## **Certificate of Biblical Studies**

Bible Lessons International & Valley Baptist Missions Education Center

We are delighted and honored to learn of your interest in advancing your understanding of the Bible and God's word. May the Lord bestow His blessings upon your endeavors to cultivate a Christlike character by engaging in the process of renewing your mind through the diligent study of His Word.

Kindly <u>visit our website</u> to avail yourself of a comprehensive range of complimentary Biblical materials, including free Biblical commentaries available in 48 languages. Additionally, we encourage you to fulfill the outlined requirements necessary for obtaining the Certificate of Biblical Studies.

## **Old Testament and New Testament Survey Courses**

The <u>Old Testament Survey</u> and <u>New Testament Survey</u> courses have been meticulously crafted to provide you with a comprehensive overview of each book in the Bible. It is essential to note that the Bible serves as the exclusive textbook for the Certificate of Biblical Studies.

- Read each book of the Bible directly from the Scriptures
- Read carefully and slowly the written introductory notes found in the Biblical commentaries from each book of both testaments several times.
- View the video or listen to the audio of the first chapter of each book in the Bible
- Read the exegetical notes on the first chapter of each book in the Biblical commentaries
- Study the special topics found throughout the Biblical commentaries in each book of the Bible to receive added information on theological words, cultural issues, and the people in Biblical times.
- This process of study should give you access to the author, date, recipients, and historical settings of each book in the Bible.
- You can find the literary units in the introductory notes of each book of the Bible.

## Complete entire Biblical Interpretation Seminar, "You Can Understand the Bible" (13 Lessons)

Biblical interpretation represents a judicious blend of rational and spiritual processes geared towards comprehending the intentions of ancient inspired writers. The overarching goal is to discern the divine message and facilitate its meaningful application in the contemporary context.

It is imperative to approach this task with consistency and impartiality, steering clear of personal or denominational biases that might impede an objective understanding of the text. Recognizing our inherent historical conditioning, it is crucial to acknowledge that objectivity and neutrality are unattainable ideals.

In light of these considerations, this seminar provides a meticulous and rational framework comprising four interpretive principles. These principles are strategically devised to guide participants in transcending personal biases and enhancing a more objective and insightful understanding of the biblical text.

Ensure that you concurrently review the <u>Written Lecture Notebook</u> while watching the <u>Teaching Videos</u> of the Biblical Interpretation Seminar. This integrated approach will enhance your comprehension and reinforce key concepts, providing a more comprehensive and enriched learning experience.

## Select four (4) Old Testament Books and six (6) New Testament Books of your choice

- Answer in writing three (3) discussion questions of your choice found at the end of each chapter of every book you selected from the Bible.
- Each answer must be at least one paragraph but less than a half typed page
- Briefly define in four (4) sentences, the terms and phrases listed at the end of each introduction of every book of the Bible.
- Briefly identify the people listed at then end of each introduction of every book of the Bible. Who are they? and why are they significant?

The Certificate of Biblical Studies is offered without any associated fees and will be dispatched promptly to you upon the successful completion and submission of all assignments and requirements outlined above via email.

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