

## Lesson 6:

# Analyzing the Bible by Chapter

## Effective Bible Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Read It, Explain It, Apply It

Almost all of the Bible's chapters (either partially or wholly) have a definite development which, when studied, yields great riches.

### From Where Did the Chapters Come?

- A. Ancient Jews divided the Pentateuch into \_\_\_\_\_ sections, one of which was read in the synagogue each Sabbath. These were later sub-divided into \_\_\_\_\_ orders.
- B. The New Testament was divided into certain portions early in history.
- C. The modern division of the text is attributed to cardinal Hugo of St. Cher in approximately \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. There are \_\_\_\_\_ chapters in the Bible.

### Illustrating This Method of Study:

#### THE CREATION ACTIVITY OF GOD (Genesis 1)

- I. Day One (1-5)
  - A. The creation by God in the beginning (1)
  - B. The earth initially formless and empty (2a)
  - C. The organizing activity of the Spirit (2b)
  - D. Creation of light and its separation from darkness (3, 4)
  - E. The naming of earth's light and darkness (5)
- II. Day Two (6-8)
  - A. The creation of an "expanse" between the waters above and the water below (6, 7)
  - B. The expanse is named "heaven" (8)
- III. Day Three (9-13)
  - A. Earth's waters gathered together into one place and dry land appears (9)
  - B. Land and waters named (10)
  - C. Earth puts forth grass, herb yielding seed, and fruit trees, each after its kind (11-13)
- IV. Day Four (14-19)
  - A. Heavenly luminaries created and their purpose stated (14-15)
  - B. Sun, moon, stars (16-19)
- V. Day Five (20-23)
  - A. Sea creatures and birds are made, after their kind (20-23)
- VI. Day Six (24-31)
  - A. Earth's creatures – wild and domestic – made (24, 25)
  - B. Man and woman created (26-27)
  - C. Mankind commissioned to fill the earth and subdue it (28)
  - D. Food supply for earth's creatures (29-30)
  - E. God's evaluation of His creation – very good (31)

*Other examples: Psalm 23; Isaiah 53; Matthew 1*

**As we study the themes in each chapter, we should ask:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Try it** – Check out the exercises on the back to guide you in studying certain chapters of the Bible.

\* Exercises taken from A Study Guide to Greater Bible Knowledge by Wayne Jackson, pp 79-81

## John 17 – The Lord’s Prayer

Jesus’ prayer easily falls into three sections. Analyze the contents of the chapter and supply the verses for each of these three sections.

- I. The Lord Prays for Himself ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- II. The Lord Prays for His Disciples ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- III. The Lord Prays for All Future Believers ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

## Matthew 5-7 – The Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount is one of the great sermons Jesus preached. It spans three chapters in Matthew. This time, fill in a phrase which summarizes each section.

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-12)
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ (5:13-16)
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ (5:17-20)
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ (5:21-48)
- V. \_\_\_\_\_ (6:1-18)
- VI. \_\_\_\_\_ (6:19-24)
- VII. \_\_\_\_\_ (6:25-34)
- VIII. \_\_\_\_\_ (7:1-6)
- IX. \_\_\_\_\_ (7:7-11)
- X. \_\_\_\_\_ (7:12-14)
- XI. \_\_\_\_\_ (7:15-20)
- XII. \_\_\_\_\_ (7:21-27)

*Note: Answers to the first two exercises can be found online at [roberthatfield.net/study6](http://roberthatfield.net/study6).*

## 1 Corinthians 13

This chapter falls into three parts. The parts and verses are listed. List some of the points or lessons learned from these sections.

- I. The Value of Love (1-3)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Love Defined (4-7)
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_
- III. The Abiding Nature of Love in Contrast to Temporary Spiritual Gifts
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_