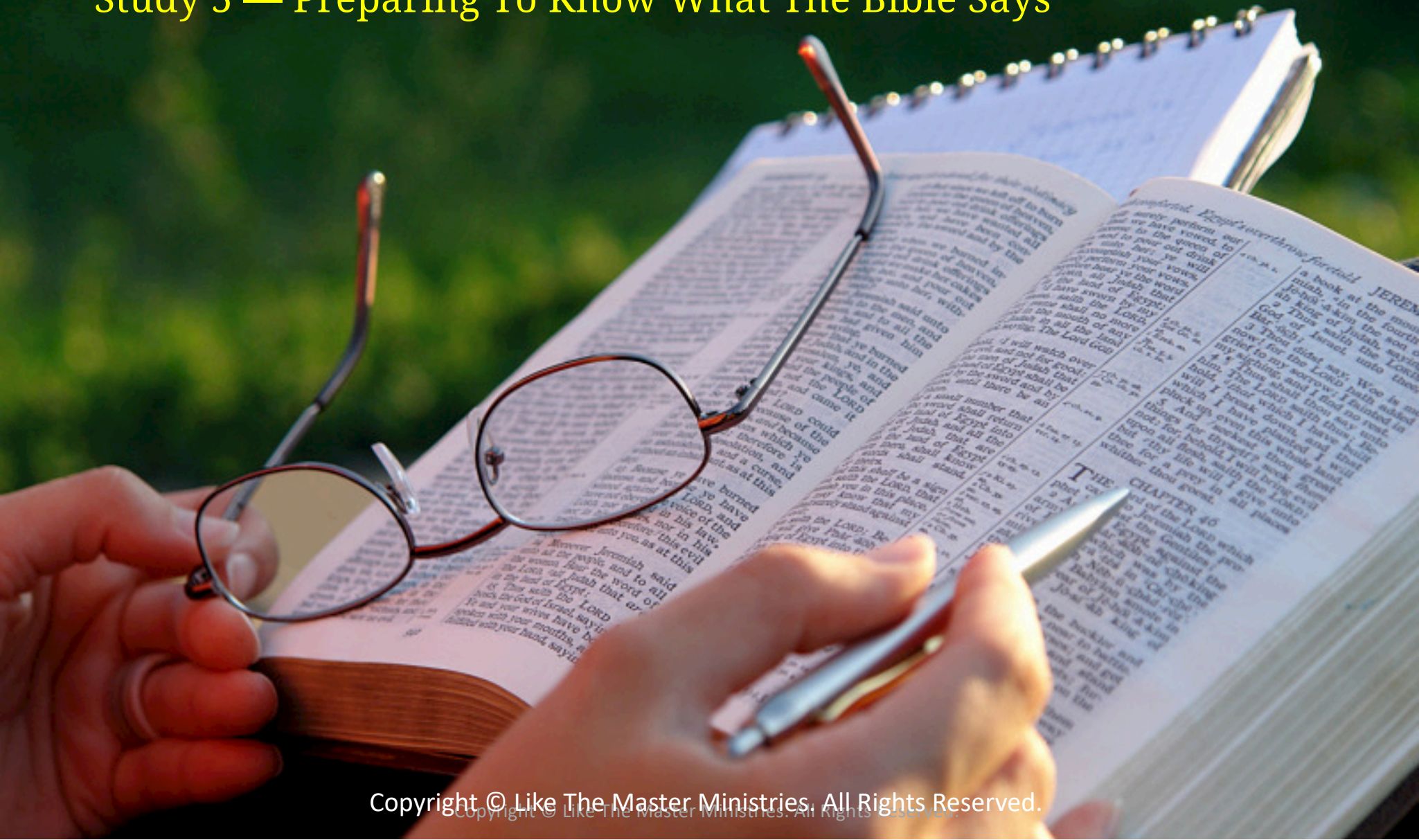


How To Study The Bible

Study 5 — Preparing To Know What The Bible Says



The Plan

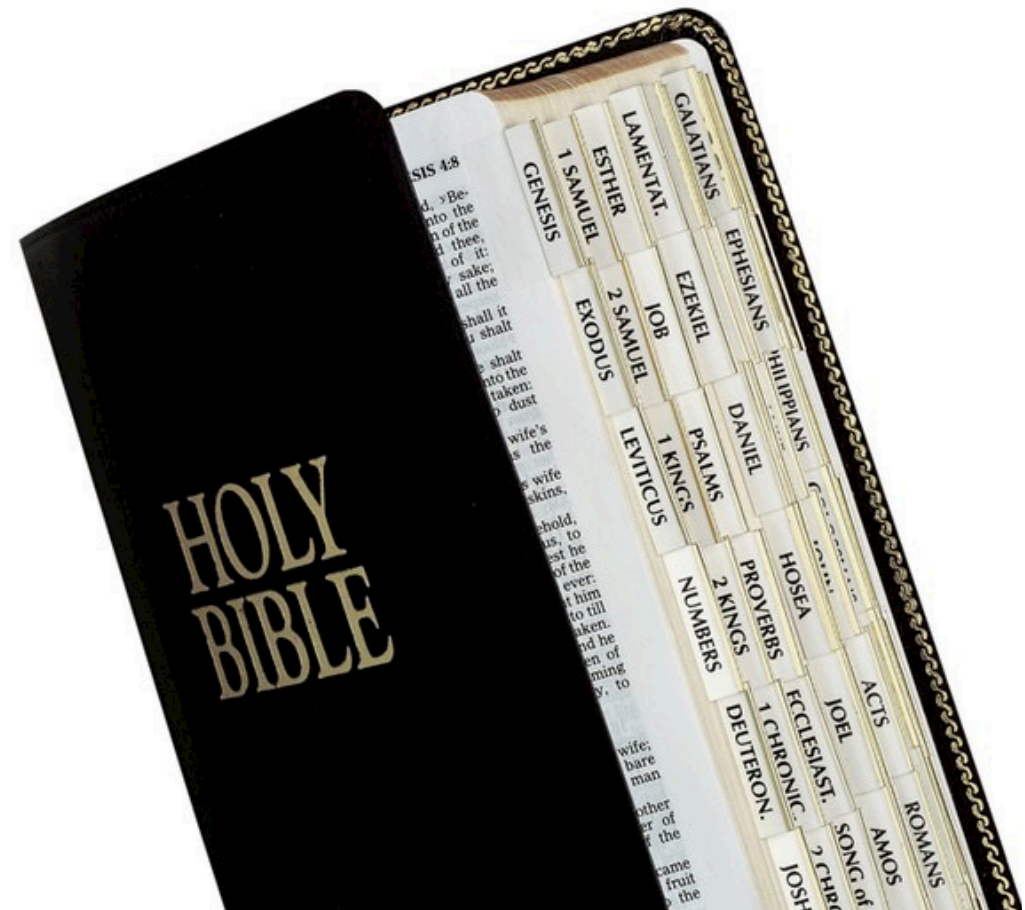
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How To Find Books Of The Bible

Memorize



Tabs For Bible



Key Question For This Study

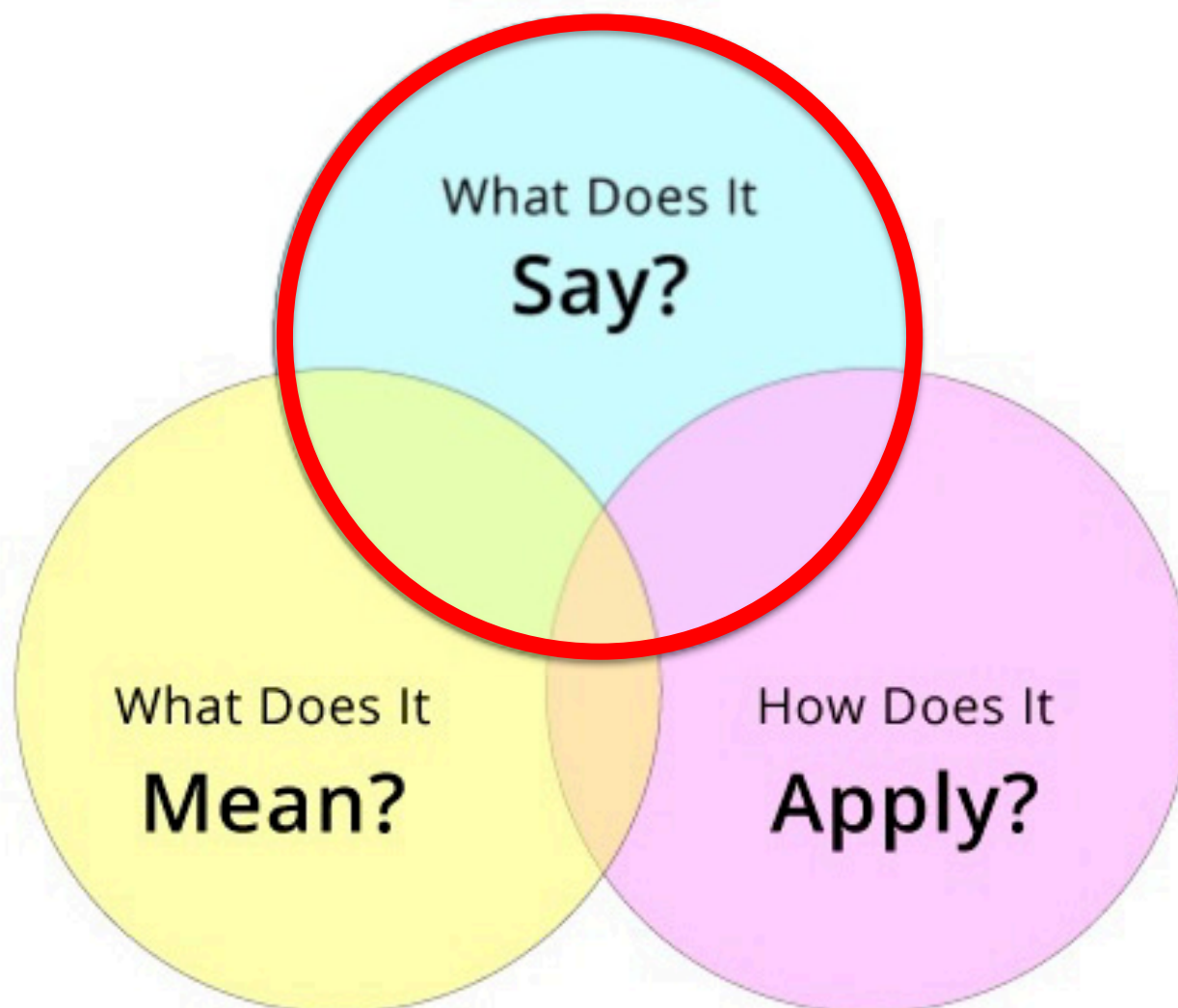
**How did the saints study
the scriptures?**

Ezra 7:10

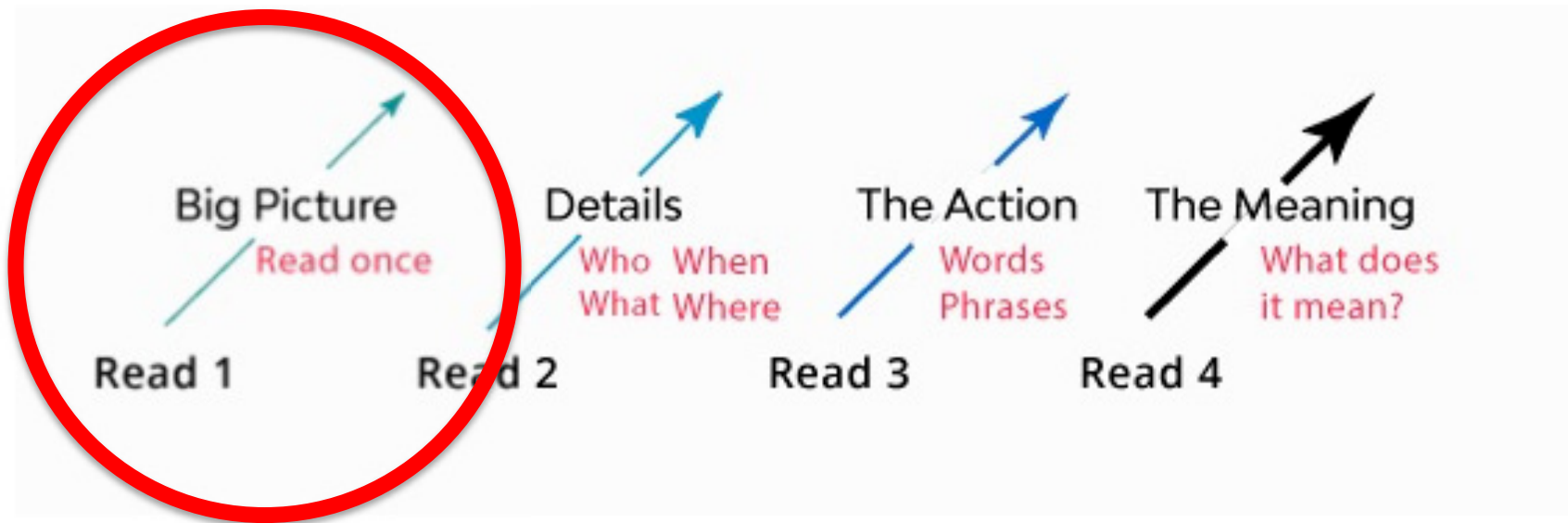
Nehemiah 8:8

1 Timothy 4:13

SMA – Pattern Of The Saints



SAY – *Four Reading Steps!*



How To Discover What It Says

- 1. What Bible should you read?***
- 2. Watch the chapter and verse divisions.***
- 3. Notice the MSS comments.***

Which Bible Should You Read?

- One that reads easily so you can understand it?
- The “King James Version Bible” because it is the most accurate?
- The “Today's New International Version” (TNIV) because it is gender neutral?
- The “The Passion Bible” because it is inspired by the Holy Spirit?
- The David Jeremiah Study Bible because I like him?

***Which Bible Should You Use
For Bible Study,
If You Do Not Know
Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek?***



*This makes me sick!!! Why don't they learn
to speak American like Jesus did!!!*

Two Types of Translations

- **Can you describe this type of Bible?**
 - **Thought-for-Thought: Dynamic Equivalence**
 - **Word-for-Word: Formal Equivalence**

Types of Translations

Thought-for-Thought: Dynamic Equivalence

The goal is to provide the sense of the original Greek and Aramaic.

- **Advantage** – Easier to read.
- **Disadvantage** – Knowledge of the Greek and Aramaic languages is desirable. Translator inserts his own ideas. The translation approaches that of a commentary and changes the actual meaning.

Types of Translations

Word-for-Word: Formal Equivalence

The goal is to provide a literal translation that is as close as possible to the original Greek and Aramaic.

- **Advantage** – Minimize the need to know Greek and Aramaic.
- **Disadvantage** – May be more difficult to read since it attempts to translate word-for-word.

Exercise!!

Compare some English Bibles to the original Greek in Acts 14:23 and determine which one(s) are:

- **Not Accurate**
- **Accurate**
- **Very Accurate**

Greek Text of Acts 14:23

χειροτονήσαντες δὲ αὐτοῖς κατ' ἐκκλησίαν
πρεσβυτέρους, προσευξάμενοι μετὰ νηστειῶν,
παρέθεντο αὐτοὺς τῷ Κυρίῳ εἰς ὃν πεπιστεύκεισαν.

Nestle-Aland 27th Edition Greek New Testament

Literal Translation:

And they had appointed for them in every church
elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended
them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

***Which of These Bibles Are
Closest To The Greek?***

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The Amplified Bible?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Amplified Bible:

When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they believed [and joyfully accepted as the Messiah].

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The Amplified Bible?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Amplified Bible: — *Not Accurate*

When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they believed [and joyfully accepted as the Messiah].

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The New Living Bible?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

New Living Bible: — *Not Accurate*

Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The Passion Bible?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

The Passion: — *Not Accurate*

Paul and Barnabas ordained leaders, known as elders, from among the congregations in every church they visited.

After prayer and fasting, they publicly committed them into the care and protection of the Lord of their faith.

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The New International Version (NIV) Bible?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

NIV Bible: — *Not Accurate*

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders[a] for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The King James Bible?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

King James Bible: — *Accurate*

And when they had **ordained** them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The New American Standard Bible (NASB)?

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

NASB Bible: — *Very Accurate*

When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Acts 14:23 – How Accurate Is The English Standard Version (ESV) Bible

Greek Text:

And they had appointed for them in every church elders, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

ESV Bible: — *Very Accurate*

And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Accuracy of Bibles To The Greek Text

KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV, and the LSB are now the most accurate Bibles.

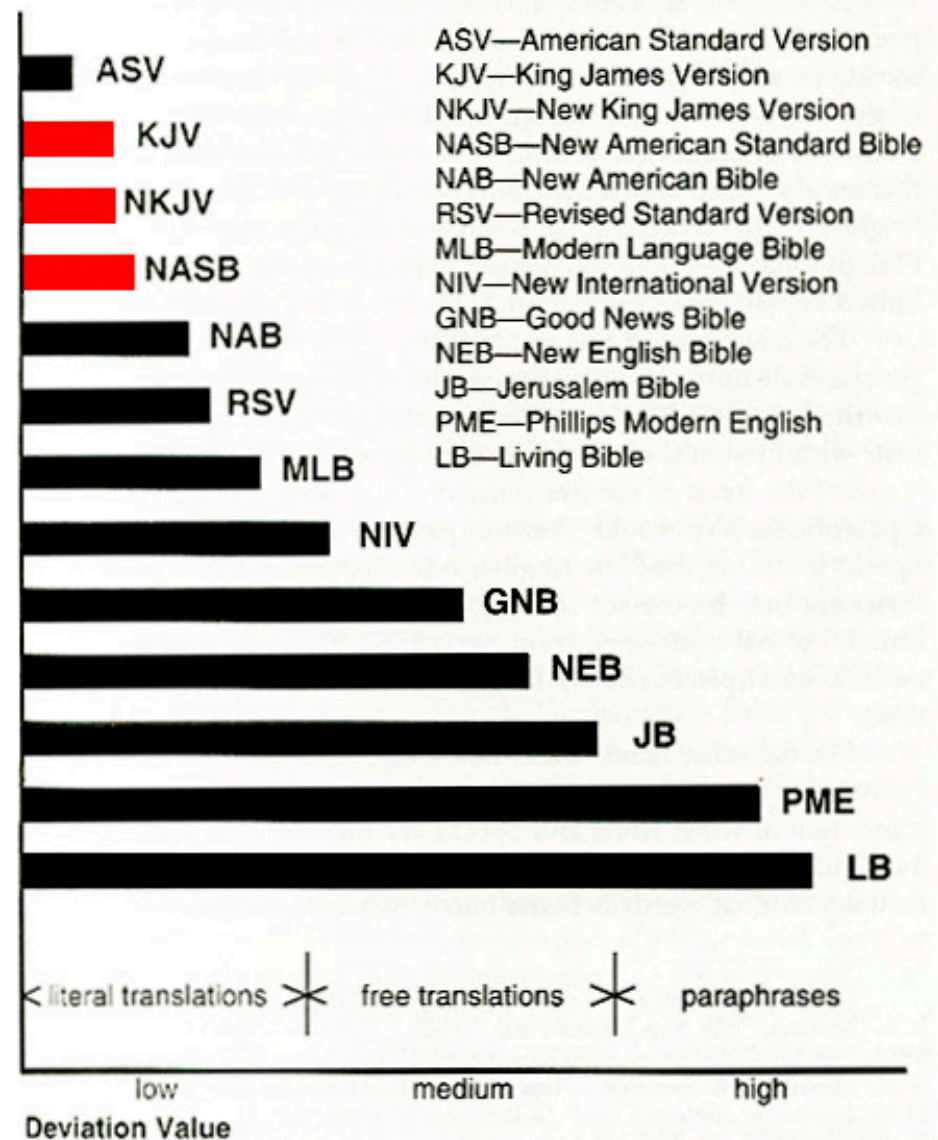


Figure 17-1
Deviation Values in Romans

Summary

- **What are the benefits of thought-for-thought Bibles?**
- **What are the benefits of word-for-word Bibles?**
- **Which Bible(s) are best for helping us know what Scripture says, if you do not know Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic?**

How To Discover What It Says

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Chapter Divisions

- **Chapter divisions were developed by Stephen Lenton**
 - **In A.D. 1227**
 - **First Bible that contained chapter divisions was the Wycliffe Bible**

Example of Bad Chapter Division

Note: 1 John 2:1-2 finishes the discussion of chapter 1.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. — 1 John 1:9-10

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. — 1 John 2:1-2

Verse Divisions

- **Jewish Rabbi created them for the O.T. - Nathan**
 - **In A.D. 1448**
- **Robert Estienne created them for the N.T.**
 - **In A.D. 1555**
 - **First Bible that contained verse divisions was the Geneva Bible**

Example of Bad Verse Division

Note: verse 4 continues a sentence and starts a new one.

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love — Ephesians 1:4

he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, — Ephesians 1:5

How To Discover What It Says

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Some Bibles Indicate Mathew 17:21 As Being In Question

***Verse is found
in Mark 9:29.***

When the disciples heard *this*,
they fell down to the ground and
worshipped.

Jesus came to *them* and
touched them and said, "Get up, and
do not be afraid."

Lifting up their eyes, they
saw none except Jesus Himself.

As they were coming down
from the mountain, Jesus commanded
them, "Tell the vision to no
one. For the Son of Man has risen
from the dead."

His disciples asked Him,
"Why do the scribes say that Eli-
jah must come first?"

"Because of the littleness of
your faith; for truly I say to you, if
you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you will say to this mountain, 'Move
from here to there,' and it will move;
and nothing will be impossible to
you."

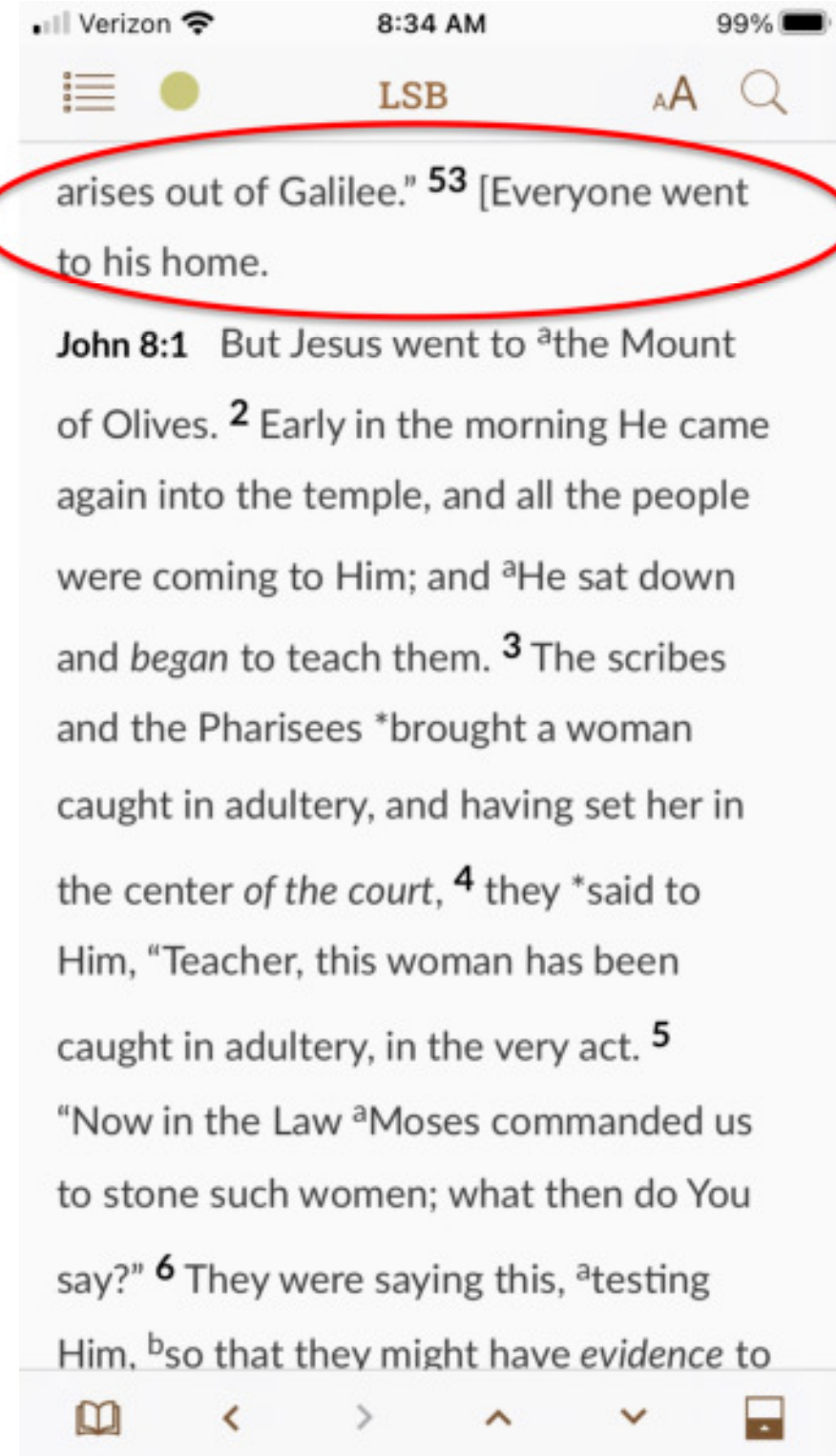
21 ["But this kind does not go out
except by prayer and fasting."]

22 And while they were gathering
together in Galilee, Jesus said to
them, "The Son of Man is going to be
delivered into the hands of men;

23 and they will kill Him, and He
will be raised on the third day." And
they were deeply grieved.

Why Is Matthew 17:21 A Footnote In The NASB?

***Some Bibles
Indicate
John 7:53 – 8:11
As Being In
Question***



Why We Should Notice MSS Comments!

- **What is the problem of establishing a teaching or doctrine on words, and sentences that are not certain?**
- **When can we use words, and sentences that are in doubt that are not certain?**

Are You Interested?

Would you like to be part of a Zoom meeting to learn a few things about Greek?

32 **but I** say to you that everyone who divorces his wife
δέ **ἐγώ** λέγω σύ ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ἀπολύω αὐτός ὁ γυνή

On The 50 Yard Line

“Things To Do”

Assignment

- 1. Memorize the books of the Bible in order.**
- 2. Read John 6:15-21 at least once a day. Ask yourself, “What does the passage say?” each day.**
- 3. Then read Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52.**