

Prelude to - Beginning Study of the LORD

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This series on “**Beginning Study of the LORD**” is written to help others that are not versed in the Holy Bible by identifying the key or major lessons that God’s word gives us. This series can be thought of as a set of study notes for preparing for the exam we all take, the one for obtaining eternal life.

These notes or documents are put together in order to quickly orientate and summarize major themes for one to quickly gain understanding. Urgency in learning God’s word is here now as time is very rapidly running out. At the present, early 2022, there appears to be from 1 to a maximum of 5 years remaining before the Start of the Great Tribulation. We do not know the exact number, but everything from **Bible prophecy** tells us of recognizing the season and now the start of the Tribulation is very close. We are told that it will be just like the days of Noah, with nearly all people walking as if they have a normal long life ahead of them, just like each generation before them. Once the Tribulation starts, the choice you made will be fixed and your future fate will be sealed.

The Holy Bible is filled with information and cannot be learned in a very short period of time. It is complex and fragmented, meanings of some words are not clear and need the use of a dictionary, known as Strong’s Numbers. The Bible needs to be read and re-read many times to come to a good level of understanding. Each time it is read a new pieces of the jigsaw puzzle are found. Salvation issues are clear if read in **proper context** and with an open mind. Prophecy is complex and well hidden and one will never understand it, unless the Holy Spirit opens it, piece by piece. In order to help others not familiar with the Bible, these study notes are essentially a crash course.

The Bible is **unbelievably logical and complex**. If you collect scripture on the same topic or theme, the Bible will in most cases interpret itself. A problem today is nearly all preachers really do not know what the Bible says. They learn in Bible colleges, being taught by others, and once learned they cannot let go even when shown what scripture is really saying. They develop preconceived ideas and do not know how to read in context. **In addition few people have the ability or know how to think, analyze, correlate and apply logic on a deep level.** To read the Bible properly one must be like a **detective**, gather information and then see what it says. There is no filtering or using any preconceived ideas, all the information must fit, otherwise you do not have a correct understanding. Understand also you can never ignore any scripture. It all is given to us for a reason.

The documents in this study are progressive and build upon themselves for depth and accuracy of understanding. They need to be **used with prayer** to our heavenly Father in order to work. The way forward is to **only follow and obey what the scriptures say**. Do not accept what any man says, check it against scripture, and keep only what is found to be true as supported by scripture. There is the way of the world and the way of God, the two are very different. One path leads to eternal damnation the other to eternal life and salvation.

In order to truly benefit from these Beginning Studies, check what is stated against scripture. Pray to the Father for help and guidance. Let go of preconceived ideas and open your mind. Submit to God. **Read with reason and logic.** Look for clues in the scriptures. Collect scriptures that address the same theme, together. Obey what is opened to your mind in understanding God's Word. Pay close attention to the meaning of words.

A **foundation** is that we are to live only by God's Word. We are not to live by what anyone says or by Church Doctrine. The only Doctrine we are to follow is the Complete Bible.

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