

# JOURNEY THROUGH JONAH

## A SIX WEEKS COURSE – HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

### Dispensational Hermeneutic – The Times and Mankind's Responsibility

Dispensation – A period of time during which God deals with mankind in a particular way concerning God's rule and man's responsibility. In each of the dispensations we see man's responsibility, man's failure, God's judgment, and God's grace. Traditional dispensationalism has seven in number. Salvation (becoming a child of God, receiving eternal life) is always by Grace alone through faith alone regardless of dispensations.

### AGE OF GENTILES

- 1) INNOCENCE – Responsibility-Take dominion and multiply, do not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Failure-They ate. Judgment-Removed and Banned from the Garden. Grace-Garments and Seed of Woman.
- 2) CONSCIENCE – Responsibility-do what's right. Failure-First murder, wickedness of world. Judgment-Flood. Grace-Noah, restart.
- 3) HUMAN GOVERNMENT – Responsibility-Govern themselves, scatter and multiple. Failure-Tower of Babel. Judgment-Confusion of languages. Grace-Forced scattering.

### AGE OF JEWS

- 4) PROMISE – Calling of Abraham, Blessing to the entire world, Israel begins as a nation. Responsibility-Dwell in Canaan. Failure-Goes to Egypt. Judgment-Eventual Captivity. Grace-Deliverance through Moses, Passover lamb.
- 5) LAW – Responsibility-Obedience to the Law for Blessing, Receiving Christ as Messiah/King. Failure-Disobedience brings cursing, Judgment-Rejecting Christ brings Partial Hardening, Lose role of representing God, World-wide dispersion. Grace-Partial Hardening until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, Always a remnant of Jewish lineage.

### AGE OF CHURCH

- 6) GRACE – All believers (Jew and Gentile) in One Spiritual Body, Christ is the Head. Responsibility-Believe in Christ as Savior, Make Disciples. Failure-Inconsistency in Walk, End times Apostasy. Judgment-Tribulations (Not Great Tribulation), Loss of Present Blessing, Loss of Future Reward. Grace-Rapture, Present day Blessing, Eternal Reward(s).

### AGE OF CHRIST

- 7) KINGDOM – Christ Ruling and Reigning sitting on the THRONE OF DAVID!

## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING YOUR BIBLE

(**WHY** should I read MY Bible?)

Reading your Bible is the **ONLY WAY** you can truly GROW in your Christian life!

1 Peter 2:2 –

You need to make a decision to become a **BEREAN** Bible reader!

Acts 17:10, 11 –

Christians (all ages) are **COMMANDED** to be good Bible STUDENTS!

2 Timothy 2:15 –

The Bible is your **GO TO BOOK** to know right from wrong!

1 Corinthians 3:1-15, Ephesians 4:11-16, Hebrews 5:11-14, 2 Timothy 4:1-4 –

**WHEN** do I read MY Bible? **WHERE** do I read MY Bible? **HOW MUCH** do I read when I read MY Bible? And . . . **HOW DO I** read MY Bible?

The Basic “How To’s” of Bible Reading:

Observation – What does it Say? What do I See?

Interpretation – What does it Mean?

Application – What about Me? What do I do with it?

Communication – What about others? The Need to Share it!

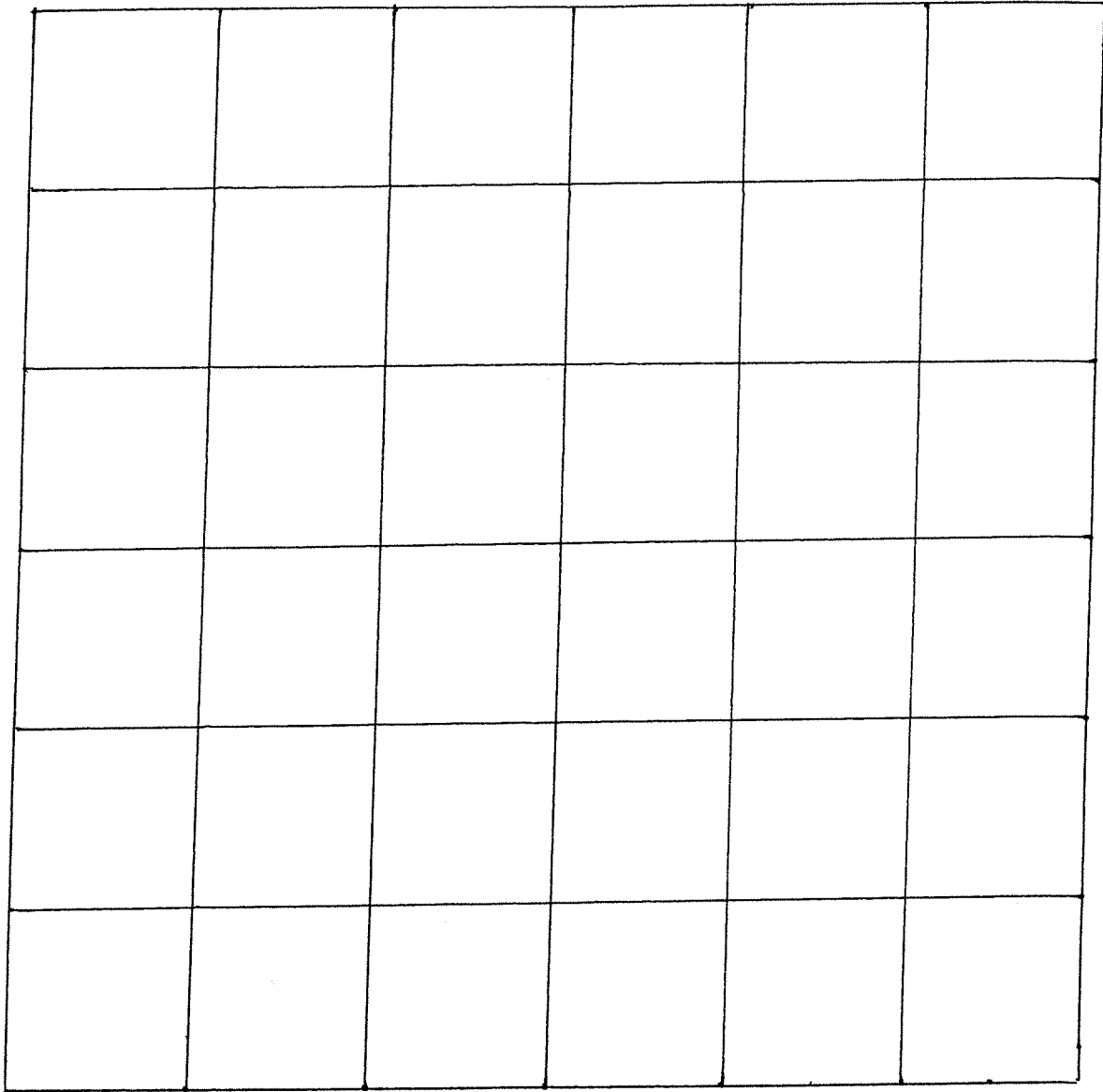
Observation is **THE KEY** to Bible Reading (Study)!

Who, What, When, Where, Why, How, So What??

What do I learn about God? What do I learn about Myself?

There is a **SPONGE EFFECT** of reading your Bible! You don’t want to miss it!

How MANY SQUARES  
Do you see?



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