



How to Study the Bible

The Study of a Place

I. THE NAME OF A PLACE

A. Occurrences in the Bible

1. Chart every occurrence (check spelling and various names) of the place.
2. Divide the occurrences based on sections, books, or chapters of the Bible.
3. Give the first and last occurrence of the place noting any significance.
4. Make a rough listing of all the references to this place with notations.

B. Place Name Meanings

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

II. THE TYPE OF PLACE (Region, City, Town, Body of Water, Heavenly?)

III. THE LOCATION OF A PLACE

A. Surrounding Places

1. What places are said to be north, south, east, and west of this place?
2. Note: Up and down are often references to elevation.

B. Connected Places

1. In what region is this place?
2. In what city is this place?

IV. THE EVENTS CONNECTED TO A PLACE

A. Events That Occurred at This Place

B. Events That Effected This Place

1. What events occurred that changed the name of this place?
2. What events occurred that changed the residents of this place?
3. What events occurred that changed the landmarks of this place?

V. THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF A PLACE

A. The Worship

1. What worship practices are connected to this place?
2. Are the worship practices connected to this place godly or pagan?



B. The Deity

1. Did people in this place have knowledge of the true God?
2. What is the name of the major deity connected to this place?

VI. THE PEOPLE CONNECTED TO A PLACE

A. People Who Reside in a Place

1. What people reside in this place? Did this change throughout scripture?
2. Is this place known for giants or other supernatural beings?
3. List the various people who lived in this location throughout history.

B. People or Person Connected to the Name of a Place

1. Is this place named after a person?
2. Do this person's descendants dwell in this place?

VII. FEATURES OF A PLACE

A. Landmarks

1. What are the landmarks established for this place?
2. Are there changes concerning the landmarks throughout history?

B. Physical Features

1. What mountains are located in this place?
2. What bodies of water are located in this place?
3. What is the elevation of this place?
4. What is the makeup of this place (i.e., wilderness, desert)?

C. Emphasis of the Place

1. Is the place known for an industry, crop, weather, or animal?
2. What important buildings are located in this place?

VIII. MAKE AN OUTLINE

A. Make an Outline for Preaching/Teaching

B. Make an Outline Containing Research of the Place

1. Its geography
2. Its history
3. Its culture
4. Its spiritual nature