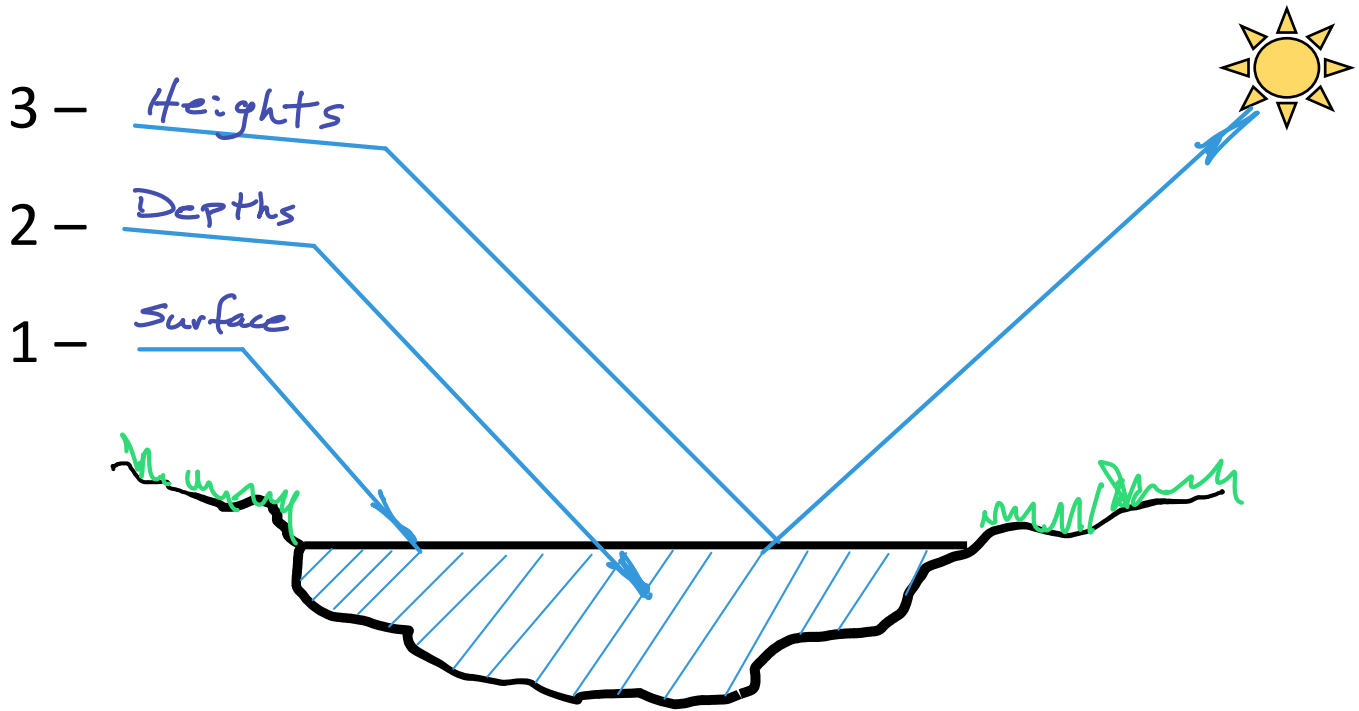


How to Study the Bible

SESSION ONE



Sessions:

- The **PARDES** approach to study
- The Menorah Pattern
- How to mark your Bible
- How to do a word study
- Bible translations
- Pointers on teaching the Scriptures / Q&A

פרדס PaRDeS

פ – *P'shat* = “Simple”

- The facts – and just the facts
- Literal translation & interpretation
- • Hebraic & historical background
- Geographical info

ך – *Remez* = “Hint”

- Allegory, types, parables
- Life Applications

Beware Paredolia!

ד – *D'rash* = “Search”

- Biblical quotes *& Non-biblical quotes*
- Repetition of words
- Biblical connections & Patterns

ס – *Sod* = “Secret”

- Meanings of names
- Gematria $\text{שׁוׁן} = 358 = \text{נ״אד}$
- Letter construction $\text{גד} = \text{David} = 14$
- Spiritual insights

Practice: Nimrod & The Tower of Babel

(Genesis 10:8-10 / 11:1-9)

P'shat

Remez

- Babel = type of manmade religion
- Unity of Rebellion → slavery!
- Rebellion against God (9:1 + 11:4)
- People desire to build a city;
God desires to build a people!
(Heb. 11:9-10)
- God revealed the confusion
in their hearts

D'rash

- Pharaoh & Slavery (Bricks)
- Confusion of languages
vs. Unity of speech.
— Mt. Sinai + Pent. (Acts 2)
- 1st City vs. Last City
(New Jerusalem)
- Tower TO Heaven vs. City
FROM Heaven. (Rev. 21)
- Luke 14:28-30
- Zeph. 3:9 (+8)

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Sod

- "Nimrod" = "Rebellion"

• "Babel" = $\aleph \beth \beth \longleftrightarrow \beth \beth \aleph$ = "Heart"

• $\aleph \beth \beth$
Chomer = "tar" Chemer = "Wine"

References:

Psalm 119:18 Unveil my eyes, that I may behold wonders from of Your Torah.

John 10:22-23 At that time the Feast of Dedication [*Hanukkah*] took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Yeshua was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

Acts 2:1-2 When the day of Pentecost [*Shavuot*] arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Examples of *Remez*

Deuteronomy 25:4 You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.

1 Corinthians 9:9-10 For it is written in the Torah of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does He not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop.

Numbers 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

John 3:14-15 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

Examples of *D'rash*

Exodus 17:6 “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Deuteronomy 8:15 ...who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock ...

Daniel 2:34-35 As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Luke 11:20 But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Exodus 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as Adonai had said.

Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a *c'tonet pasim*.

2 Samuel 13:18 Now she was wearing a *c'tonet pasim*, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her.

Examples of Sod

1 Corinthians 10:4 And all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Messiah.

1 John 3:8 ...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Genesis 2:7 Then Adonai Elohim formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

Nimrod & The Tower of Babel (Genesis 10-11)

Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

Genesis 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

Luke 14:28-30 "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'"

Hebrews 11:9-10 By faith [Abraham] lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise. For he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Zephaniah 3:8-9 "Therefore wait for me," declares Adonai, "for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger; for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed.⁹ For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of Adonai and serve Him with one accord."

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not of confusion but of peace...

1 Peter 2:4-5 And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Yeshua the Messiah.

Revelation 21:9-10 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God...

Deuteronomy 32:14 Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat – and you drank foaming wine [חֶרֶם, *cherem*] made from the blood of the grape.

Isaiah 27:2 In that day a vineyard of pure wine [חֶרֶם, *cherem*]. Sing of it!

Assignment: Genesis 24
Eliczar & Rebecca

Extra: Look for other "well stories"
where a man meets a woman
at a well.