
BIB103 Through the Bible

III – History 2

3 credits

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 history books of the Old Testament which cover the time of the Divided Kingdom as well as the minor prophets who spoke to the kingdoms.

Course Texts

Through the Bible by Mark and Patti Virkler

Wilmington's Bible Handbook

Through the Bible II – Divided Kingdom audio or video series by Dr. Andrew Hardy

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

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:
- The theme/content
- Time period covered (not specific dates but length of time)
- Key words or expressions
- Key events
- Key characters
- You will be able to quote ten verses of your choice from this section of Scripture.

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 holy 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!

Course Requirements

1. Classroom students must regularly attend class sessions. Extension students must listen to *Through the Bible III – Divided Kingdom* audio or video series.
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.

5. Earn a passing grade on all tests. The graphs and discussion questions will be 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.

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.

Lesson One

Reminder: Save your answers into a digital document to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will be not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

Assignment to be completed:

If this is the first Through the Bible course you have taken, you must first complete the introductory material found in the front of your text (Preface, Introduction, Interpreting Scripture, How to Receive Revelation Knowledge, Study, Meditation, and Master Overview of the Bible). Also watch or listen to “How to Receive Revelation Knowledge.” This information will make your experience with this course much more beneficial.

Watch or listen to session #1 – “1 Kings 12-22,” taking notes as you listen.

Read I Kings 12-22 and fill in chapter titles. Read the corresponding entries in *Wilmington’s Bible Handbook* or a similar resource.

Answer discussion questions 3-6.

Memorize a verse which the Spirit quickens to you.