

Glossary

The right-hand column lists the lesson in the study guide in which the word is first used.

		<i>Lesson</i>
abuses	— improper uses or treatments	10
A.D.	— “in the year of our Lord”; occurring after the birth of Christ	1
allegiance	— loyalty to someone or something; obligation due to a ruler	8
allegorical	— having a supposed hidden spiritual meaning not found in the literal sense	7
alliance	— a bond or connection between nations, families, or individuals	6
altar	— a block of stone or structure on which an offering is placed	2
anointed	— designated by a ceremony in which oil is poured on the head	6
antithetic	— opposed to; in contrast to	7
Aramaic	— the language common in Palestine after about 500 B.C.	1
assassination	— the treacherous murder of a ruler or other person	8
Assyria	— a powerful nation east of Palestine and north of Babylon	9
Babylon	— a powerful nation east of Palestine and south of Assyria	9
B. C.	— “before Christ”; occurring before Christ was born on earth	8
ceremonial law	— laws relating to the priesthood, tabernacle, feasts, and offerings	4

chronological	—	arranged in order according to time	1
circumcision	—	the physical sign of the covenant made on the male organ	3
civil law	—	laws relating to property, marriage, and other similar aspects of life	4
civilization	—	the culture of a certain group of people at a particular time or place	2
consecration	—	the act or ceremony of devoting something to God	4
conviction	—	the state of being persuaded of an error; strong belief	6
covenant	—	a formal, solemn, and binding agreement	2
cross-section	—	a representation of something as if it had been cut in half	5
crucial	—	decisive; important or essential as to resolving a crisis	2
culture	—	the customs, arts, conveniences of a civilization	3
current affairs	—	events which are occurring at the present time	8
cycle	—	a sequence in which certain events reoccur or are repeated	5
debauchery	—	extreme indulgence in sensuality	5
Decalogue	—	the Ten Commandments given to Israel	4
decline	—	to diminish; to gradually waste away	10
decree	—	an order usually having the force of a law	10
dethroned	—	removed from being king or ruler	6
dynasty	—	a succession of rulers from the same family or line of descent	8

era	— a period of time typified by some prominent feature	8
exile	— forced removal from one's country	9
expedition	— a journey taken for a specific purpose	10
feast	— a special ceremony held to mark the memory of a certain event	4
fertile crescent	— the land in the area of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers	2
genealogy	— an account of the ancestors of a certain person, family, or group	8
geographical	— having to do with the physical land	2
Greek	— the language in which the New Testament was written	1
Hebrew	— the language in which most of the Old Testament was written	1
history	— a chronological record of significant events	1
idols	— objects used to represent false gods	3
inhabitant	— one who lives in a certain place	5
inheritance	— property or money passed down within a family	5
inspiration	— the quality or state of having been moved or guided by God	1
interpretation	— the explanation or meaning of something	7
intervention	— the act of coming between to modify or change in some way	9
intimate	— marked by warm friendship developed through long association	7
invaders	— those who enter for conquest or spoil	5
kingdom	— a politically organized community headed by a king	6
league	— an association of nations for a common purpose	5

legalism	— literal or excessive conformity to the law; dependence on law for salvation	4
literature	— writings having excellence in form and expression	1
manna	— food miraculously supplied to the Israelites in their wilderness journey	4
manuscript	— a handwritten document	1
Masorettes	— a group of Jewish scholars who were responsible for preserving the Old Testament	1
Messiah	— the name given to Jesus as the one chosen by God to do a special work	4
migrate	— to move from one country or place to another	3
moral law	— laws having to do with basic principles of right and wrong	4
obligation	— a duty or responsibility toward something or someone	6
offering	— a sacrifice given as part of worship	4
origin	— the point at which something begins	2
parallel	— extending in the same direction keeping the same distance apart	5
parallelism	— the quality or state of having similar elements in similar positions	7
patriarch	— one of the fathers of the Hebrew people	3
peninsula	— a piece of land surrounded on three sides by water	4
philosophy	— a system of beliefs and attitudes	7
plague	— a disastrous evil or affliction	3
plateau	— land having a level surface but higher than the surrounding land	5
poem	— a literary piece or writing in verse	7

poetry	— writing in verse	1
political	— of or relating to government	8
prediction	— something declared before it happens	8
preliminary	— something that is introductory or preparatory	10
preservation	— the quality of having been kept from injury, destruction, or harm	10
priest	— one who has been given the authority to perform religious ceremonies	4
prophecy	— a message given from God to man	1
prosperity	— the state of being successful; economic well-being	6
providence	— divine guidance or care	3
redemption	— the act or process of buying back	2
reign	— to possess or exercise power as a king or ruler	6
remnant	— a small surviving group	8
restoration	— a bringing back to a former position or condition	10
revelation	— something made known by God to man	1
rhyme	— to sound alike; a poem having certain words of similar sound	7
scribe	— a man who studied the Scriptures and who served as a copyist and teacher	10
Septuagint	— the Greek translation of the Old Testament made around 200-300 B.C.	1
siege	— the act of surrounding a city and compelling it to surrender	9
successor	— one that follows another, usually in holding a throne or office	5
supremacy	— the state or quality of being the highest in rank, power, or authority	9
survive	— to remain alive or in existence	10

synagogue	— a Jewish congregation or group meeting for worship	9
synonymous	— alike in meaning or significance	7
synthetic	— relating to something which is the result of a combination of parts	7
theme	— a subject or topic of speech or writing	1
theocracy	— government by immediate divine guidance	6
transition	— a passage from one state to another	6
translated	— having been put into a different language	7
translation	— something which has been put into a different language	1
tribute	— a payment by one ruler to another to show submission	8
ultimate	— basic, fundamental	1
vassal	— a person under the protection of another; one in a subordinate position	9
veil	— a length of cloth worn as a covering over the face; a concealing curtain	4
vellum	— fine-grained animal skin prepared for use as a writing surface	1
verbal	— having to do with words	1
wisdom	— deep understanding; keen insight	7
writing prophet	— a prophet after whom an Old Testament book is named (such as Isaiah)	8