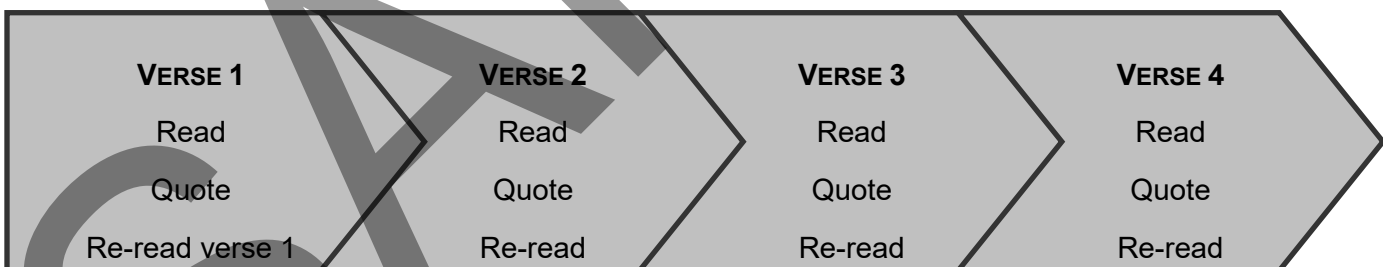
*Ever find yourself remembering a person's face but not the person's name?*

You hear a name that's soon forgotten but a face you can't forget. Perhaps you are like some that remember more of what they see than what they hear. If you are, then maybe the Reading Method to memorization is more up your alley. This method forces you to keep "looking" at the verse until you've gotten it down. Try this on for size:

Step	Activity
1	Read the verse in its entirety until you feel confident you can quote it without looking.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Try to quote the verse with the reference 10-15 times without looking.</li><li>– Re-read the verse to make sure you've learned it correctly.</li></ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Go to the next verse and repeat the steps above.</li><li>– When you are done, go back to the first verse you've memorized for the day and:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) read all the verses you've learned, in order and then</li><li>2) quote all the verses you've learned, in order.</li></ul></li></ul>

*Get stuck? Can't remember the next word? Then "cheat." Read the verse or phrase again. Then quote the verse a few extra times to make sure you got it.*

**If you're a visual person, maybe this diagram will better explain the steps:**



# Review

*Review is like driving down a dirt road. The more you drive, the deeper the ruts.*

Similarly, the more you quote a verse, the deeper it gets into your memory and the faster your recall.

Following are some important questions a quizzer might have about reviewing:

## 1. What is Review?

It's accurately quoting (whether in order or using verse cards) all of the verses learned to date.

## 2. How is Accuracy Measured?

Accuracy means that you can quote the verses exactly as they are recorded in the King James Version of the Bible.

## 3. When Does a Quizzer Review?

A quizzer should review every day.

## 4. Why is it Important to Review Every Day?

A quizzer can begin to forget verses in as short as 1 – 3 days without reviewing.

## 5. What Does a Quizzer Review?

A quizzer should quote all the verses memorized to date, every day. They'll find the more they do, the faster they'll become in recalling and quoting.

## 6. What if the Quizzer Gets "Stuck in a Rut"?

Review is meant to reinforce memory. At times, they may get "stuck" and can't remember a verse. In some cases, the quizzer may only need to read the first few words or the entire verse to remember. If this occurs, the quizzer should quote the verse at least three consecutive times, word perfectly, without having to look over the verse. In more severe cases, where review has been neglected over a longer period of time, the quizzer may need to relearn the verse.

## 7. Besides Quoting, What Other Techniques are Available for Review?

More experienced quizzers rely on a technique called Charting. Charting helps the quizzer identify and locate unique and similar words, phrases, and other information, such as:

- Unique verse beginnings and endings
- One-time, two-time, and three-time words and phrases
- Specific information, such as numbers, names, geographical locations, animals, body parts, and punctuations (e.g., questions, parenthetical statements, exclamations, etc.).
- Repeated/Similar phrases and other unique items

# Planning

*Putting together a study program takes planning.*

The Word2U / Coach-in-a-Box study program provides the quizzer a framework for what's required each day for studying. But it only goes so far in developing a plan. A few tips and tricks may help in putting together an effective home study program.

## A. WHAT TO STUDY

There is a preferred order to the study each day:

- **REVIEW.** It is suggested that the quizzer do all their reviewing before memorization. This helps set the momentum for effective studying and prepares the mind for added memory. Also, adequate time needs to be given for review before attempting to memorize.
- **MEMORIZE.** The order you memorize is optional; however, you should pay attention to the length of time it takes for you to memorize. This may vary based on the number of verses to memorize and length of the verse.

You may choose to memorize verses every day, or you may set aside certain days for memorization (e.g., weekdays). However, review daily, as possible.

*Crunched for time? If anything is to be sacrificed for a particular day, let it be memorization. Ensure review is given its proper time. Verses are often forgotten over a relatively short period of time. This can be discouraging to the quizzer and requires added work to re-memorize.*

## B. WHEN TO STUDY

*"You only need to study on the days you breathe."*

Bro. Bobby Long  
Retired JBQ National Quizmaster

The above statement illustrates the importance of a quizzer developing a daily discipline for study. Here are some important tips about when to study:

- A quizzer may find it more efficient to study at the same time every day. Finding what time works best for the quizzer may take some trial and error. On the other hand, there may be only a certain time during the day when the quizzer is available for study. Nonetheless, with whatever time is determined, make it priority for study.
- If your schedule at home is limited, use that time to learn your new verses. Your flash cards are mobile and can go with you. In the car on the way to school, church, the store or wherever you go, you can use that time for review (this, of course, assumes you're not driving). As Deuteronomy 6:7 says "...when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

## C. HOW LONG TO STUDY

You should plan for at least an hour per day for study time. At first, when there are not many verses to review, you may not need that much time. Then, as the year progresses and more verses are added (or perhaps just before a tournament), you may need more time in study. At some point, however, when memorization is complete, the time normally spent in memorizing can be allocated to more intensive review.

Here is a rule of thumb about time each day in study:

- 15-25 minutes in Memorization (assuming 4 verses at 4-7 minutes per verse)
- 15-60 minutes in Review (varies by number of verses to review and speed at which the quizzier can recall)

Total study time: Between 15 and 85 minutes (or an average of 60 minutes per day taken over the regular quizzing season).

*Give me a Break. It's important to consider breaks when scheduling time to study. A 5-10 minute break between review and memorization may add to the overall time of study but may also add a great deal of productivity to the study. Or you can review at one time in the day and memorization later, or vice versa.*

## D. WHERE TO STUDY

It's best to study in the same place at home every day that has the fewest distractions. Here are some possibilities about a study location (note: this list is not exhaustive):

- In your room
- In the car (again if you're not driving)
- At school during lunch
- On the floor of the living room
- At the kitchen table
- Eased back in a recliner or outside, lying in a hammock under a palm tree on a tropical island (one can dream, right?)

## E. FINAL THOUGHTS

Sometimes it's productive to buddy up with a friend, a quizzier, a coach, or a parent who can "spot check" your quoting. Not only does it keep you honest, but you might also find you've been misquoting verses and didn't realize it.

Find ways to make study fun. Use your imagination. And always, make God a part of your study. **DON'T FORGET TO PRAY!!!**

God bless!



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