

BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

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What happens during?	Key words/ideas.
What happens after?	Repeated phrases.
Where is the action?	Contrasts.
When did it happen?	Comparisons.

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What is the passage saying? What questions does the passage raise in your mind or heart? Review the passage and answer your questions from the text. Remember, context determines meaning.

Summarize main teachings.	Ask "Why?"
Check context for meaning.	Ask "How come?"
Check cross-references.	Conclusions.
Write summary sentence.	Define terms.

WHAT SHOULD I CHANGE?

Application can mean changes to your thinking, beliefs, actions, or feelings. What should change for you as a result of the truths found in this passage?

Truths about God.	Sin to confess.
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3. Is there a promise for me?
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