



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 begin by studying ourselves in a book of the Bible, such as Exodus. We then pray over the text we are studying, asking the Holy Spirit to help us. (1John 2:26-27)

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We then utilize the tools available on Biblestudycompany.com and Dr. Baruch's videos. Who is Dr. Baruch Korman?

Dr. Baruch Korman of loveisrael.org is an expository Bible teacher. Expository teaching is where we take **from** the Bible and put into the bible our bias.

First, we assume you are born again. Christ said to Nicodemus 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. To attain eternal life, we must ask God to forgive our sins and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We can then place our sins 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 God gives us the 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 lives 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, pray and ask Christ to forgive your sins and to change you. Now back to studying the Bible.

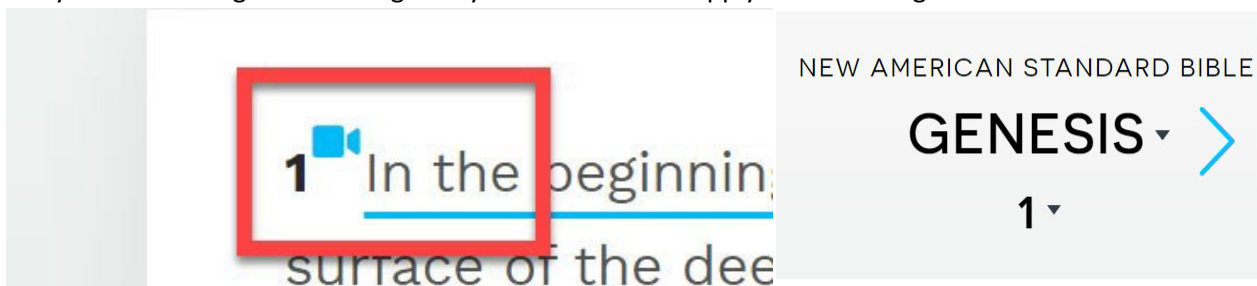
Exegesis and Eisegesis Teaching Methods

Another definition of this approach in biblical teaching is exegesis. It is a "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 people of the day knew, allowing us to apply their lessons to our lives. Dr. Baruch is teaching us to be a "Kingdom Person," and our focus is to live praiseworthy to God, as seen in Colossians 1:9-10 and Titus 2:11-12.

Another form of teaching is called eisegesis, which is to "put into" the text from the Bible an agenda or bias. Sometimes it is called topical preaching. This is a common form of teaching today, but it is not the best practice. A teacher will take a theme or concept and find verses to support their theme. This is not to be confused with a word study, which can be a form of exegesis. Dr. Baruch employs exegesis to determine the correct meaning of the verses, and then he uses expository teaching to explain it to us.

Benefits of Using Dr. Baruch's Video Teachings.

We have linked to Biblestudycompany.com, Dr. Baruch's videos, and some of his writings. When you encounter a camera icon, it typically indicates a teaching or explanation that aims to clarify a topic. 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 apply the knowledge he shares with us.



This is how we learned to study the Bible with Dr. Baruch. We selected a book from the Bible, specifically the book of Exodus.

Our first task is to ask God for help in understanding His plans and purposes. We want to be a Kingdom person. Christ rules this one in all areas of life. How can we achieve that goal? Through His word, the Bible. Ric and Mary Joyner via Dr. Baruch

The first action in the process is a complete shift in 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 the person preaching has likely 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 the roles of husbands and wives. This is disastrous 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 significant benefit is that we are now studying, knowing the bible contains God's prescriptions on how to please Him. The Bible portrays people who are committed to serving Him as He commands, and those who are not, but rather act according to their sinful or prideful actions. Some biblical 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 are the blessings 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 that 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 of offending 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 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 be 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 available from the Bible Study Company: The King James Bible and the New American Standard Bible. If you are new to reading the Bible, consider getting one that's easy to understand. We have witnessed the Holy Spirit do amazing things to noobs (new people). You will begin to "grow out" of these simple books and even pastors like Joel Osteen to more profound teaching. However, avoid translations like Passion Translation and Bibles written for a specific group of people. Ask Dr. Baruch about your Bible to see if he

recommends it. Note: Bibles written for a particular group of people may be helpful for additional research and study.

Action 3. Ask God where to start studying. We are in exile because we experienced a change in our careers, and after prayer, we began in exile. This is a picture of God's redemptive plan, and so are the Gospels. Getting to know the Lord Jesus Christ through the Gospels, as He interacts with the people of Israel, 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 accepted Thomas, didn't He? We have a saying at Biblestudycompany.com: **Ask God questions, but don't question God.** We want a relationship with God, rather than being in a challenging situation.

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 exact needs, desires, fears, and anxiety as we do. God uses failure to train us. He is in control. See that there were three kinds of people: Those who were obedient to God's words. Gen 12:14. Those who were on the fence, such as Pharaoh's daughter in Exodus 2, and those who 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 a word definition if you click on the word. We learned that the wilderness in Exodus 3 is a form of God speaking, which completely changed how we view 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 essential growth marker to clarify your thoughts and uncover new insights.

Action 10. Examining scripture from different angles is helpful and adds depth to your study. Inductive Bible study involves writing down notes and observations from a 360-degree 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. Observe, Interpret, and Apply.

Action 11. Look at the metaphors, symbols, and patterns. Numbers contain biblical truths. Dr. Baruch's videos will provide insight into why the numbers are essential. The meaning of the 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 essential*, and Dr. Baruch can help you with that in his talks. However, consider taking a class in Hebrew and Greek at some point in the future.

Action 12. *Continue to pray, pray, and pray 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 God's word, based on how God instructs us to apply it. We then gain knowledge and understanding as we go to work with the Scripture. We learn 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 somber scripture to read due to its implications. The people in the wilderness died because of questioning God's character. This has happened to us in our lives with devastating consequences in our relationship with God. We are forever grateful for His long suffering 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 you finish studying, you will be surprised when your life starts to align with what you are learning!* This is a fascinating by-product of our studying to live a praiseworthy life for God. The Word of God becomes alive in our daily encounters. In other words, you could experience the same things as the people you are reading about in the Bible. Deuteronomy 28 shows this truth. God is showing you through circumstances that He is in control and wants to reinforce the truth of His Kingdom. Be encouraged when trials begin. Learn to worship God. Pray the Psalms back to God to learn to worship God in trials. Psalms are born in trials. We are changed and grow in our faith if we worship in our most significant pain. Take courage. God is with us.

Action 15. *Journal what you are learning.* Write down what you learned about God and His character, and ask Him to apply the message to you so you can please Him.

Action 16. *Act on what you are learning.* The word for listening in Hebrew is Shema. This is a verb, meaning to hear and act on the truth presented. The Jewish people have a prayer called the Shema, which is the Jewish national prayer. It is from Deuteronomy 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 direct you to Dr. Baruch's videos. Compare what you are learning with what Dr. Baruch taught and adjust accordingly. Thank God for the excellent teaching and experience you are receiving from His Word. Additionally, we have a new background button that provides access to historical research and commentary from Dr. Thomas Constable.

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 yet know the grammar. 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?

Action 21. Don't insert your previous learning or teaching, especially from a denomination, into the text. That is called confirmation bias. It is also a form of eisegesis, where the text is interpreted through a lens such as reformed or charismatic.

Action 22. Set your life course to learn why you believe what you believe. Begin to define church words you hear and ask people what they mean, like faith and salvation—even born again. Or grace. All need a definition.

Action 23. Remember, we reap what we sow. The more we sow, the more we will reap spiritual growth in the Lord, which gives us authority to help others. Don't worry about your gifts, focus on pleasing the Gift Giver!

Action 24. Pay attention to the circumstances that develop around your learning. We believe that God wants to reinforce what you are studying with circumstances. Learn to pay attention to those so that you can learn new methods and biblical study principles. The Lord wanted Adam to name the animals, and God helped Him by bringing the animals.

Action 25. Cultivate an attitude of repentance based on Matthew 5 so that the soil of your heart is ripe to receive the Word of God to grow plants that will benefit you and others and please Him.

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 clearly about the Kingdom of God? Or don't you understand the passage? Please don't read over the passage until God answers your prayer. Stay on it. It isn't how much you study, it is the quality. An example is Exodus 28:1, where Aaron is set apart for service to God. Aaron's service was not only to the sanctuary or the people but to minister to God. So, we can say Aaron's service is to minister to the Lord while serving in the Tabernacle. This is our call as well. God then serves people through us. 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 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 can no longer watch today that we once enjoyed. Video games that we cannot play are violent. Why? Because the enemy comes to kill, steal, and destroy. What are we participating in with violent games?

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

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Welcome to the movement to learn to study the Bible to live a praiseworthy life for God.