

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39-40, 2 TIM. 2:15, MT. 11:28-30, LUKE 24:27, 32



Jn. 5:39 **Search the scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and **they are they which testify of me.**

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, **he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. ...**

32 And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us**, while he talked with us by the way, and **while he opened to us the scriptures?**

When these verses mentions the word *Scriptures*, they are referencing the Old Testament. The New Testament had not yet been given.

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Original Word: ἐρευνάω

Transliteration: ereunaó

Definition: search; **Usage:** I search diligently, examine.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2045.htm>

2 Tim. 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God,**
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly**
dividing the word of truth.

Original Word: σπουδάζω

Part of Speech: Verb (**Aorist Imperative Act.**)

Transliteration: spoudazó

Definition: to make haste, to give diligence; **Usage:** I hasten, am eager, am zealous.

spoudázō – (**figuratively**) **to move speedily by showing full diligence (fully applying oneself);**
acting *fervently* (*speedy* commitment) to accomplish all
that God assigns through faith. <https://biblehub.com/greek/4704.htm>

Mt. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

Original Word: μανθάνω

Part of Speech: Verb (**Aorist Imperative Act.**)

Transliteration: manthanó

Definition: to learn; **Usage:** I learn; with adj. or nouns: I learn to be so and so; with acc. of person who is the object of knowledge; aor. sometimes: to ascertain.

manthánō – properly, *learning* key facts; gaining "*fact-knowledge* as someone learns from experience, often with the implication of *reflection* – 'come to realize' " (becoming a disciple) <https://biblehub.com/greek/3129.htm>

Mt. 28:19 Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Original Word: μαθητεύω

Part of Speech: Verb (**Aorist Imperative Act.**)

Transliteration: mathéteuó

Definition: to be a disciple, to make a disciple

Usage: I make a disciple of, train in discipleship; pass: I am trained, disciplined, instructed.

mathēteúō (from *mathētēs*, "disciple") – to disciple, i.e. helping someone to *progressively learn* the Word of God to become a matured, growing *disciple* (literally, "a learner," a true Christ-follower); to train (develop) in the truths of Scripture *and* the *lifestyle* required, i.e. helping a believer *learn* to be a disciple of Christ *in belief and practice*.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3100.htm>

- ❖ Jesus taught that to “learn” of Him is to be “discipled.”
- ❖ A “disciple” is a “disciplined one.”
- ❖ Believers today need to be disciplined to learn the Old Testament as faithful disciples.

THE DIVINE LIBRARY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament contains 39 books. There are nine distinctive groups, beginning with the patriarchs and ending with the prophets.

I. THE PATRIARCHS: GENESIS

A. The Fathers of the Human Race

1. The Cainites
2. The Sethites
3. The Shemites
4. The Japhethites
5. The Hamites

ADAM'S IMMEDIATE DISCENDANTS

Cain

- Enoch
- Irad
- Mehujael
- Methusasel
- Lamech

Abel

Seth

- Enos
- Cainan
- Mahalaleel
- Jared
- Enoch
- Methuselah
- Noah
 - Shem
 - Ham
 - Japeth

B. The Fathers of the Hebrew Race

1. Abraham

2. Isaac

3. Jacob

4. Joseph

II. THE PROTECTORS: EXODUS

A. God Saving

B. God Separating

C. God Sanctifying

III. THE PRIESTS: LEVITICUS

Four Major Themes

- A. The Way to God
- B. The Walk with God
- C. The Worship of God
- D. The Witness to God

IV. THE PILGRIMS: NUMBERS

A. Israel in the Wilderness

B. Israel on the Way

V. THE PEOPLE: DEUTERONOMY

A. The Backward Look

B. The Inward Look

C. The Forward Look

D. The Upward Look

VI. THE PATRIOTS: JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH

VII. THE PRINCES: SAMUEL, KINGS, CHRONICLES

VIII. THE POETS: JOB, PSALMS, SONG OF SOLOMON,
PROVERBS, ECCLESIASTES

IX. THE PROPHETS: ISAIAH TO MALACHI

Conclusion

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