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The Evidence Study Bible is a treasure chest of knowledge for every Christian who desires to be equipped in reaching the lost. Within its pages you'll find practical answers to the most pressing questions believers face when sharing their faith. It shows you how to approach people, what to say, and how to engage their conscience. You'll learn how to respond to the claims of evolution, how to present undeniable evidence for the existence of God, and how to deal with tough objections such as the problem of suffering or hypocrisy in the church.

This Bible also provides guidance on how to witness effectively to cults, sects, and major world religions—including Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam. In addition, it contains over two hundred of the most commonly asked questions about the Christian faith, with clear, concise, and biblical answers.

The Evidence Study Bible Companion Guide is designed to help you go even deeper, for either personal or group study. It doesn't just give you information—it provokes thought, sparks reflection, and encourages meaningful discussion about the issues in life that matter most. Each book also includes a related comment from the *Evidence Study Bible*. Whether you're new to evangelism or a seasoned witness for Christ, this guide will help you make the truths of Scripture more personal, practical, and powerful in everyday conversations.

The
Old
Testament



1. Genesis

The Book of Beginnings

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Overview

Genesis reveals the origin of creation, humanity, marriage, sin, nations, languages, and God's covenant with Abraham. It introduces the first promise of redemption.

Key Themes

- Creation and intelligent design
- The origin of sin and death
- The global flood and judgment
- God's promise of a Savior

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What does Genesis teach about God's power and authority?
2. How does the creation account shape a biblical worldview?
3. What evidence supports Noah's flood?
4. Why is Genesis foundational to the gospel?

5. How does Genesis 3:15 point to Jesus?
6. How can you explain Genesis to someone skeptical of miracles?
7. What can we learn about faith from Abraham?
8. What lessons does Genesis teach about sin and consequence?
9. How do the patriarchs show God's grace?
10. How does Genesis strengthen your faith in God's promises?

"Genesis is quoted from or referred to in the rest of the Bible more than any other book of the Bible. In the New Testament alone, there are at least 200 quotations from—or references to—Genesis. In fact, there are over 100 citations or direct references in the New Testament to the first eleven chapters of Genesis. And every one of those eleven chapters is referred to somewhere in the New Testament. Not only that, but each New Testament author refers somewhere in his writings to Genesis, chapters one to eleven in particular. And Jesus Himself quoted or referred to the first eleven chapters of Genesis on six different occasions... Believing Genesis is the key to fully understanding God's Word." *Answers in Genesis*

2. Exodus

Deliverance and Covenant

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Overview

Exodus tells how God delivered Israel from Egypt, instituted the Passover, gave the Law, and commanded the building of the Tabernacle.

Key Themes

- God's power over idols
- The Passover as a picture of salvation
- The Ten Commandments and moral accountability
- God's holiness and presence

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What does Exodus reveal about God's character?
2. How does the Passover foreshadow Christ?
3. Why are the Ten Commandments still important?
4. What lessons can we learn from Israel's complaining?

5. How did God provide in the wilderness?
6. What is the purpose of the Tabernacle?
7. How does Moses point to Jesus?
8. How does Exodus challenge your view of obedience?
9. How would you share Exodus with someone unfamiliar with the Bible?
10. What does Exodus teach about trust in God's deliverance?

The moral Law was personally handwritten by the Creator of the universe. This is why we must preach the Law to a lawless and hellbound world. This was God's mind and will for humanity. He wrote the work of the Law on the heart of Adam and his descendants, and He wrote the Law in stone with His finger, to confirm that this was His character and unchanging nature. For a comparison of the Ten Commandments and God's character, see the *ESB* page 280.

3. Leviticus

Holiness and Atonement

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Overview

Leviticus describes God’s requirements for worship, sacrifices, and holiness among His people.

Key Themes

- The seriousness of sin
- The necessity of atonement
- The priesthood as a picture of Christ
- Holiness in daily life

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. Why is Leviticus important for understanding Jesus’ sacrifice?
2. What does it teach about God’s holiness?
3. How do the sacrifices point forward to the cross?
4. What do purity laws symbolize spiritually?

5. How can Leviticus help you appreciate grace?
6. What does the Day of Atonement foreshadow?
7. How does Leviticus show the cost of sin?
8. How do you respond to those who find Leviticus outdated?
9. What does this book teach about approaching God?
10. What lessons can you apply personally?

"If men do not understand the Law, they will not feel that they are sinners. And if they are not consciously sinners, they will never value the sin offering. There is no healing a man till the Law has wounded him, no making him alive till the Law has slain him." *Charles Spurgeon*

4. Numbers

Wandering and Faithfulness

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Overview

Numbers records Israel's unbelief and wandering, God's discipline, and His faithfulness to bring them to Canaan.

Key Themes

- The cost of unbelief
- God's provision and discipline
- Leadership challenges
- Preparing for promises

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What does Numbers reveal about trusting God?
2. How does God remain faithful despite disobedience?
3. What does the bronze serpent teach about salvation?
4. What leadership lessons are found in Moses's life?

5. How does Numbers show God's patience?
6. What are the dangers of grumbling and complaining?
7. How does this book point to Christ?
8. How can we avoid the mistakes Israel made?
9. What does Numbers teach about God's holiness?
10. How does this book challenge your faith?

The Ten Commandments are like ten biting serpents that carry with them the venomous curse of God's Law. This Law convicts us of our sin and drives us to look to the One lifted up on a cross, the Messiah, who saves us from the fatal sting of the Law (see 1 Cor. 15:56). It was the Law of Moses that put Jesus on the cross. The Messiah became a curse for us, and redeemed us from the curse of the Law (see Gal. 3:13).