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NEW

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2025

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We made
it here

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WHAT'S NEXT?



FUTURE



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**Bible study
makes it better!**



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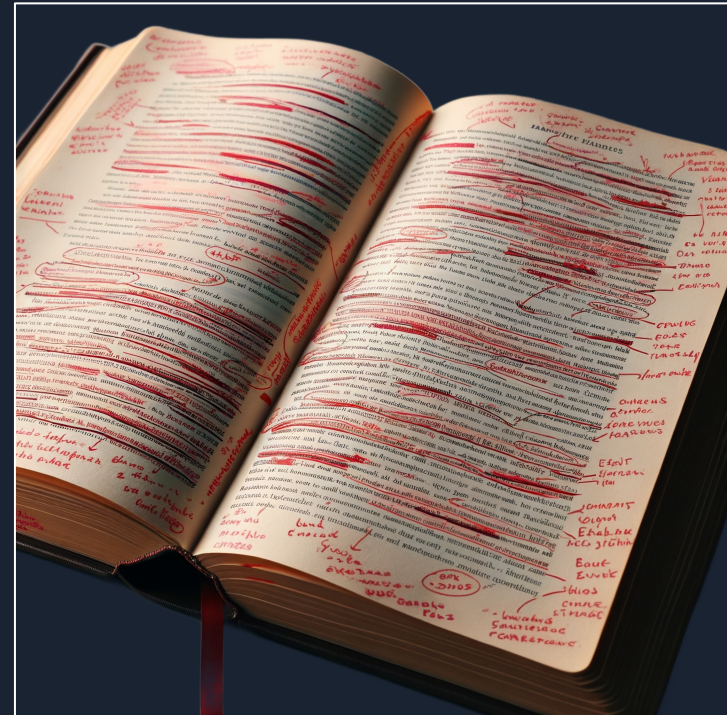
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real fitness for real people



Today we learn to study
our Bibles better





Warmup:
Important ways we start



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1 Cor 2:10

...these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Cor 2:10

...ἡμῖν δὲ ἀπεκάλυψεν ὁ θεὸς διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος· τὸ γὰρ πνεῦμα πάντα ἐραυνᾷ, καὶ τὰ βάθη τοῦ θεοῦ.

1 Cor 2:14

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Cor 2:14

ψυχικὸς δὲ ἄνθρωπος οὐ δέχεται τὰ τοῦ πνεύματος τοῦ θεοῦ· μωρία γὰρ αὐτῷ ἐστὶν καὶ οὐ δύναται γινῶναι, ὅτι πνευματικῶς ἀνακρίνεται.

Begin with prayer



Lord, open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to understand Your word. Teach me what You want me to learn today.

Ps. 119:18

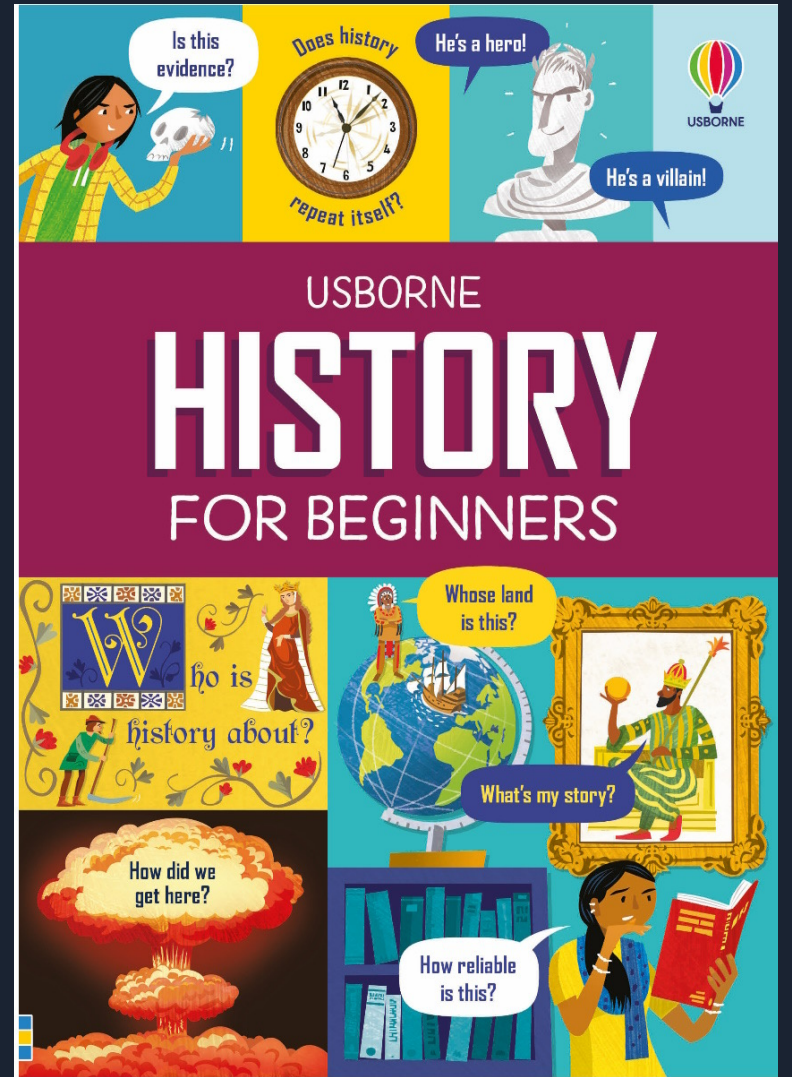
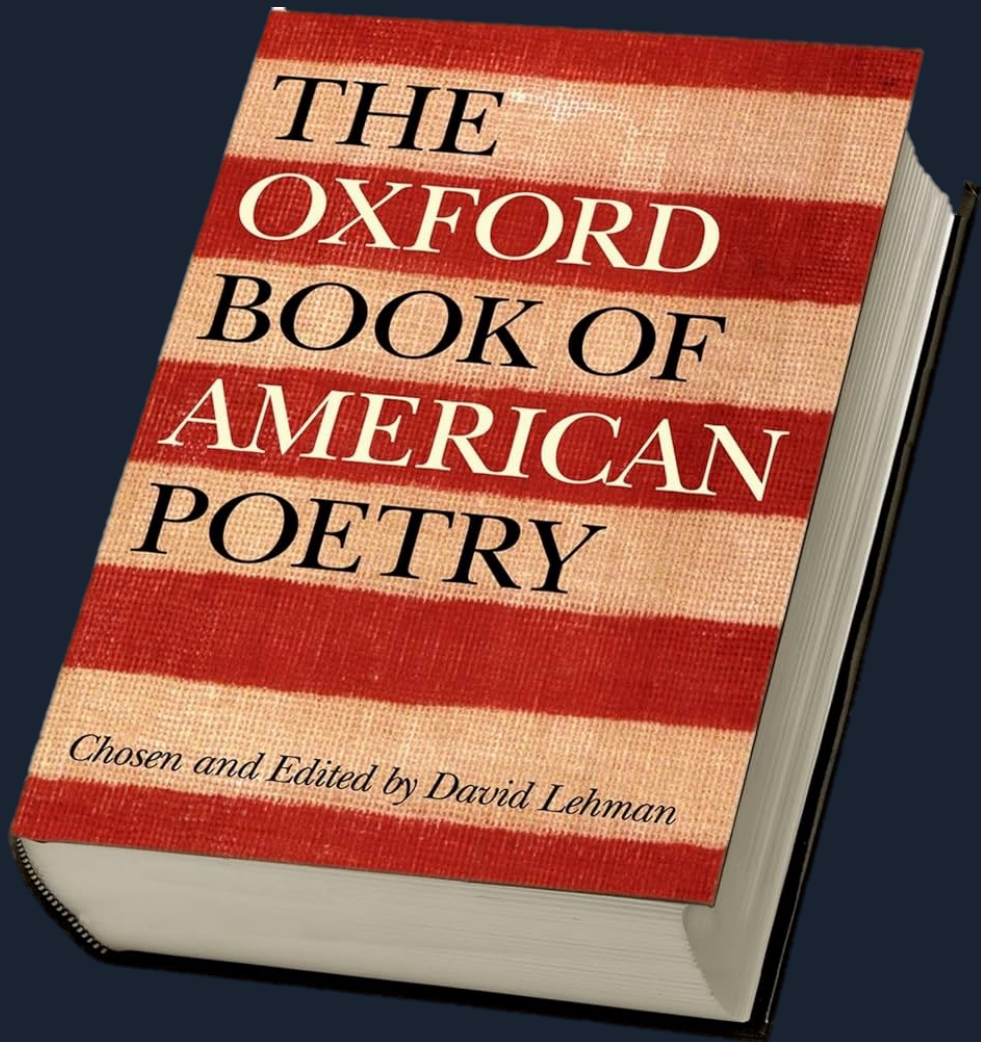
Open my eyes, that I
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things out of your law.

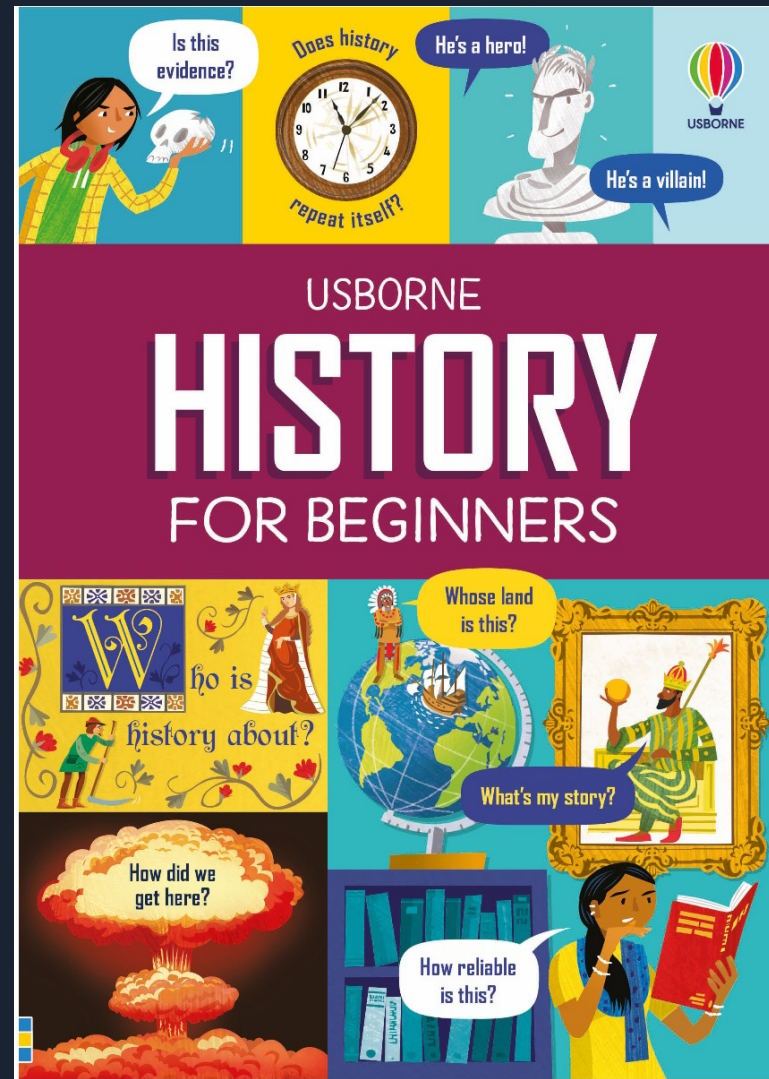
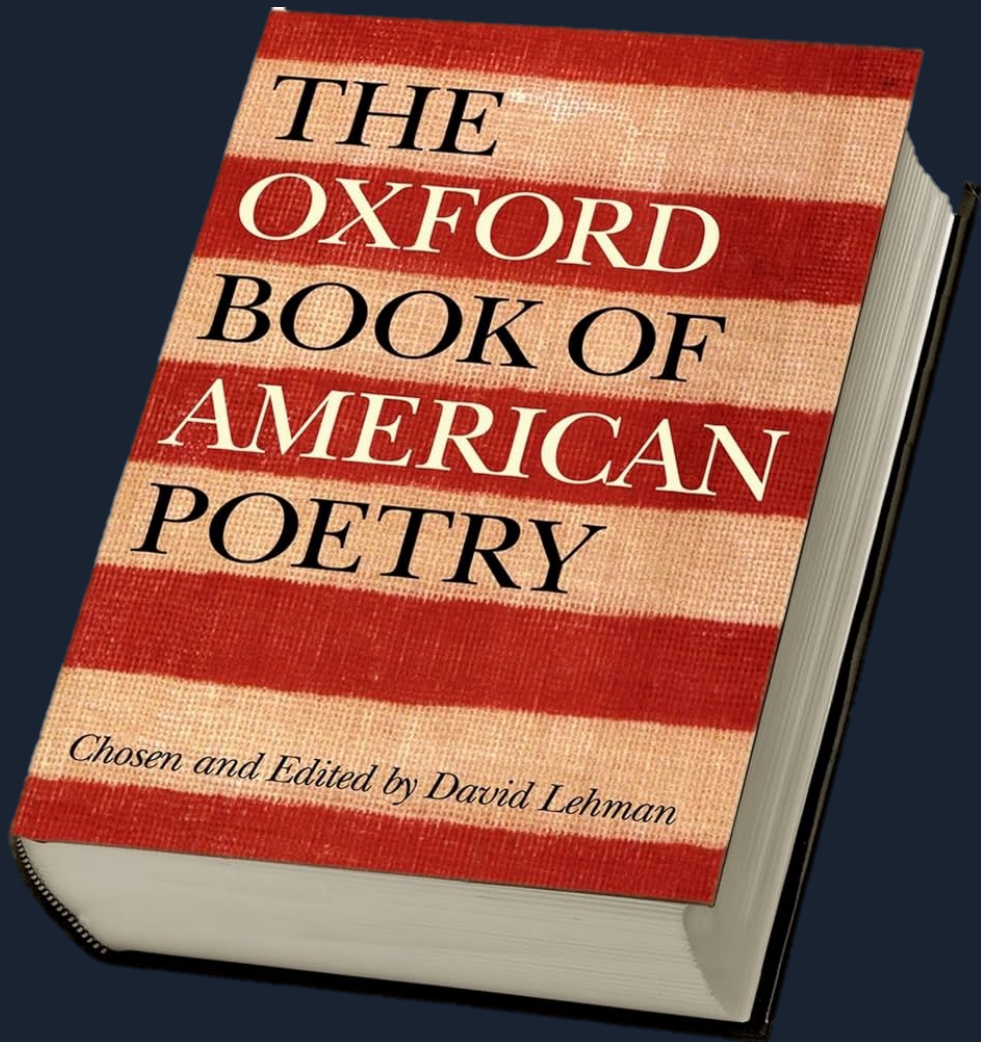
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מִתּוֹרַתְךָ:

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Story + commands





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“Apocalyptic”

Visions of victory

Remember:

You're reading
something old in a
new world





That can be
easy or hard



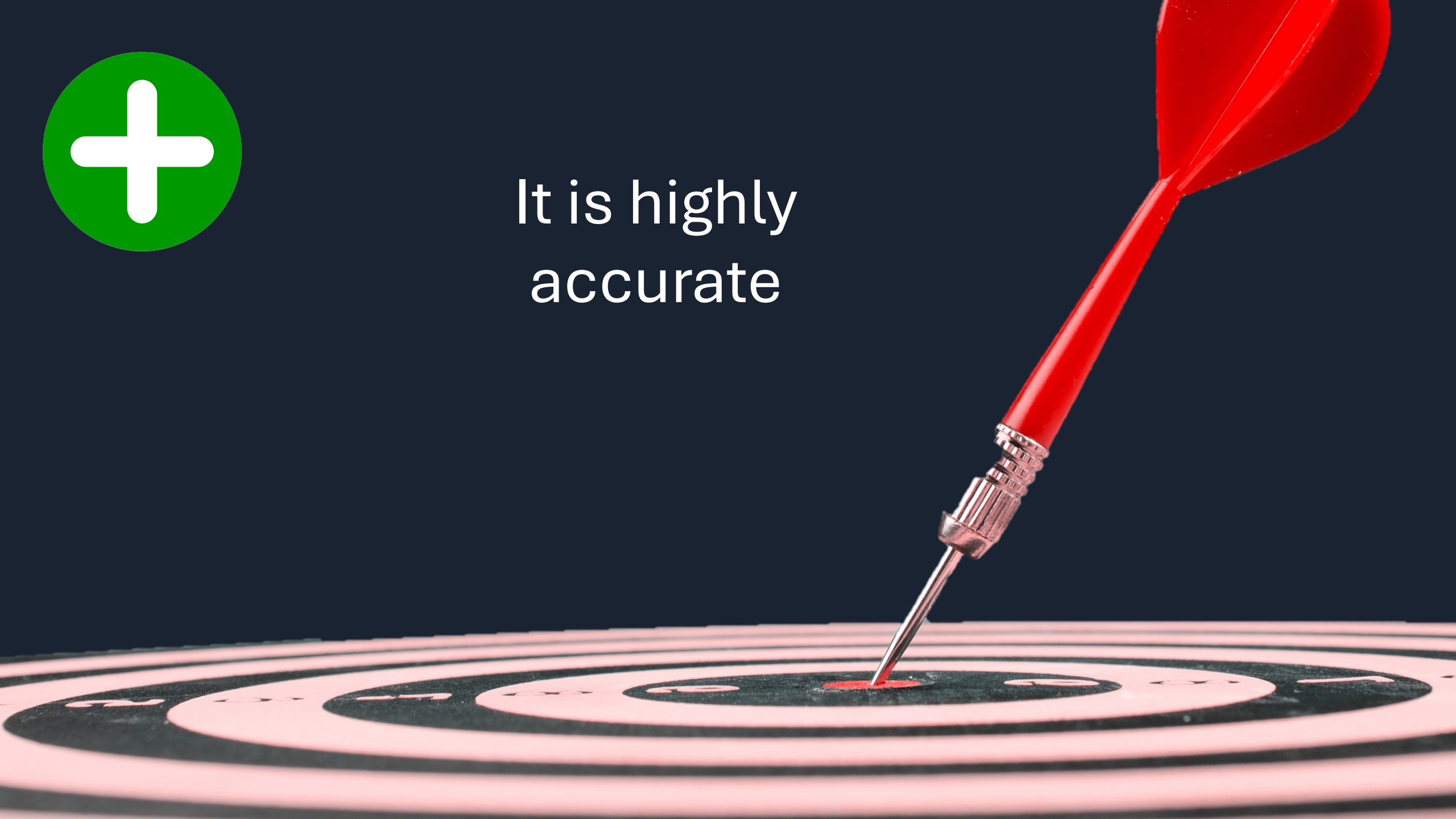
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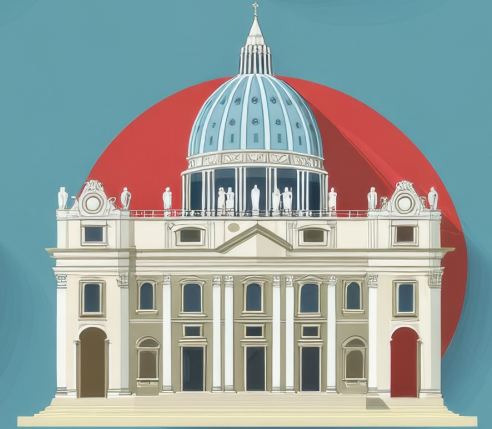


It is highly
accurate





It is used by
scholars across
denominations

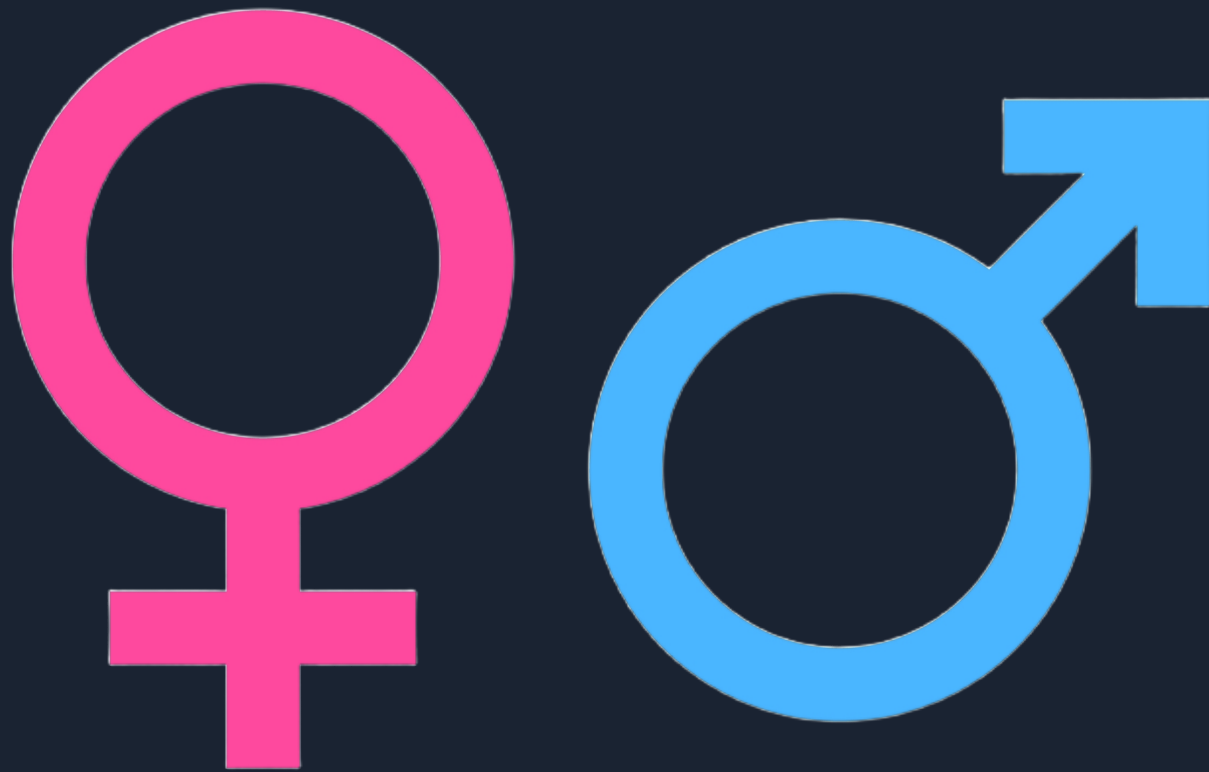




It tries to
translate the
gender language







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It can be a bit
formal/less
readable



Occasionally
translation
choices are
debated





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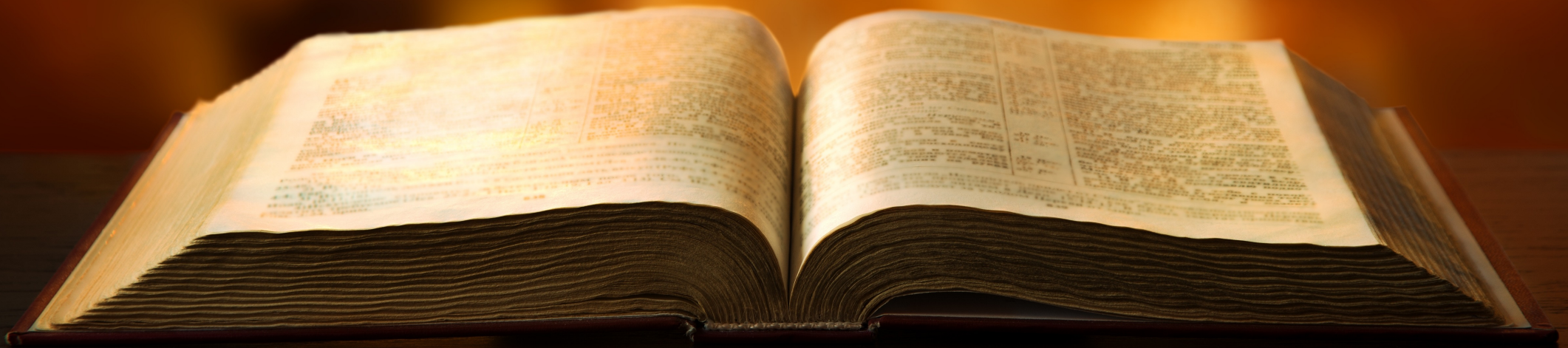
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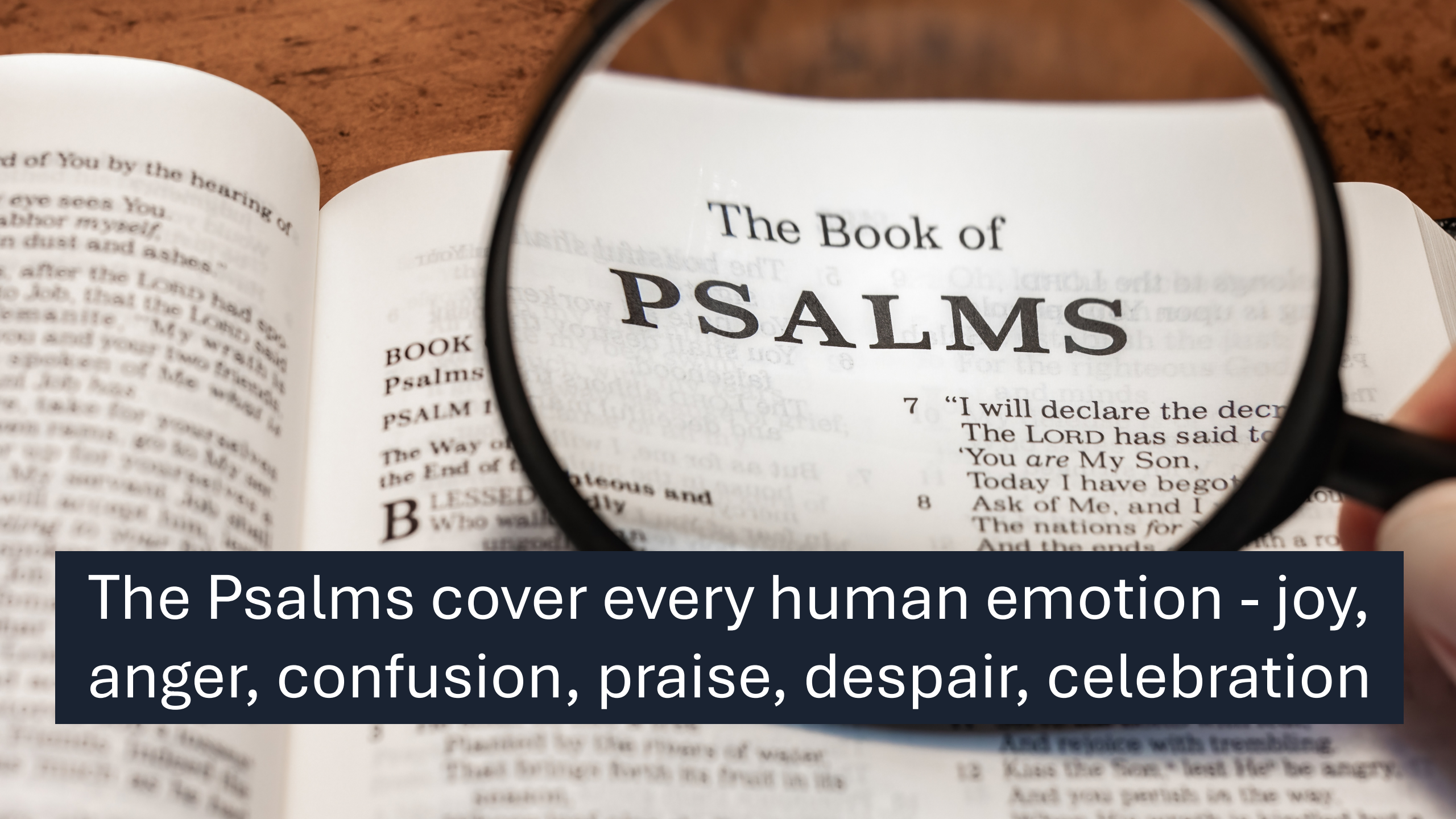
Examples of good study

EXAMPLE 1:

Studying the Psalms

The Psalms are
Israel's prayer
book and
hymnal.



An open Bible is shown with a magnifying glass held over the title page. The magnifying glass focuses on the text 'The Book of PSALMS'. The left page shows the beginning of the book, and the right page shows the start of Psalm 7.

The Book of
PSALMS

BOOK
Psalms
PSALM I

The Way of
the End of

BLESSED
Who walk

- 7 "I will declare the decree
The LORD has said to
'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten
8 Ask of Me, and I will give
The nations for your inheritance
And the ends of the earth

The Psalms cover every human emotion - joy, anger, confusion, praise, despair, celebration

And rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And you perish in the way.



150 Psalms
30 days a month



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DECEMBER

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27

28 29 30 31



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Psalm 7



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Psalm 37

Psalm 67



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Psalm 97



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Psalm 7

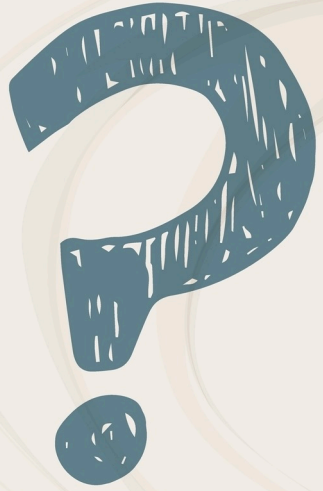
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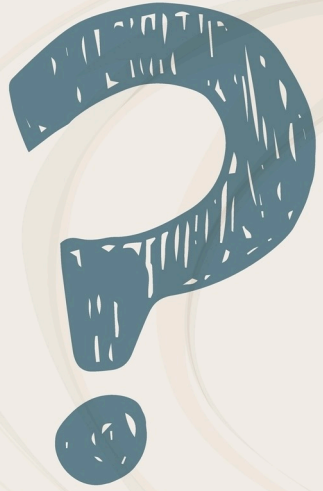
Psalm 127





What emotion
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expressed?



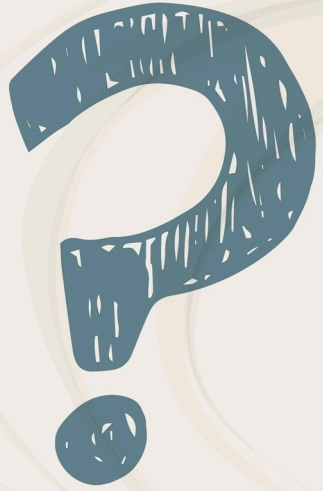


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What is
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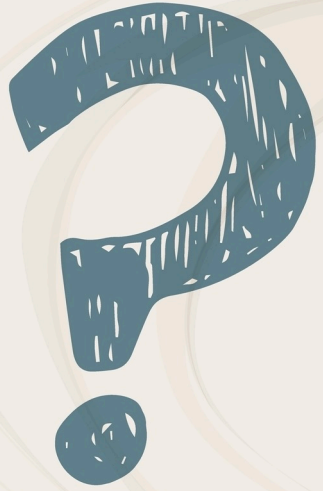


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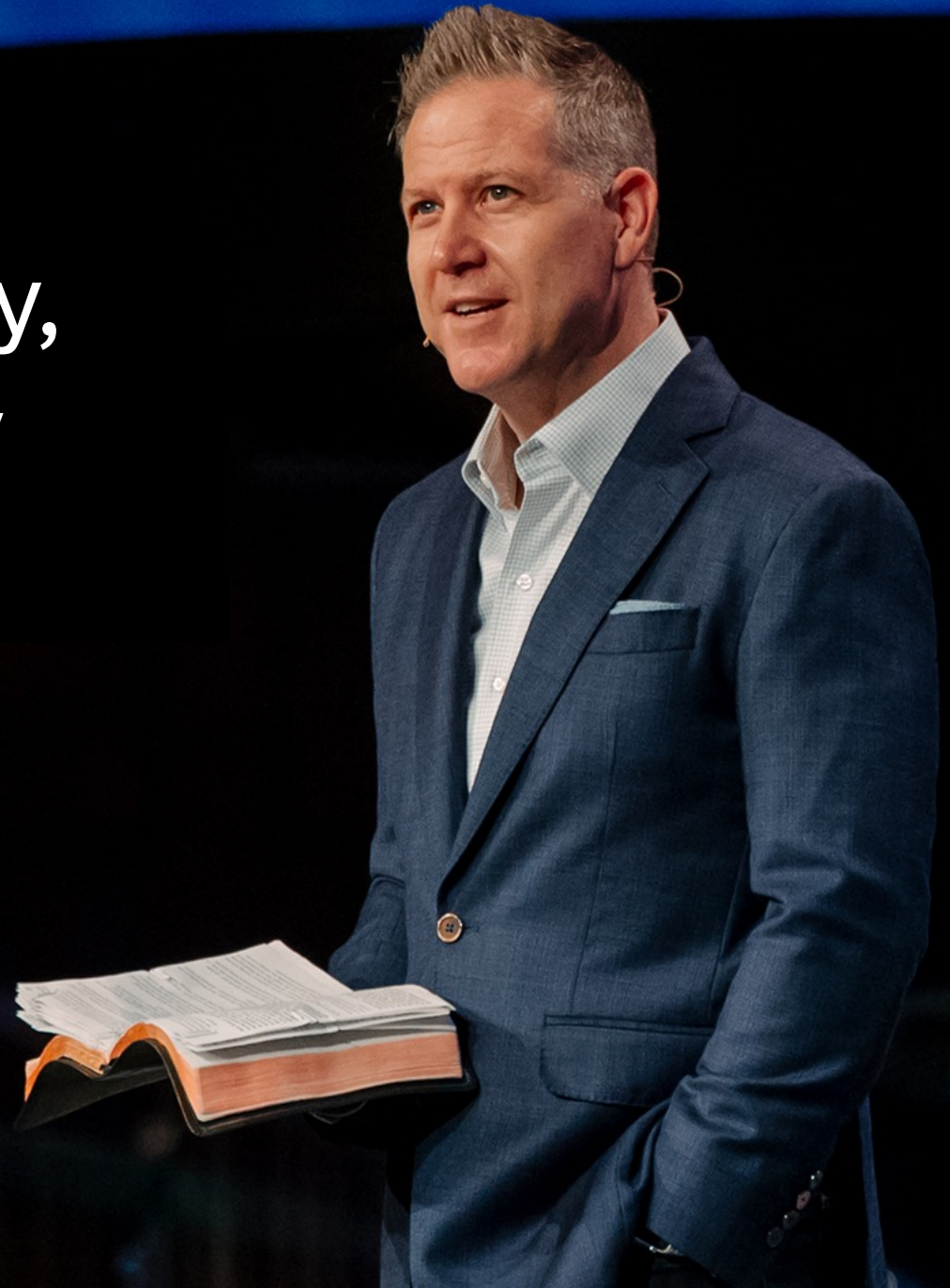


What is
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How can I pray
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Notice we don't say,
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Psalm 20:1

May the LORD answer
you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the
God of Jacob protect
you!

Psalm 20:1(2)

יַעֲנֶךָ יְהוָה בְּיוֹם צָרָה
יִשְׁגְּבֶךָ שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב:

Psalm 20:2

May he send you help
from the sanctuary

and give you support
from Zion!

Psalm 20:2(3)

יִשְׁלַח-עֲזָרָה מִקֹּדֶשׁ
וּמִצִּיּוֹן יִסְעָדֶךָ:

Psalm 20:3

May he remember all
your offerings

and regard with favor
your burnt sacrifices!

Selah

Psalm 20:3(4)

יִזְכֹּר כָּל-מִנְחֹתֶיךָ
וְעֹלֹתֶיךָ יִדְּשָׁנָה סֵלָה:

Psalm 20:4

May he grant you your
heart's desire

and fulfill all your plans!

Psalm 20:4(5)

יְתֹן-לְךָ כָּל-בְּקָשְׁךָ
וְכָל-עֲצָתְךָ יַמְלֵא:

Psalm 20:5

May we shout for joy
over your salvation,

and in the name of our
God set up our banners!

May the LORD fulfill all
your petitions!

Psalm 20:5(6)

נְרַנְנָה | בִּישׁוּעָתְךָ
וּבְשֵׁם-אֱלֹהֵינוּ נִדְגֵל
יְמִלֵּא יְהוָה
כָּל-מִשְׁאֲלוֹתֶיךָ:

Psalm 20:6

Now I know that the
LORD saves his
anointed;

he will answer him from
his holy heaven with the
saving might of his right
hand.

Psalm 20:6(7)

עֲפָה יְדַעְתִּי כִּי הוֹשִׁיעַ |
יְהוָה מְשִׁיחוֹ יַעֲנֵהוּ
מִשְׁמֵי קִדְשׁוֹ בְּגִבּוֹרֹת
יִשַׁע יְמֵינוֹ:

Psalm 20:7

Some trust in chariots
and some in horses,

but we trust in the name
of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7(8)

אֱלֹהִים בְּרִכְבֹּב וְאֱלֹהִים
בַּסּוּסִים וְאַנְחָנוּ
בְּשֵׁם-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
נִזְכָּר:

Psalm 20:8

They collapse and fall,

but we rise and stand
upright.

Psalm 20:8(9)

הִמָּה כָּרְעוּ וְנָפְלוּ

וְאַנְחָנוּ קָמְנוּ

וְנִתְעוֹדָד:

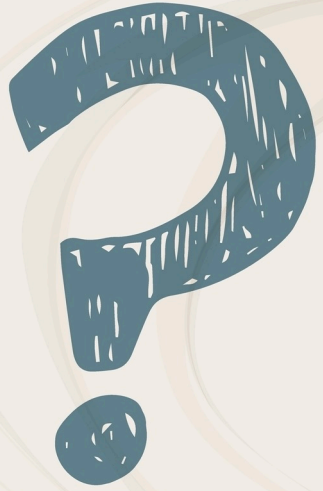
Psalm 20:9

O LORD, save the king!

May he answer us when
we call.

Psalm 20:9(10)

יְהוָה הוֹשִׁיעָה הַמֶּלֶךְ׃
יַעֲנֵנוּ בְּיוֹם-קִרְאָנוּ׃



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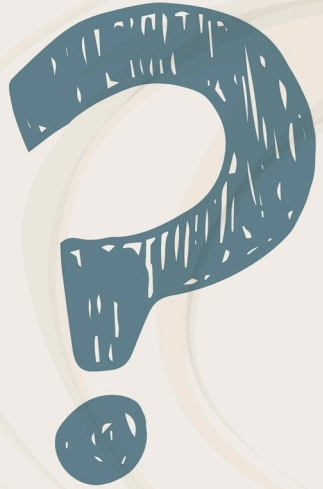
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Concern!

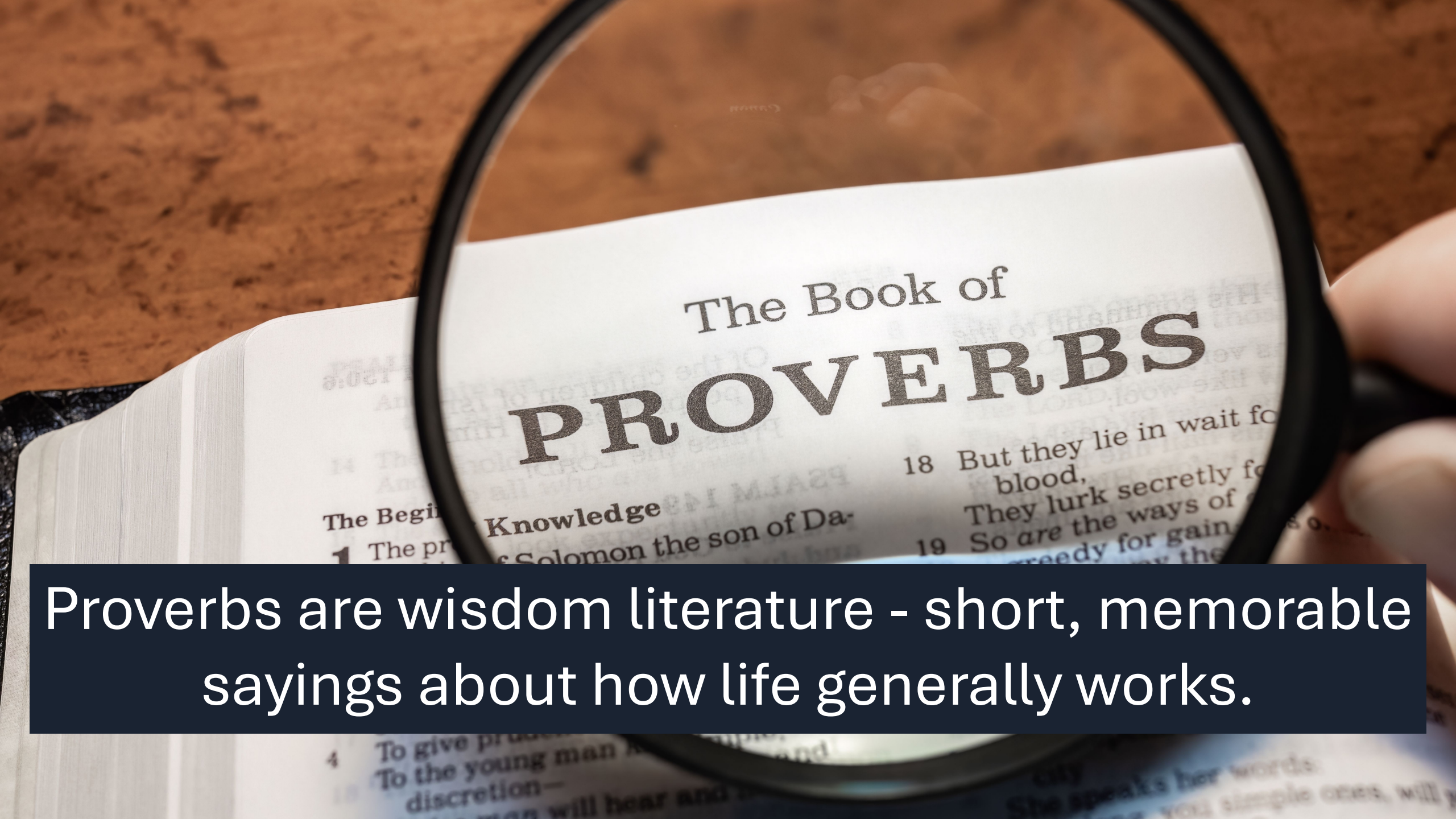
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EXAMPLE 2:

Studying Proverbs

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is held over the title page, which reads "The Book of PROVERBS". The text is in a serif font, with "PROVERBS" in a larger, bold font. The background is a textured, reddish-brown surface.

The Book of
PROVERBS

The Begi

Knowledge

1 The pr

Solomon the son of Da-

18 But they lie in wait for
blood,
They lurk secretly for
19 So are the ways of
greedy for gain

Proverbs are wisdom literature - short, memorable sayings about how life generally works.

4 To give pr
To the young man
discretion—
man will hear and

she speaks her words:
you simple ones, will p



31 Proverb
chapters



31 Proverb
chapters

Remember:

Proverbs aren't promises - they're principles. They describe how life generally works, not guarantees.



... TO DO ...

- ◆ _____
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TO DO LIST:

TASKS

- _____
- _____
- _____
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- _____

to do:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

DON'T FORGET!

- ★ _____
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TO DO LIST:

Look for
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- 5.

DON'T FORGET!

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DON'T FORGET!

- ★ Pick one to
- ★ chew on for
- ★ the day

EXAMPLE 3:

Studying the gospels

MATTHEW

Genealogy of Jesus
Record of the genealogy of Jesus
Christ the son of David, the son of
Abraham:
Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob

Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
¹³Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
¹⁴Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Achimelech,

...the father of Ram,
...the father of Amminadab,
...the father of Nahshon,

...the father of Joseph, the
husband of Mary, of whom was
born Jesus, who is called Christ.
¹⁷Thus there were

The gospels are biographical narratives focused on Jesus

They're not exhaustive biographies
but 'theological portraits'



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What does this reveal about Jesus?



What does this reveal about Jesus?

What does this reveal about humanity?



What does this reveal about Jesus?

What does this reveal about humanity?

How do people respond to Jesus?



What does this reveal about Jesus?

What does this reveal about humanity?

How do people respond to Jesus?

What is Jesus claiming about himself?



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What does this reveal about humanity?

How do people respond to Jesus?

What is Jesus claiming about himself?

How does it connect to the larger gospel story?

Notice we don't say,
"What does it say about
me?"!

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EXAMPLE 4:

Studying The Old Testament Narratives

The Book of
JUDGES

The Continuing Conquest of Canaan

1 Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass that the children of Israel were not united, and they did not follow the law of Moses which he had said: "The Lord your God is one Lord."

15 So she said to him, "Give me a blessing; since you have given me land in the South, give me also springs of water." And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

OT narratives are stories about God's people
- not always good stories,
and not always good people.

David vs. Goliath (1 Sam 17)



Facing your
giants



God's power
through unlikely
instruments



Faith in God vs.
trust in human
strength



God's covenant
faithfulness
to Israel



1

2

3

4

5



Read in large chunks



1

Read in large chunks

2

Look for what the text emphasizes

3

4

5



1

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Look for what the text emphasizes

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Consider the historical context

4

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Ask what this reveals of God & people

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Be careful with application

EXAMPLE 5:

Studying Epistles

We will continue
in Romans
in 2026!





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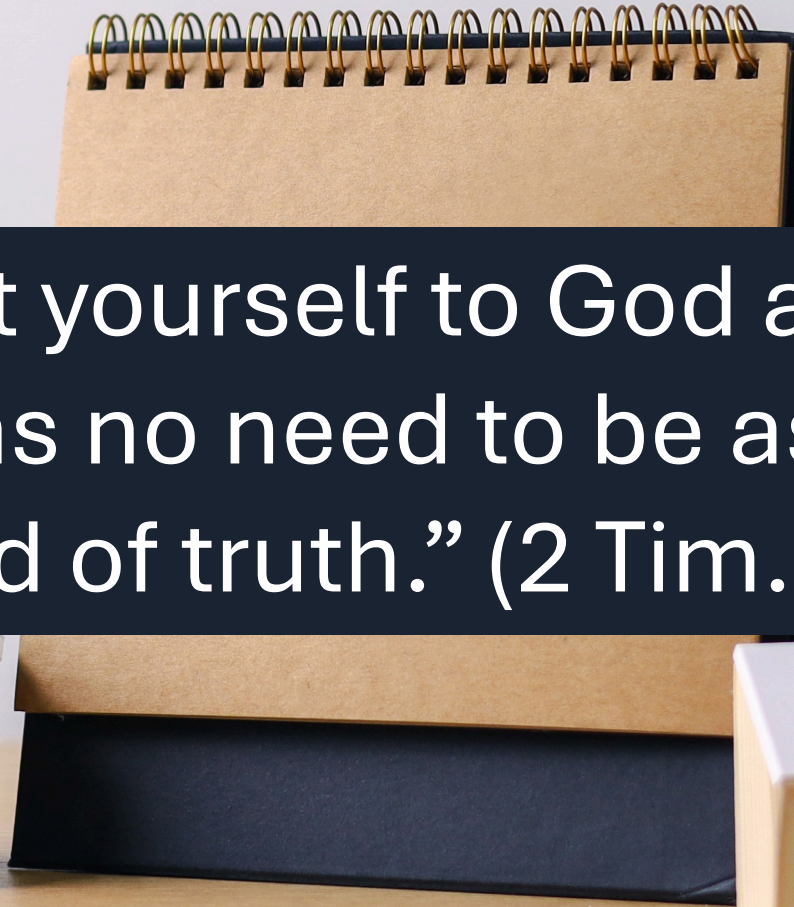


Choose a
reading plan!



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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15)

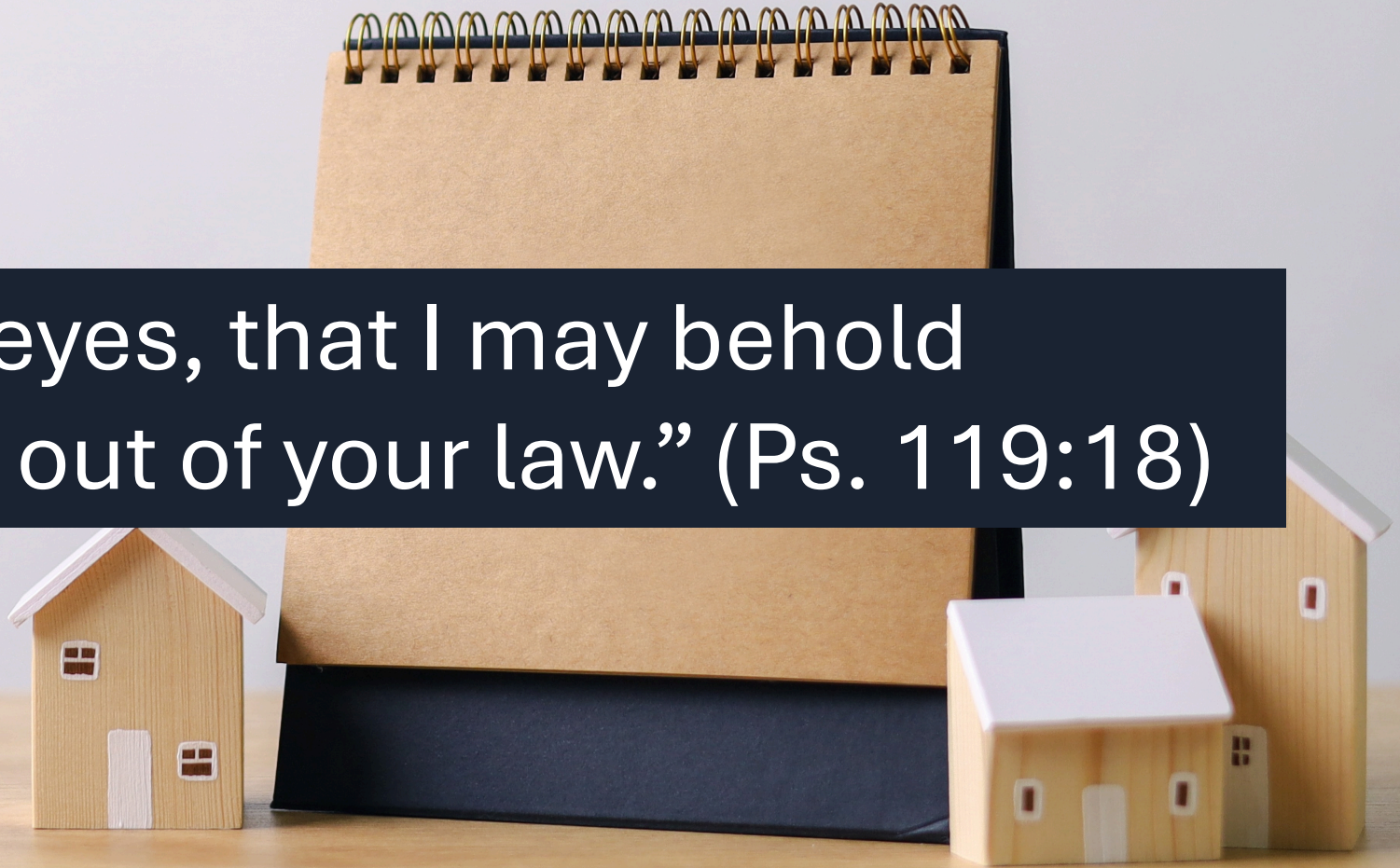


Pray before
study!



Pray before
study!

“Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.” (Ps. 119:18)



Write and
apply!!!



Write and
apply!!!

“But be doers of the
word, and not hearers
only” (Jms. 1:22)



2026





Merry Christmas