



## How To Study The Bible With Dr. Baruch of Loveisrael.org

Mary and I are showing in this article the ACTION steps of how we approach Bible study. We start by studying ourselves in a book of the Bible, for example; Exodus. We then pray over the text we are studying using asking the Holy Spirit to help us. (1John 2:26-27)

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We then use the tools in Bible studycompany.com and Dr. Baruch's videos. Who is Dr. Baruch Korman?

Dr. Baruch Korman of <u>Loveisrael.org</u> is an expository Bible teacher. Expository teaching is where we take **from** the Bible vs put into the bible our bias. Here is an article on expository teaching.

First, we assume you are born again. Christ said to Nikodemus in John 3 that one must be born again to see the Kingdom of God. The Bible or God's word to us will not make much sense if we are not spiritually born anew. In other words, something must radically happen to your spirit. In order to have eternal life we must ask God to forgive our sin and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We then can place our sin on Him when He died on the cross. Second, our sin is based on the 10 commandments or God's moral law. For the wages of sin is death; both physical and spiritual. But we God gives us the free gift of eternal life if we believe in Jesus Christ. Romans 6:23. Because of our gratitude for the payment of our sin we ask God to change our life from sinful living to submitting our hearts to God's word to be pleasing to our Creator. We are then born again. Our spirit becomes alive to God and to eternal life! If you aren't

sure you are born again, just pray and ask Christ to forgive your sins and to change you. Now back to studying the Bible.

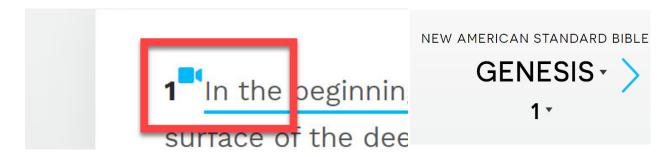
## **Exegesis and Eisegesis Teaching Methods**

Another definition of this approach in biblical teaching is <u>exegesis</u>. It is "line by line" extrapolation of God's agenda for our lives from the Bible. It is rightly dividing the word of God. Dr. Baruch of loveisrael.org has a Ph.D. in Jewish studies and lives in Israel and sets the Bible in the Jewish culture. This helps us understand what the people of the day knew thus applying their lesson to our life. Dr. Baruch is teaching us to be a "Kingdom Person" and our focus is to live praiseworthy to God: Colossians 1:9-10 and Titus 2:11-12.

Another form of teaching is called <u>eisegesis</u> which is to; "put into" the teaching from the Bible an agenda or bias. This is a common form of teaching today and is not a best practice. A teacher will take a theme or concept and find verses to support their teaching. This is not to be confused with a topical study or word study which can be a form of exegesis. Dr. Baruch uses exegesis and to get to the correct meaning of the verses and then he will use expository teaching to explain to us.

## Benefits of using Dr. Baruch's video teachings.

We have linked in Bible studycompany.com Dr. Baruch's videos and some of his writings. When you find a camera icon it is usually his teaching or one that attempts to explain a topic clearly. Here is an example within Bible Study Company. Once you watch Dr. Baruch's teachings compare them to what you are learning. Make changes to your methods and glean the knowledge he gives to us.



This is how we learned to study the Bible with Dr. Baruch. We picked a book of the Bible and in this case Exodus.

Our first job is to ask God for help to understand HIS PLANS and PURPOSES. We want to be a Kingdom person. This is one who is ruled by Christ in all areas of life. How can we get to that place? Through His word, the Bible. Ric and Mary Joyner via Dr. Baruch

The first ACTION in the process is a complete change of our focus. Many of us read the Bible daily but only as a devotion. We depend on others for bible study. We may attend a church and in reality, the person who is preaching has done the bible study. But what about our discipleship? Thus, we could change our position. We have made this point many times in our podcasts. If we are to be disciples of Christ and He is our Lord, bible study is not an option. Why? We have the complete Bible from start to finish and the biblical characters did not. We are in a unique time in history and yet few people, study

the Bible which includes husbands and wives. This is disasterous for the church, and for us and thus our society. Let's be disciples, by studying God's word. We will impact our world according to the Will of God because we know the Will of God.

A major benefit is we are now studying knowing the bible contains God's prescriptions on how to please Him. The Bible shows people who are committed to serving Him the way He says and those who are not but are acting according to their sinful or prideful actions. Some of the bible characters are in a state of flux. Where are we?

Notice that all of us are anointed to study based on 1 John 2:26-27. Let's get moving with the Lord's help.

Other benefits of studying God's Word is the blessing and curses chapter in Deuteronomy 28. What is remarkable, if you read this chapter, is how God invades our lives when we diligently seek His word. Could it be we were never supposed to live on this earth without His help? This is indicated in the garden of Eden story of Adam and Eve. Once they chose independence from God by being deceived about His word, sin entered and they had to WORK to make food. The fear of the Lord could rightly be said to be; the fear to OFFEND God. How do we know what offends Him? That's right, through His written word, the Bible!

Join us for these next Action steps. Ask Him to help you. Seek His guidance. This is praying in His will!

Sign up for Biblestudycompany.com to save your notes, prayers (action items to obey God) find word definitions and occurrences.

Action 1. Pray for an attitude and focus change. Pray over the scripture you are studying. Don't leave until you understand what God is trying to teach you. This will be uncomfortable because our flesh, our carnal mind, body and soul are going to fight to study and being obedient to God's word. Satan and your flesh will throw in distractions. Just watch. You have started on a journey to obey God. Won't the enemy want to stop you? In this case we have two enemies; us and Satan. Take up your cross daily. Ask for His power to change you. Don't give up. Fail but keep on moving. Learn from your mistakes. Don't let the past hinder you. Regrets are just self-focus. Turn to Christ.

Action 2. Use a translation of the Bible close to the original manuscripts. These are in Bible Study Company. King James Bible and the New American Standard Bible. If you are new to reading the Bible, get one you can understand. We have witnessed the Holy Spirit do amazing things to noobs (people who are new). You will begin to "grow out" of these simple books and even pastors like Joel Osteen to deeper teaching. But, do avoid the Passion Translation and Bibles that are written for a certain group of people. Ask Dr. Baruch about your Bible to see if he recommends it. A note: Bibles that are written for a certain group of people may be helpful for additional research and study.

**Action 3.** Ask God where to start studying. We are in exodus because we experienced a change in our careers and after prayer we started in Exodus. This is a picture of God's redemptive plan and so are the Gospels. Getting to know the Lord Jesus Christ, in the gospels, because He is interacting with the people of Israel, and is always a good place to start.

**Action 4.** *Go line by line. Thought by thought.* Break the scripture down. Click on words in Biblestudycompany.com to find their meanings and follow the word through the Bible. Outline the

chapter. Don't read over any verses you don't understand. Pray on them. This is the time to dig that foundation Christ mentioned in Matthew 7. Don't know what a person's name means in the bible? Do some digging. Names often enhance our understanding of what the Holy Spirit is trying to teach us.

**Action 5.** Read the passages many times. Look for odd things that stand out. Ask questions of your spouse, and God. Ask the tough questions and be honest with the Lord about your thoughts. He didn't reject Thomas, did He? We have a saying at Biblestudycompany.com: **Ask God questions but don't question God.** You know the attitude difference in that statement.

Action 6. Look for changes and things out of order.

Action 7. Put yourself into the scripture as if you were living it too. People don't change. God doesn't change. They had the same needs, desires, fears, anxiety as we do. God uses failure to train us. He is in control. See that there were three kinds of people; Those that were obedient to God's words. Gen 12:1-4. Those that were on the fence, such as Pharaoh's daughter in Exodus 2 and those that were just plain wicked (opposed to God's word) like Pharaoh in Exodus.

**Action 8.** *Start clicking on words.* This is where the surprises in Bible study are a joy. BSC will give word definition if you click on the word. We learned that the wilderness in Exodus 3 is a form of God speaking which totally changed how we look at people in the wilderness. Wilderness is a symbol of dependence on God's word. Please note that the children of Israel were in the wilderness as well as David, John the Baptist and Christ. We all must go into the wilderness. Adam and Eve decided to become independent of God. This will always be our struggle. Our will against His will. We will not win.

**Action 9.** Write notes in BSC or in a journal. This will be an important growth marker to clarify your thoughts and learn more revelation.

**Action 10.** Look at the scripture from different angles is helpful and adds dimension to your study. Inductive Bible study has you write down notes and observations from a 360 viewpoint. But look at God's viewpoint, yours, and the people in the story. When you study with your spouse this can be a fun exercise.

**Action 11.** Look at the metaphors, symbols and patterns. Numbers contain biblical truths. Dr. Baruch's videos will give depth to why the numbers can be important. The meaning of names of people as well. Look for patterns that repeat themselves in other areas of Scripture such as mountains, fire and sacrifice to name a few.

**Note:** *Grammar is very important*, and Dr. Baruch can help you with that in his talks. But do consider a class in Hebrew and Greek sometime in the future.

Action 12. Keep praying praying and praying for God's wisdom. Wisdom comes from the fear of offending God. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. So what is wisdom according to the bible. Proverbs 1 shows us that wisdom is the correct application of the word of God based on how God says we are to apply it. We then gain knowledge and understanding as we go to work with the Scripture. We find out how NOT to offend Him by studying His word. As you get serious about implementing the Word of God in your life, Our Lord will start to reveal more truth. We have found this truth to be an encouragement to study. We will begin to see His Ways. Hebrews 3:10 is a sad scripture to read because of its implication. The people in the wilderness died as a result of questioning God's character. This has

happened to us in our life with devastating consequences in our relationship with God. We are forever grateful for His longsuffering and mercy! Ask God questions but don't question God.

Action 13. If you are brand new to studying the Bible don't let the newness stop, you. You are a disciple of Jesus Christ. The disciples had the physical word of God with them. We have the entire Bible, they did not. So, we are in a better place to learn from Him. Now do it.

Action 14. When finished studying, you will be surprised when your life starts to align with what you are studying! This is a fascinating by-product of our studying to live a praiseworthy life to God. The Word of God becomes alive in our daily encounters. In other words, you could experience the same things like the people you are reading about in the Bible. Dueteronomy 28 shows this truth. God is showing you through circumstances that He is in control and that He wants to reinforce His Kingdom's truth. Be encouraged when trials begin. Learn to worship God. We have a channel on youtube that is dedicated to reading the psalms back to God. Psalms are born in trials. We are changed in trials if we learn to respond correctly. And that is a big IF. Take courage. God is with us.

## Action 15. Journal what you are learning.

**Action 16.** Act on what you are learning. The word for listening in Hebrew is shema. This is a verb and it means to hear and act on the truth presented. The Jewish people have a prayer called the <u>"Shema"</u> and is a "sort of" Jewish national anthem. It is from <u>Deuteronomy</u> 6.

**Action 17.** *Share with others what you are learning.* Share on Biblestudycompany.com groups or the public wall.

**Action 18.** Next find a camera icon in BSC and click on it. This will take you to Dr. Baruch and watch his videos. Compare what you are learning from what Dr. Baruch taught and make adjustments and thank God for the wonderful teaching and experience you are receiving from His Word.

Action 19. With your notes find out what is different from Dr. Baruch's teaching. There may be plenty of changes. That is ok. You aren't reading from Greek or Hebrew and you don't know grammar yet. But this is how you learn. BSC was built to help you with that.

**Action 20.** *Take the changes and comparisons and work with them.* In other words, what can you improve? How can you get better?

This is how we are learning to study the Bible with an expository teacher like Dr. Baruch. As you start to know God's agenda what is he calling you to change? Can you see clearer about the Kingdom of God? Or don't you understand the passage? Don't read over it. Stay on it. It isn't how much you study it is the quality. An example is Exodus 28:1. This is where Aaron is set apart for the service to God. Not service to the sactuary or the people but to God. This is our call as well. We are to serve Him alone and He will serve people through us. We can see this in the gospel too with Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38. This facet has brought healing to us because we felt we were never doing "enough for God" and had to do more or worse compared ourselves to other people. We need to focus on Christ not people or what we are to do.

You will also notice your tastes change. You are growing. There are movies we cannot watch today we watched in the past. Preachers we cannot watch change too.

This is the cure for deception. Studying the Bible with Dr. Baruch Korman. We repeat:

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