

# Through the Bible I - Pentateuch

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## Description:

We believe that a working knowledge of the Bible is an essential part of preparation for leadership, and indeed, for all of life. Our Through the Bible series was designed to give each student that foundation. As you complete this series, you will read through the entire Bible at a rate of about three chapters a day, creating a title for each chapter and answering discussion questions that help you follow important themes through Scripture.

During this course you will study the Law books of the Old Testament, specifically Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

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## Course Objectives

### Academic:

The graphs of each book which are in your text contain all of the academic information you will be expected to learn. If you study them carefully, you will be able to give the following information about each book of the Law:

- Author
- Time period covered (not specific dates but length of time)
- Key words or expressions
- Key events
- Key characters
- You will sketch the tabernacle in the wilderness with its furnishings, and discuss at least one typological interpretation of it.
- You will quote eleven verses of your choice from this section of Scripture.
- You will list the ten commandments.
- You will discuss at least three types or shadows of Christ found in the books of the Law.

### Attitudinal:

As a result of your application of the truths you learn in this course, you may recognize certain changes taking place in your attitudes, including the following:

- As you study the repeated rebellion of man against God, you will develop a holy fear or awe of our pure God Who cannot allow sin to go unpunished. But a deep gratitude will also grow within you as you see the endless grace of God reaching out to restore His lost people and provide a way of redemption.
- As you examine the lives of early men and women of God, you will begin to recognize successful and unsuccessful patterns for responding to temptations and trials. Their example will increase your faith in the grace of God to keep you day by day.
- Because Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible, you will see many types and shadows of His life, character, and redemptive death for us in the events and individuals of the Old Testament. The insights these types give you will cause a greater love and devotion to our Lord to grow within your heart.

### Behavioral:

If you allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Scriptures you will be studying, you will be changed.

- You may be convicted of areas of sin or laziness in your life. If you are, you will respond with repentance and fruit in keeping with that repentance. As you learn more about your Lord, you will learn more ways to please Him and through His grace you will become obedient to whatever He shows you.
- As you hide God's Word in your heart through memorization, you will be changed more and more into His likeness, from glory to glory!

### Texts:

*Through the Bible* by Mark and Patti Virkler

*Wilmington's Bible Handbook*

*Through the Bible I - Pentateuch* CDs or DVDs by Dr. Andrew Hardy

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## Recommended Collateral Books

The serious student of the Bible will want to have several good reference books to enhance his understanding. We recommend the following:

a complete concordance, either Strong's or Young's

a Bible atlas, such as *Standard Bible Atlas*

*Manners and Customs of the Bible* by James Freeman

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## Course Requirements:

1. Classroom students must regularly attend class sessions. Extension students must listen to *Through the Bible I - Pentateuch* CDs.
2. Read all of the assigned chapters of the Bible and fill in chapter titles in the text. These titles are to come out of your heart, not simply copied from your Bible. Ask God to show you the essence of the chapter and record it as a chapter title. This will be a great help in keeping you focused on the text and tuned the Holy Spirit to grant you a "spirit of revelation."
3. Answer the discussion questions in the text. These answers are to reflect your prayerful meditation on the questions and the Bible text. These will be submitted to your instructor at the end of the course.
4. Read the entries in *Wilmington's* which correspond to the assigned Bible reading.
4. Earn a passing grade on all tests. The objectives, graphs and discussion questions will form the basis of the test questions. These will not be open-book tests.
6. Memorize one verse per week which especially speaks to you from the reading. These memory verses will also be part of the exams.
7. Submit a paper discussing how your life has been affected as a result of your encounter with God through His Word in this course. What changes has He brought in your attitudes and behavior? What new truths did you learn? How will you be different as a result of this study of God's Word? This paper is to be a minimum of five type-written pages and is due in the tenth lesson.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D" • Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C" • Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B" • Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A" • Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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# Course Schedule

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### Lesson 1

#### Assignment to be completed:

Carefully read the introductory material in your Through the Bible text, looking up verses and completing all exercises. This information will help you glean the most from the course(s) you are beginning, and answer many of your questions about how the text is to be used.

Watch or listen to "How to Receive Revelation Knowledge," taking notes.

Read Genesis 1 - 11 and fill in chapter titles. Also read the corresponding entries in **Wilmington's Bible Handbook**, or another similar resource.

Answer discussion questions 1 and 2. Begin working on 5, 6 and 12.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

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### Lesson 2

#### Assignment to be completed:

Watch or listen to session #1 - "Hearing God," taking notes as you listen.

Read Genesis 12 - 21 and fill in chapter titles. Read the corresponding entries in a Bible handbook

Answer discussion questions 3 and 4. Continue working on 5, 6 and 12.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

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### Lesson 3

#### Assignment to be completed:

Watch or listen to session #2 - "What Is the Pentateuch?," taking notes as you listen.

Read Genesis 22 - 36 and fill in chapter titles. Read the corresponding entries in a Bible handbook.

Answer discussion questions 7 - 9. Continue working on 5, 6 and 12.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

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### Lesson 4

#### Assignment to be completed:

Watch or listen to session #3 - "Genesis of the Incarnational Messianic People," taking notes as you listen.

Read Genesis 37 - 50 and fill in chapter titles. Read the corresponding entries in a Bible handbook.

Answer discussion questions 10 and 11. Continue working on 5, 6, and 12.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.

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### Lesson 5

#### Assignment to be completed:

Watch or listen to session #4 - "Exodus," taking notes as you listen.

Read Exodus 1 - 20 and fill in chapter titles. Read the corresponding entries in a Bible handbook, and "The Astonishing Facts of the Exodus" in the text.

Answer discussion questions 1 - 3, and 7.

Learn the Ten Commandments (found in Exodus 20:3-17. You do not need to memorize this entire passage, just the specific commandments. For example, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image..." is sufficient for number two.)

Prepare for test on Genesis and Exodus to be taken in the next lesson.