

Biblical Institute of Joliet
WHAT WE STUDY: FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

<i>Books</i>	<i>Some Themes and Topics Covered</i>
Year 1—Old Testament Foundations: Genesis through Kings	
<i>Pentateuch:</i> Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	Approaches to reading; Old Testament geography, history, culture; Creator/creation; God as Redeemer and Revealer; Exodus as theme; people of God; covenant/law/Torah; promise; the Land
<i>Deuteronomistic History:</i> Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings	Charismatic leadership, kingship, prophecy, Israel's relationship with God, Israel's history to the exile
Year 2—New Testament Foundations: Jesus and Discipleship	
Mark, Luke, Acts, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Philemon, Romans, Colossians, Ephesians, John, Revelation	Approaches to reading; New Testament geography, history, culture; nature of gospels and epistles; New Testament apocalyptic writing and theology; the many facets of Jesus; Holy Spirit; Christian living; discipleship; Church; eschatology
Year 3—Old Testament Continued: Exile and Restoration	
<i>Prophets:</i> Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, Zechariah 1-8, Joel, Malachi	Approaches to reading; Old Testament geography, history, culture; prophecy and prophetic vocation; social justice; marriage of God and Israel; destruction of Temple; exile
<i>Other:</i> Lamentations, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ruth, Song of Songs, Psalms	History writing in the Old Testament; Hebrew poetry; exile; rebuilding/renewal after exile
Year 4—Both Testaments Concluded: The Word in the Hellenistic World	
<i>Wisdom Literature:</i> Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, Wisdom	Approaches to reading; priest/prophet/sage; Creator/creation; living God's way; virtues; problem of suffering
<i>Other Old Testament:</i> Habakkuk, Jonah, Esther, Tobit, Baruch, Zechariah 9-16, 1 & 2 Maccabees, Judith, Daniel	Approaches to reading; Hellenistic history, geography, culture; nature of teaching stories; Old Testament apocalyptic writing and theology; martyrdom; resurrection
<i>Other New Testament:</i> Matthew, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, James, Jude, 1, 2, & 3 John, 1 & 2 Peter, Hebrews	Approaches to reading, role of Peter and the apostles, the many facets of Jesus, discipleship, Christian living, early Church