



How to Study the Bible

The Study of a Person

I. THE NAME OF A PERSON

A. Name Occurrences

1. Chart every occurrence of the person's name (include all forms and various names).
2. Divide the occurrences based on the major sections of the Bible, books of the Bible, or chapters of the Bible.
3. Give the first and last occurrence of the name noting any significance.
4. List the references to this person in the Bible with notations.
5. Make sure that each of the references are for the person you are studying and not another person in scripture with the same name.

B. Name Meanings

1. Look for the meaning of a name in scripture.
2. Is there significance for this person's name to mean what it does?
3. Was the person's name changed and what does each of the names mean?

C. Titles for a Person

1. What titles are found in scripture for this person?
2. Are these titles descriptive (i.e., character, occupation)?
3. Was it necessary for the title to be given or was it inserted for insight?

II. WORDS OF A PERSON

A. Statements About the Person

1. What interpretive statements are made concerning this person?
2. Who made these statements about the person?

B. Statements from the Person

1. What are some important sayings or statements made by this person?
2. Were these sayings true or false? Were they doctrinally correct?

III. FAMILY OF A PERSON

A. Father and Mother (Trace this back as far as you can go.)

B. Husband(s) or Wife/Wives



- C. Brothers and/or Sisters
 - D. Children (Trace this forward as far as you can go.)
- IV. DETAILS OF THE PERSON'S LIFE
- A. Birth and Death
 - 1. Birth
 - a. When and where was this person born?
 - b. How old were the parents when this person was born?
 - c. What were the conditions surrounding this person's birth?
 - 2. Death
 - a. When and where did this person die?
 - b. How old was this person when he or she died?
 - c. What were the conditions surrounding this person's death?
 - d. Was this person buried or not? If so, where?
 - B. Location in Scripture
 - 1. What is the main location in scripture where this person is mentioned?
 - 2. List each location consider the following.
 - a. Is this the person mentioned prophetically, currently, or historically?
 - b. Is the person used as an example of something right or wrong?
 - C. Major Events
 - 1. What is this person's background? Does this explain any of his actions?
 - 2. What can you learn about the childhood of this person?
 - 3. What are the major accomplishments or failures of this person?
 - D. Strengths and Weaknesses
 - 1. What are the strengths and weaknesses that this person has?
 - 2. Is this person a good example, a bad example, or both?
 - E. Typology
 - 1. Is this person a type of Christ? If so, how?
 - 2. Is this person a type of someone or something else? If so, how?
- V. OUTLINE THE PERSON
- A. Outline the Person's Life in Detail
 - B. Outline Reasons for the Person's Strengths
 - C. Outline Reasons for the Person's Weaknesses
 - D. Outline What Lessons Should Be Learned from this Person's Life