

## Learning God's Word Part 4

- First, the *uniqueness of Scripture*
- Second, the *necessity of Scripture*
- Third, the *structure of Scripture*
- #1: Structure of *the Bible as a whole*:
  - Old Testament
    - Book categories of the Old Testament
      - Law – 5
      - History – 12
      - Poetry – 5
      - Prophets – 17
  - New Testament
    - Book categories of the New Testament
      - History – 5
      - Letters – 21
      - Prophecy – 1
- #2: Structure of *the individual books of the Bible*:
  - Old Testament:

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- A. The book of *Genesis*
- B. The book of *Haggai*
- C. The book of *Proverbs*
- D. The book of *Job*
  - The overall structure of Job
    - Introduction, 1-2
    - Dialogue between Job and his friends, 3-31
    - Four speeches by Elihu, 32-37
    - Two speeches by God, 38-42:6
    - Conclusion, 42:7-17
- E. The book of *Psalms*
  - Book #1: Psalms 1-41 – Psalm 41:13, “Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.”
  - Book #2: Psalms 42-72 – Psalm 72:18-20, “Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things! And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended”

- Book #3: Psalms 73-89 – Psalm 89:52, “Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen and Amen”
  - Book #4: Psalms 90-106 – Psalm 106:48, “Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’ Praise the LORD!”
  - Book #5: Psalms 107-150 – Psalm 150:6, “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!”
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- F. The book of *Amos*
  - Eight prophecies of judgment:
    - Judgment on *Damascus* – Amos 1:3, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
    - Judgment on *Philistia* – Amos 1:6, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
    - Judgment on *Tyre* – Amos 1:9, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
    - Judgment on *Edom* – Amos 1:11, “Thus says the LORD: "For three

transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”

- Judgment on *Ammon* – Amos 1:13, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
- Judgment on *Moab* – Amos 2:1, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
- Judgment on *Judah* – Amos 2:4, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
- Judgment on *Israel* – Amos 2:6, “Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment”
- Three sermons:
  - Sermon #1: Israel’s *doom* – Amos 3:1, “Hear this word . . .”
  - Sermon #2: Israel’s *depravity* – Amos 4:1, “Hear this word . . .”
  - Sermon #3: Israel’s *dirge* – Amos 5:1  
Hear this word . . .”

- Four visions:
  - Vision #1: Destroying locusts – Amos 7:1, “Thus the Lord GOD showed me . . .”
  - Vision #2: Plumline – Amos 7:7, “Thus He showed me . . .”
  - Vision #3: Basket of ripe fruit – Amos 8:1, “Thus the Lord GOD showed me . . .”
  - Vision #4: God judging – Amos 9:1, “I saw the Lord . . .”
  
- New Testament:
  - A. Matthew
    - Phrase #1 in Matthew 7:28: “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings”
    - Phrase #2 in Matthew 11:1: “Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples,” ending section 2
    - Phrase #3 in Matthew 13:53: “Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables,” ending section 3
    - Phrase #4 in Matthew 19:1: “Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings,” ending section 4
    - Phrase #5 in Matthew 26:1: “Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings,” ending section 5

- B. Book of Acts
  - Area #1: The gospel going out *to Jerusalem*, 2:1-8:3
  - Area #2: The gospel going out *to all Judea and Samaria*, 8:4-12:25
  - Area #3: The gospel going out *to the end of the earth*, 13:1-28:31
  
- C. I Corinthians
  - Problem #1: Sexual immorality – 1 Corinthians 5:1, “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you”
  - Problem #2: Celibacy and divorce – 1 Corinthians 7:1, “Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman
  - Problem #3: Celibacy and Christian service – 1 Corinthians 7:25, “Now concerning virgins”
  - Problem #4: Things sacrificed to idols – 1 Corinthians 8:1, “Now concerning things offered to idols”
  - Problem #5: Spiritual gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:1, “Now concerning spiritual gifts”

- Problem #6: Benevolent giving – 1 Corinthians 16:1, “Now concerning the collection for the saints”
  
- D. Book of Revelation
  - Revelation 1:19, “Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this”
  
  - Theme #1: The things *which you have seen*, 1:9-20
  
  - Theme #2: The things *which are*, 2:1-3:22
  
  - Theme #3: The things *which will take place after this*, 4:1-22:5