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In Bible classes, we usually go to a book of the Bible and concentrate on one or more chapters for several weeks. Sometimes in sermons, we emphasize one paragraph or chapter of the Bible. We often focus on one verse and talk about what each word means and discuss other related verses. In other words, most of the time we deliberate on small areas of the Bible.

As a result, although we may know much about many different verses, stories, subjects, or events in the Bible, we might never understand the overall view and context of what the Bible is about. This lack of appreciation for the overall theme of the Bible makes it easy for us to draw false conclusions about the small sections.

This outline of the whole Bible presents each of the books in the order they're found in our Bibles and gives the theme of each book beside it's name. Then the outline moves to a description that makes it easy to see the logic of God's revealed word. Referring to the outline from time to time helps us keep in mind the context of the overall picture while we study the various parts in classes and sermons.

Summary Statements of the Overall View of the Bible

Following are two summary statements of the overall view of the Bible, the origin of which I do not recall. The first one is:

Genesis begins with the creation of heaven and earth.
Revelation ends with new heavens and earth that we have available in Christ.
Genesis begins with man in the Garden of Eden.
Revelation ends with man back in Paradise, the garden of God.
Genesis begins with man losing access to the tree of life.
Revelation ends with man having access to the tree of life.
Genesis begins with man being overcome by Satan.
Revelation ends with Satan being overcome by man.
Genesis shows the beginning of sin, sorrow, pain, and death.
Revelation shows the end of sorrow, tears, death, and pain.
“Tree of Life Lost and Regained”

The second summary is:

God created man and placed him in the Garden of Eden. Man sinned and fell from what God designed him to be. God determined to save man from his sinful and fallen condition, and inaugurated a plan for man’s ultimate redemption by the calling of Abraham and dealing with him as a father of a nation through which the Messiah would come. God led Abraham out of Babylon into the land of Canaan. Abraham’s descendents migrated to Egypt because of a famine, where they grew into a mighty nation. Then, under the leadership of Moses, they were led back to Canaan, the promised land. In some four or five hundred years, under David and Solomon, they developed into a mighty nation. Then the kingdom was divided. The northern part, called Israel, lasted about 250 years, and was destroyed by Assyria in 722 BC. The southern part, called Judah, lasted 135 years longer, and then fell at the hands of the Babylonians in about 600 BC. In 536 BC, a remnant of the nation returned and re-established their national life in the land of Israel. Soon thereafter the Old Testament closed.

Four hundred years later, Jesus, the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy appeared. He performed his redemptive work, was crucified, and rose from the dead on the third day. He then commanded his disciples to carry

the story of the gospel to all nations. They went in every direction with the glorious news of salvation, mainly westward through Asia Minor and Greece, and then to Rome. In the New Testament period the gospel was preached to every nation under heaven. With the work of human redemption launched, the New Testament closes.

Outline of The Bible

This outline has been compiled from a number of sources, the bulk of it adapted from *Halley's Bible Handbook*. The topical outlines of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are from F. LaGard Smith's *Narrated Bible in Chronological Order*. The outline of the Song of Solomon is from Patsy Rae Dawson's *Marriage: A Taste of Heaven, Vol. I, God's People Appreciate Marriage*.

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- Queens and Concubines
- Villagers in Shepherd's Hometown
- Wedding Guests

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How to Study the Bible:

A Practical Guide to Independent Bible Study

Samuel G. Dawson

446 pages with comprehensive indexes

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If you've listened to this popular cassette album, you know how valuable this material is. However, the book contains significant new material not on the cassettes. It begins with a new chapter on "Jesus' Call for Disciples" that demonstrates what it means to be a true disciple or student of God's word, rather than just a spectator sitting in a pew. Another chapter explores "The Importance of the Old Testament to New Testament Christians," while it exposes many of our unfounded prejudices against the Old Covenant. A great help is a list of "Old Testament Passages Quoted in the New Testament," which points us to the inspired commentary on those prophetic verses.

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Although written by a serious non-denominational Bible student, preacher, and teacher of nearly 40 years, this book is not for the professional Bible scholar or theologian. It is for the independent Bible student who would like to know more of the Bible's teaching without a denominational slant or dependence on a professional. In recent years, the availability of helpful reference works has exploded, as have resources on the Internet. As modern Bibles and the religious world are becoming more premillennialistic and Calvinistic, the emphasis on online easy-to-use Bible aids helps today's student remain true to God's word-for-word inspired text. You can take advantage of these new opportunities for yourself.

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**Marriage, Divorce
& Remarriage**
*The Uniform Teaching of
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This groundbreaking material differs from others on the subject in that it proves that Moses, Jesus, and Paul all taught the same thing about divorce and remarriage. Most efforts on this issue don't deal with Moses' teaching in the Old Testament; and thus, they take Jesus' and Paul's teaching out of the context of explaining divorce and remarriage to the Jews: "men who understood the law" (Rom. 7:1). By studying the consistencies between what Moses, Jesus, and Paul taught, as one preacher explained, "Sam has finally cracked the nut on MDR." Undoubtedly, this work will aid other serious students in their quest for truth and open up new avenues for study.

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• The Restoration Movement in America

Christians, Churches, & Controversy: Navigating Doctrinal & Personal Clashes

Samuel G. Dawson

216 pages with comprehensive indexes

An eighteenth century Scottish poet wrote concerning war: "Rash, fruitless war, from wanton glory waged, is only splendid murder."

An older preacher used this quotation when he wrote concerning a particularly brutal doctrinal attack on another elderly preacher by a group of younger, treacherous preachers. While many controversies among Christians and churches aren't this vicious, many Christians and congregations simply don't know how to navigate personal and doctrinal clashes; and thus, do more harm than good. Such situations expose some noble and naïve souls to some pretty treacherous Christians. Yet, many Christians consent to much worse than Saul did at Stephen's stoning while "consenting to his death" by just holding the coats of the stone-throwers.

Most members, whose jobs aren't even on the line, refuse to ratchet up their courage to be bothered by congregational problems and decisions. They may just want difficulties handled by the congregational leaders so they can avoid being involved. Consequently, many Christians go blithely on, consenting through ignorance to mistreatment of others that goes on behind the scenes.

This book is not for you if:

- You're not a serious student of the Bible
- Your concept of Bible study is listening to your teacher go through a quarterly class book
- Your concept of being a Christian consists mainly of "going to church"
- You depend on the preacher to do your studying for you
- You're in a denomination where all the thinking is done at the top
- You're an elder who is afraid for the congregation to study controversial subjects

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The Teaching of Jesus

*From Sinai to Gehenna: A Faithful Rabbi Urgently
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446 pages

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**This Book Will Change Your View of Jesus’
Teaching and the Entire New Testament as It
Exposes Many of Our False Concepts**

This work begins with a study of covenant concepts in the Bible, the reign of God prior to the coming of Christ, and the sophisticated expectations God has always had of non-covenant people. After demonstrating that forgiveness of sins existed under the Mosaic Law, the author develops the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus as an urgent attempt to turn the Jewish nation back to God through faithful obedience to the Mosaic Law in order to avoid imminent national destruction.

The Sermon on the Mount is viewed, not as a contrast between the Mosaic Law and the teaching of Christ, but as Jesus correctly interpreting Moses to the Jews of his day. Thus, every syllable of that sermon is Old Testament teaching. That most of that teaching is also contained in the New Covenant is demonstrated.

The parables of Jesus are then briefly analyzed, showing that each one of them is first related to the attempted reform of the Jews by Jesus. The theme of the relative importance of one’s treatment of his fellowman over his formal religious service is traced throughout the Old and New Covenants. The study of *The Teaching of Jesus* concludes as Jesus concluded it, with a study of his pronouncement of imminent national destruction in Matthew 24.

Samuel G. Dawson

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Sam drew on decades of experience working with local congregations to write *Fellowship: With God and His People: The Way of Christ Without Denominationalism*; *Denominational Doctrines: Explained, Examined, Exposed*; and *Christians, Churches, & Controversy: Navigating Doctrinal & Personal Clashes*.

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