

The Unified Scriptures

The Story of the Bible

North Hixson church of Christ

January – March 2014

Lesson 12: I Build On God's Plan (Part I):

Individual Applications

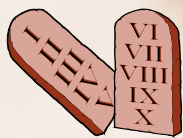
Course Objectives

- To grow in our knowledge and understanding of the facts, themes, and principles of scripture. (2 Tim 3:15)
- To gain confidence in the inspiration of the Bible and its power to change our lives. (Heb. 4:12)
- To increase our faith and hope in God and His wisdom. (1 Peter 1:21)
- To equip ourselves with the ability to tell the story of the Bible to others. (Mark 16:15)





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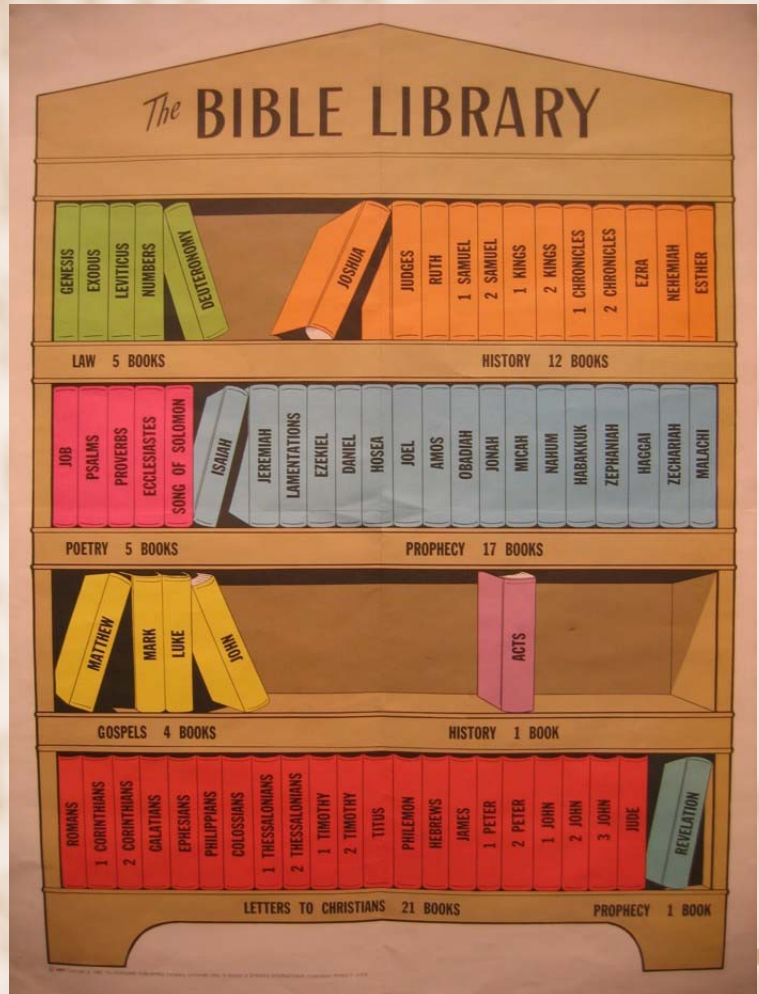
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**The message of
the Old
Testament:**

**The Messiah is
coming**





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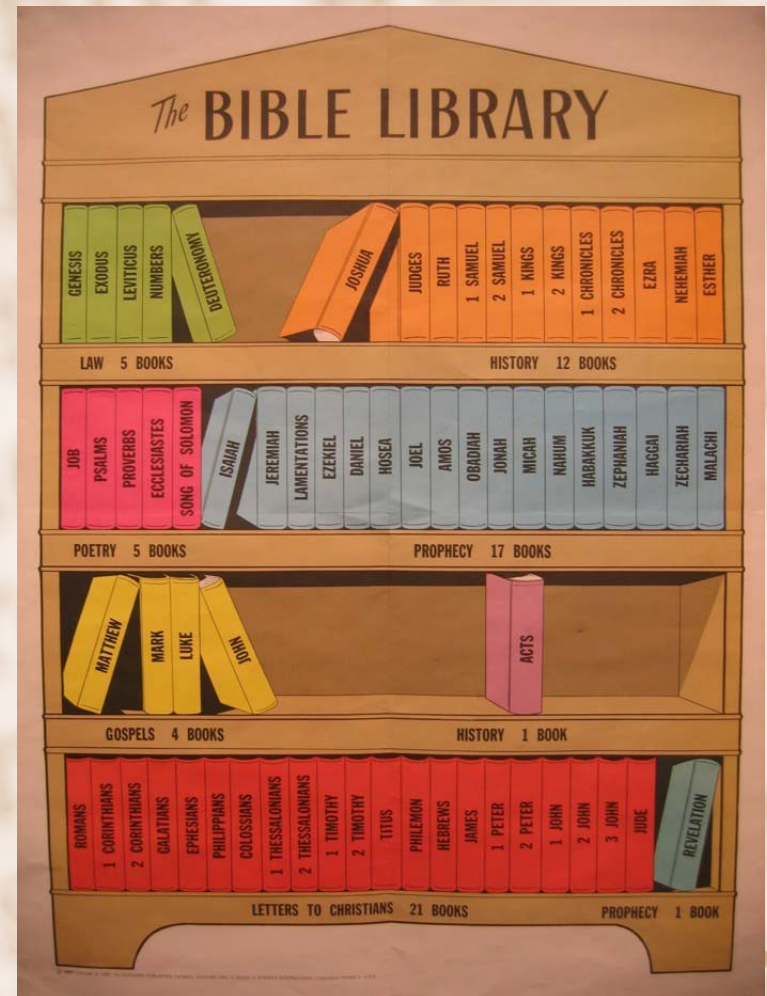
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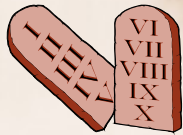
The message of the New Testament:

Acts 2:36

“God has made
this Jesus...both
Lord and Christ”



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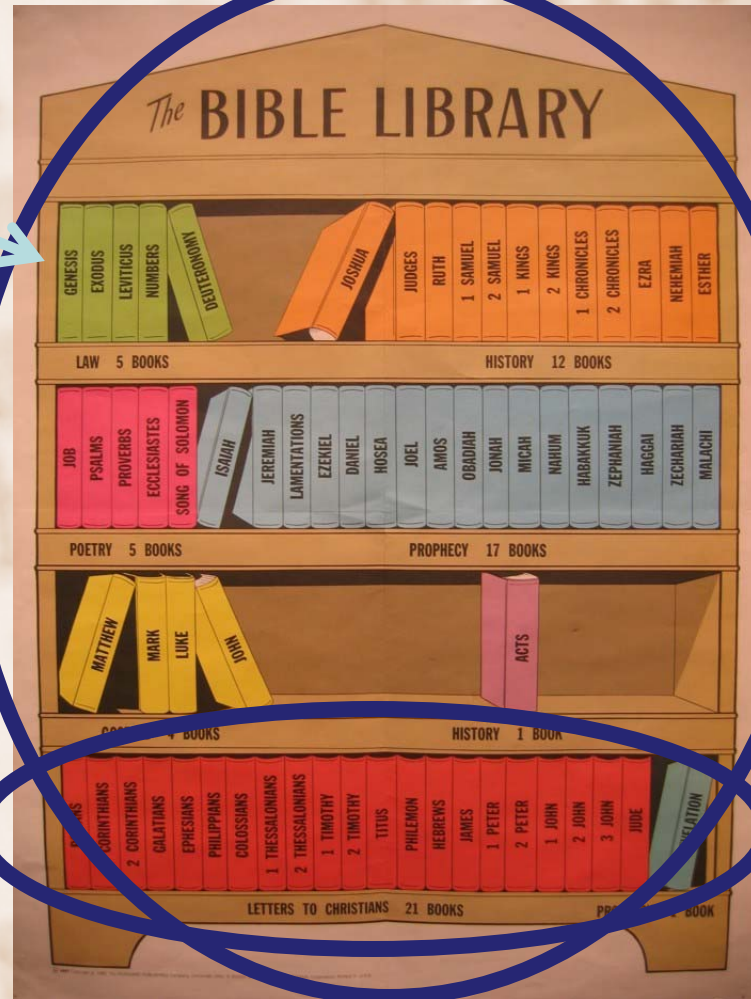
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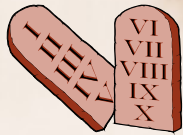
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..these things happened unto them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come. (1 Cor 10:11)



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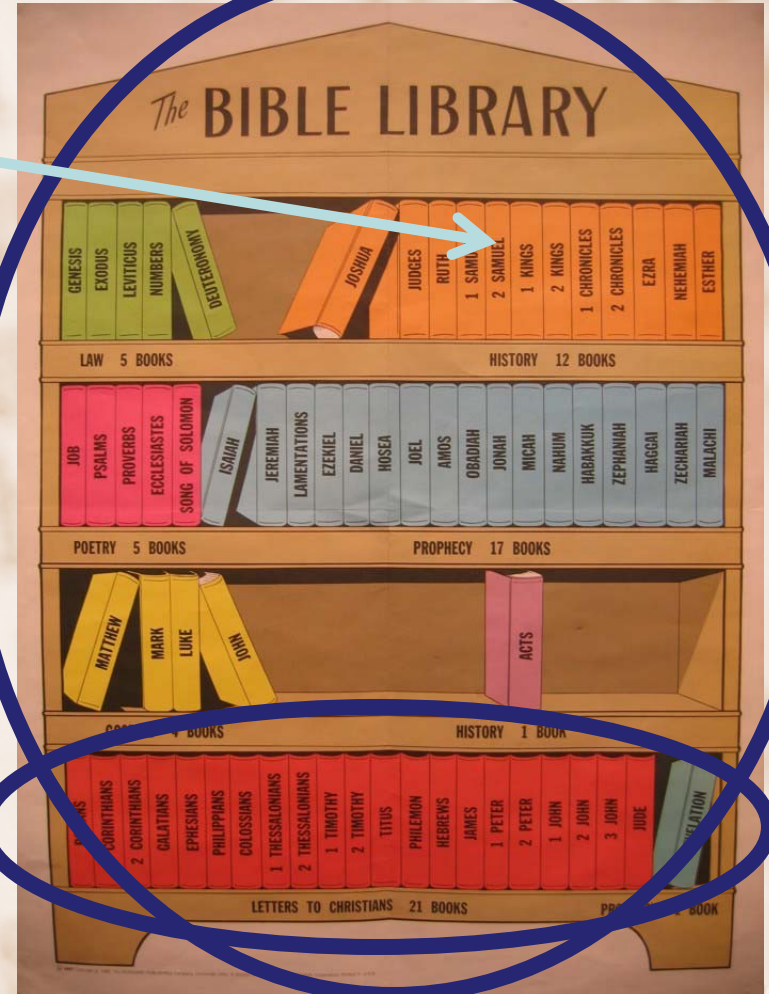
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Caiaphas...prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad. (Jn 11:49-52)



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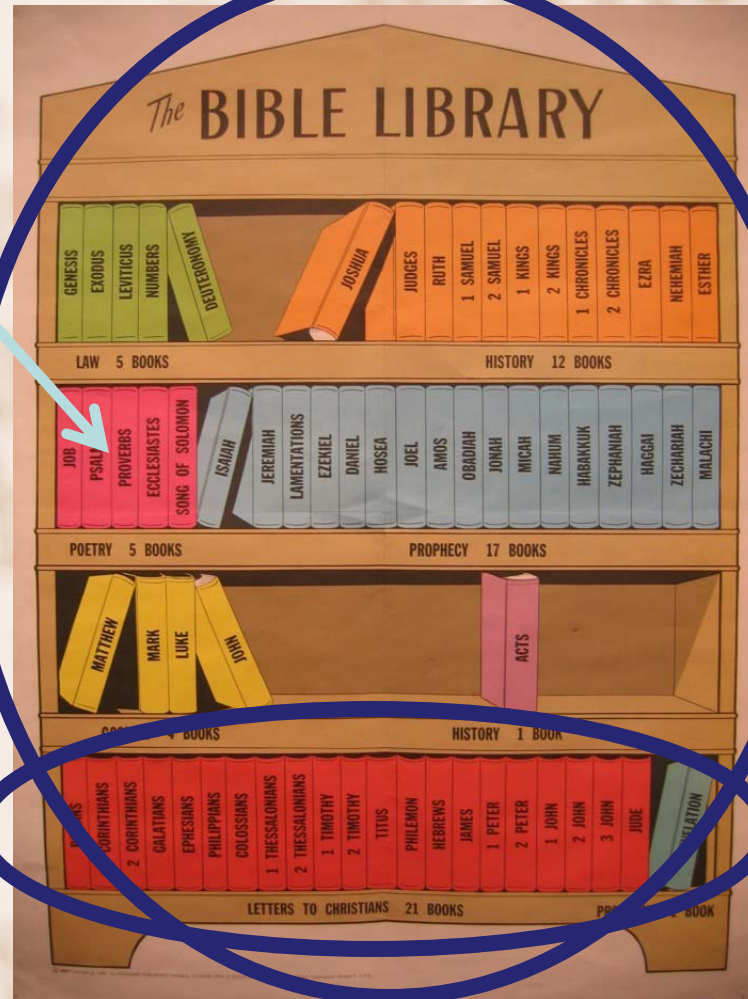
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...speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord... (Eph 5:19)



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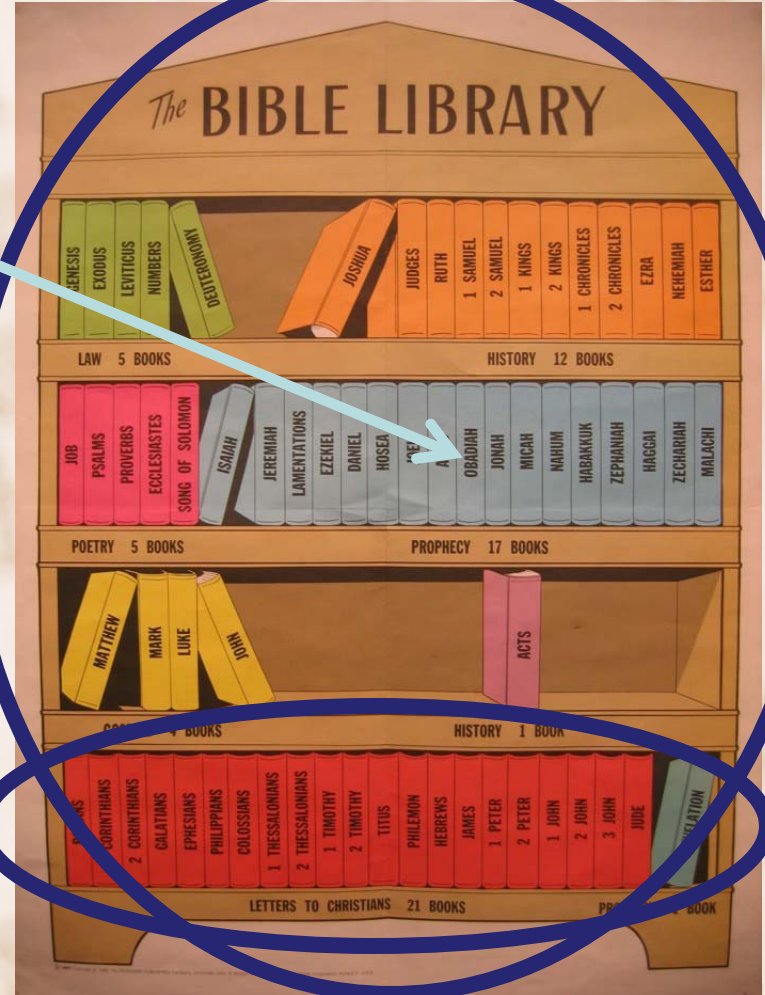
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Take, brethren, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets who spake in the name of the Lord. (Jas 5:10)



Micah 4:1-2

Now it shall come to pass in the latter days

That the mountain of the LORD's house
Shall be established on the top of the
mountains,

And shall be exalted above the hills;

And peoples shall flow to it.

Many nations shall come and say,

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the
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To the house of the God of Jacob;

He will teach us His ways,

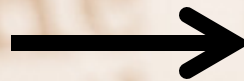
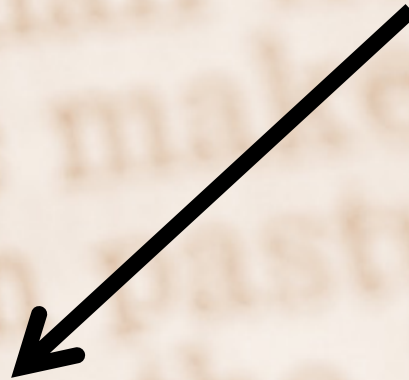
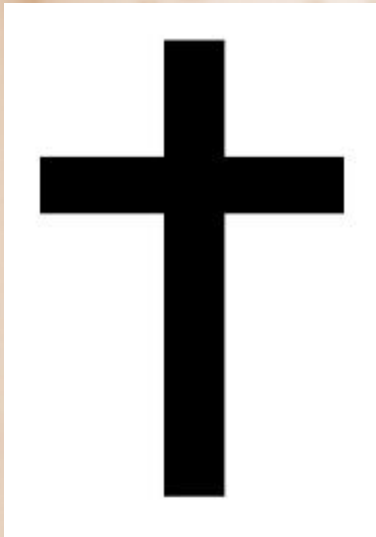
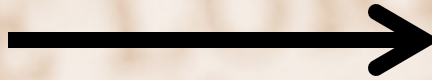
And we shall walk in His paths."



I Build on God's Plan: Coming to God's House

- **Coming to God's house is NOT:**
 - "Joining" the "right church"
 - Following the right "process"
 - Outward compliance with God's instructions
- **Coming to God's house IS: coming to Jesus Christ to be saved by His blood and added to His church (Acts 2:47)**
 - Obedience from the heart (Rom 6:17) – come on His terms, not ours
 - Total commitment (Mark 8:34-37)
 - Count the cost (Luke 14:25-33)
 - Pay the price (Matt 13:44-45)
 - The result:
 - New creatures (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - Living stones (1 Peter 2:5)
 - Many sons to glory (Heb. 2:10, cf. Rom 8:29)





Hearing

- Romans 10:17 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Belief

- John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repentance

- Luke 13:3 - I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish

Confession

- Romans 10:9 - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Baptism

- Mark 16:16 - He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Faithful Continuance

- Romans 11:22 - Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

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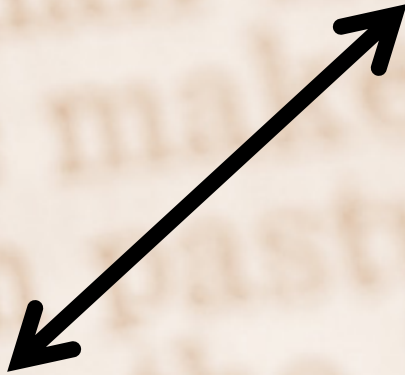
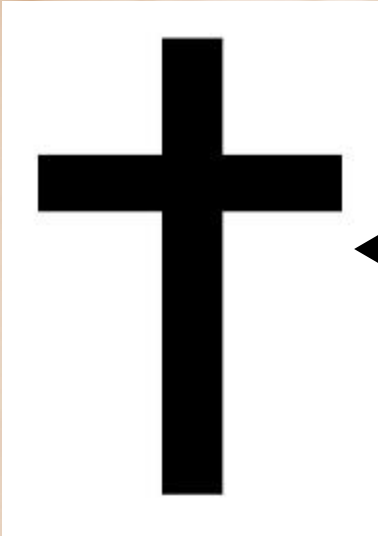
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I Build on God's Plan: Walking in God's Paths

- **Walk in newness of life**
 - Dead to sin, alive to God (Rom 6:1-14)
 - Renewed in the spirit of your mind (Eph. 4:23, cf. Rom 12:2)
 - New principles, motives, objects, emotions, hopes, possessions, world (Spurgeon, 1891)
- **Walk by faith**
 - Have confidence in our eternal destination (2 Cor. 4:16 – 5:8)
 - Trust God completely with circumstances of life (2 Cor. 6:3-10)
- **Walk in the Spirit**
 - Crucify the works of the flesh (Gal 5:16-25)
 - Recognize the spiritual dangers of a carnal mind (Rom 8:1-11)
 - Develop spiritual discernment (1 Cor 2:6-16, cf. Heb 5:12-14)
- **Walk in the light**
 - Diligently study the message to find out what is acceptable to God (Eph. 5:8-10, cf. Ps. 119:105)
 - Carefully obey the truth – aim to please God (1 Jn. 1:1-9, cf. 2 Cor 5:9)



Next week

*Lesson 13: I Build on God's Plan (Part II):
Interpersonal and Collective Applications*



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