

MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIAH
#1 - THE BIBLE
THE BOOK REPORT





He slammed the locker a lot harder than he thought. The students in the hallway seemed to shift their gaze towards Uriah as he tried to let them know it was an accident.

“You ok Uriah? You seem a little uptight,” Jeniah said. “Phew, that was intense! Class was pretty heated today just because somebody mentioned the Bible,” Uriah replied.

“Tell me more, sounds intense! What happened?” Jeniah asked as she stood with her back to the lockers.

“I was in Lit class and there was a heated argument about the Bible. One student said it was an old book that was only useful for literary and historical studies. Another student said it was a sacred book. One kid even said it was a love story! The whole class laughed at him pretty bad, then the teacher gave us more work because we were so rowdy! Since we were arguing (and laughing), we have to write a two-page report.... On the BIBLE!!! Go figure!” Uriah said with a sigh.

“Hmm. What if I told you that those students were correct? The Bible is a historical and literal book. It is also a sacred book that details God’s love for His creation,” Jeniah replied with a matter of fact look on her face.

“I never thought about it like that. I do remember we talked about some basics one day at Grandpa’s house. He said the Bible was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. There are over 40 main authors and there are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Ummm I remember him telling me about the 7 genres or narratives that tell stories. Let’s see there’s poetry – poems and songs; Wisdom – practical life lessons; Prophecy – major and minor prophets distinguished by their length and not importance; Gospels – that tell of the Life of Jesus; Epistles – letters to groups or individuals; and Apop-, no Aposh-, I mean Apocalyptic – the books of Daniel and Revelation, which have symbolic language, but all work together to tell the story of God working on behalf of His people throughout the ages. Phew that was a lot!”

“Way to go Bible Scholar!!!” Jeniah exclaimed. “I didn’t think you would be able to remember all that. You are always playing around! He made me memorize all of the books in order!” Jeniah said.

“Shoot! He said he would give me \$25 if I could remember everything. I wasn’t going to miss out on that! I see you hiding something under your backpack. What is it that has you being so secretive? It’s like you are reading a love letter,” Uriah said peering into Jeniah’s belongings.

“Actually... I am! Grandpa told me that the Bible was a love letter and I wanted to see if he was just pulling my leg,” Jeniah responded while zipping her bag closed.

Uriah bursts into uncontrollable laughter. “You are reading a “love letter from... God?” That’s crazy!!!”

“Actually it isn’t crazy at all.” Jeniah said giving her cousin a look that made him know she was serious. “The Bible is God’s way of speaking to us, and today, He told me that He loves me, in spite of my mistakes. He said I am fearfully and wonderfully made and He thinks I’m really special.”

“He said all that huh?” Uriah whispered. “Yep. And he said something about you too! He said he knew you before you were born. And that he has a special plan for your life,” Jeniah said as they were nearing the cafeteria. “Wait a minute... the Bible doesn’t say all of that . You are making this up,” Uriah said in shock.

“Nope. It’s all in there!” Jeniah said as she pulled up a chair. “Really?” He asked, hoping she would tell him more. “Yes, really!! You just mentioned it yourself. The Bible, written by over 40 authors, contains 66 books that all focus on God’s love for His creation,” Jeniah said, “But honestly I wanted to find out for myself. I even heard a guy sing about God’s love shown in His Word on my way to school, but I wanted to see if it is true. Do you want to join me ‘cuzzo?” She asked seeing that Uriah wanted more information. “Sure, I have a free period now,” Uriah said.

They put their bags down on the lunch table and continued their discussion. “Ok here we go... From what I’ve discovered so far, Jesus is the primary focus of the Bible. In fact, He says so in John 5:39

- “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”
- And in Luke 24:27 - “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning _____.”

“Once we get an accurate picture of who He is, the rest should fall into place!” Jeniah explained. “Okay. It’s becoming clearer. But if Jesus is the central focus, what does the Bible say about us?” Uriah asked inquisitively.

“A lot! But I’m learning that the more I study, the more God will help me learn about Him,” Jeniah replied.

- Psalm 119:11 - Thy _____ have I hid in mine heart, That I might not sin against thee.

“But I’m not that smart when it comes to the Bible. There’s no way I will be able to learn about all the stuff in there!” Uriah huffed. “Yes you can. If you remembered all that information from Grandpa, then you can get this! Look at this verse. It speaks to exactly what you just said.

- Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a **lamp** unto my feet, and a _____ unto my path.

“So, you mean to tell me, if we just read the Bible, it will help me make better choices and have like an internal GPS that will help me make better choices?” Uriah probed. “EXACTLY!” Jeniah exclaimed. “Nope... It seems too easy. I’m not sure how reading the Bible makes that much of a difference.” Uriah responded.

“I felt the same way at first. Then I read that we have a Helper that will lead us into truth (John 16:13) and as He does, it makes us holy (John 14:26)... just a fancy term that means being more like God!

- “... when he, the Spirit of _____, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” John 16:13
- “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:26

“We are reading right now and I don’t feel any different. Do we go through a special transformation? Will I be “beamed up” when I read it?” Uriah said as he looked up from the Bible app on his phone. “No, silly. But when we read and receive the Word, it begins to work on us.”

- 1 Thessalonians 2:13 - “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a _____, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at _____ in you who believe.”

“Oh okay. So the Bible is a Lamp, like a navigation system, it contains a buddy system that links me with a “Holy Spirit”, it tells me about the love of Jesus AND changes me from the inside? How does it do all that?,”Uriah said sitting up in his chair waiting for an answer.

“YOU ARE GETTING IT!!! One of the authors of the bible ,Paul, wrote in 2 Timothy 3:16 that

- “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for _____ , rebuking, correcting and training in _____ .”

“We are just cracking the surface into what the Bible has for us. If we continue to study, God will help us learn more. The Old Testament says we can call and God will show us things we do not know!

- Jeremiah 33:3 “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you _____ and _____ things you do not know.”

Uriah stood up and said, “So... speaking of great things, I am starting to get hungry.”

“Ok sit down. We are almost done and I read a scripture the other day that let me know that the Bible has just what you need, Bread!

“Bread? In the Bible? I’ll take it! I’m famished,” Uriah said with a shrug as he rubbed his empty stomach.

“Not that kind of bread, silly, but it is greater than any sandwich.” Jeniah responded. “Jesus said, *I am the Bread of Life*. By reading this Word, we have the opportunity to learn about Him and grow closer to Him.”

- Matthew 4:4 - ‘Man shall not live on _____ alone, but on _____ that comes from the mouth of God.

“All this talk about bread has made me even more hungry. I’m going to the lunch line. Thank you for sharing. I have a lot to think about. If you don’t mind, let’s use this period to study again. This has been very helpful... I’ve got to run. Oh and after I eat, I have a paper to write!” Uriah said.

“I got you cousin!” She said with a smile. “Let’s do this again tomorrow. I want to see what else we can learn from the Bible!”