

# Five Book Foundation

*Getting Inside Your Bible #1*

# *An Overview of the Hebrew Scriptures*

Torah – The Formation of God's People

History – The Fickleness of God's People

Poetry – The Feelings of God's People

Prophecy – The Future of God's People

How are you?

What are the most common answers?

## Verse – Psalm 19

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise  
the simple; <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than  
gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than  
honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in  
keeping them there is great reward.

# Psalm 19:7-11

What are the three benefits of God's word?

# Psalm 19:7

What are the three benefits of God's word?

A revived soul

Wisdom given to even "the simple"

Warning

How does writer feel about scripture?

Verse 11

# How does writer feel about scripture?

Verse 11

Most desirable

Very rewarding



# Genesis: A Family Promised

Genesis 1 – how many people are created?

Genesis 12:1-3 how many people are promised?

# God's Family is a Real Family

Genesis chapters 13-50

Families do the worst things

Brothers sell Joseph (ch. 37)

Families do the noblest things

Joseph rescues family (ch. 42-50)

# Three Family Lessons

Family members hurt each other

Family members save each other

Family is Forever

# Exodus – A Family Rescued

Notice the rhythm of the Old Testament

God's people do OK

God's people sin

God's people get in great trouble

God rescues his people

# Exodus & Numbers– a Family Rescued

From Slavery to Freedom

From some people to a nation

People learn how to treat a leader

Leader learns how to treat followers

# Leviticus – Holiness to the Lord

“Holy” can be found 95 times in Leviticus

Holy = Hebrew *kadosh*

*Kadosh* means separated

In what ways was Israel separated?

# Deuteronomy Means "Second"

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

Addressed to those who once lived in Egypt

Deuteronomy

- Addressed to those who never lived in Egypt

# Deuteronomic Lesson

Why was Deuteronomy needed?

What does this tell us about repetition?



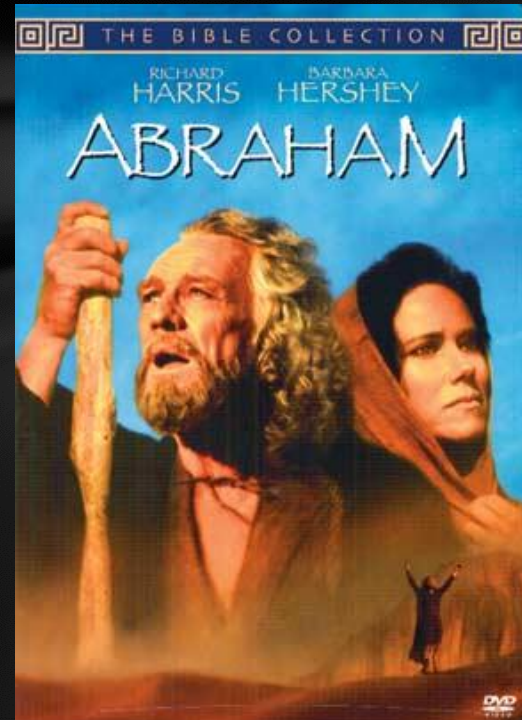
# BIBLE TOOL: Bible Dictionary

How do you learn about how Moses lived?

Bible dictionaries

Bible encyclopedias

PBS movies



# Background Tools

*Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds  
Commentary (5 volumes for OT)*

*Zondervan Illustrated Bible Dictionary*

*The New Ungers Bible Handbook*

# Z. Illustrated Bible Dictionary

Honey was considered “the best product of the land (p 618).”

How does this enhance our understanding of Psalm 19?



## Z. Illustrated Bible Dictionary, again

Torah: “primarily a way of life derived from the Covenant relationship between God and Israel (p. 1470).”

This redefines “Law”

How does this clarify Psalm 19?

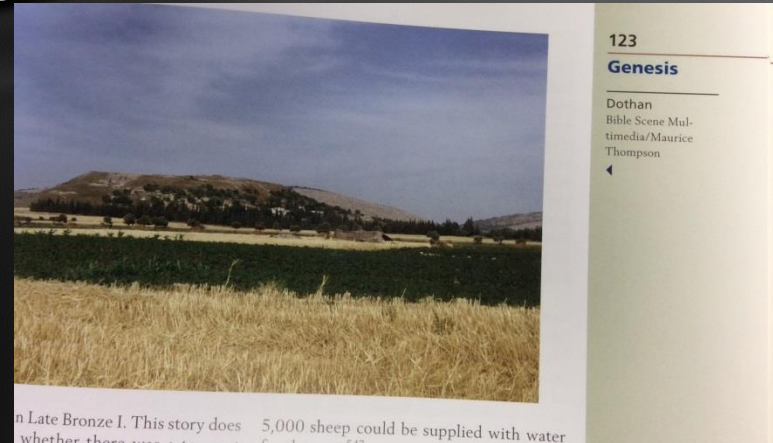
# Z. Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary

Dothan, where Joseph was sold into slavery

A five-day walk from home

On a popular caravan route

(p. 122)



# The New Unger's Bible Dictionary

