

Drashing God



ESV **Obadiah 1:10-12** Because of the violence (chamas - חַמָּסִים— 2555) done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. ¹¹ On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were like one of them. ¹² But do not gloat over the day of your brother in the day of his misfortune; do not rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their ruin; do not boast in the day of distress.



Fig. 1

Purpose for Bible Study:

- seek to know what God is doing
- seek to know our part in what He is doing
- seek to know when He is going to do it.

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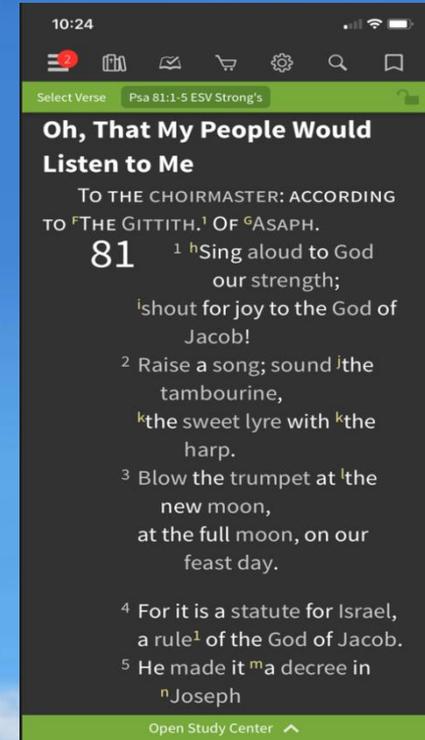
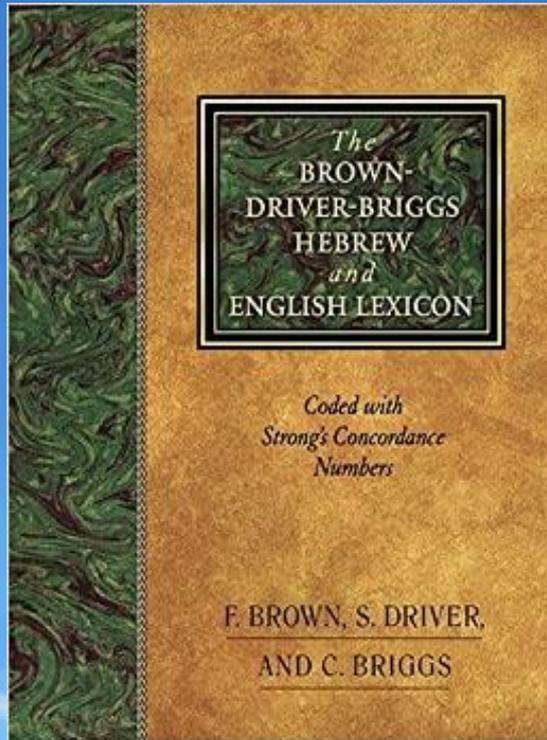
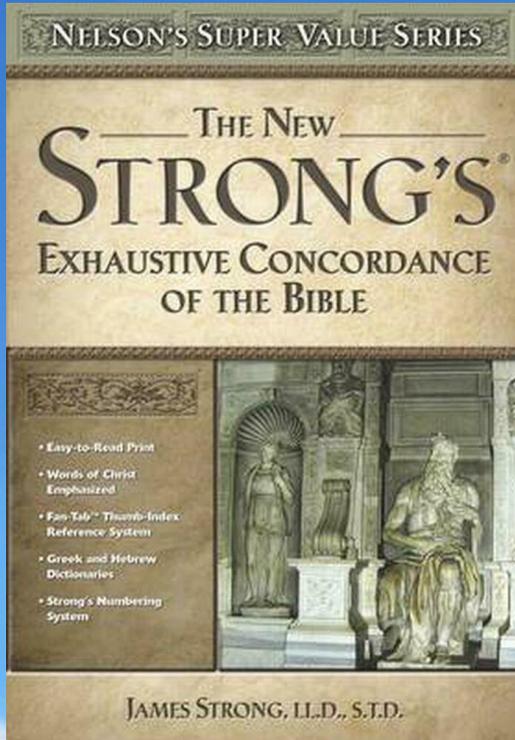
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^{ESV} **Psalm 1:1-2** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

^{ESV} **Psalm 63:5-6** My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

^{ESV} **Psalm 143:5** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

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Matthew 26:39

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ESV **John 14:25-26** "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

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Part 2

Deeper Biblical Understanding

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"sode" (סוד – 5475)

^{ESV} **Proverbs 25:2** It is the glory of God to
conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search
things out.

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NKJ **Acts 3:1** Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the **hour of prayer**, the **ninth hour**.

NKJ **Acts 10:1** There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a devout *man* and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. ³ About the **ninth hour** of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

NKJ Genesis 3:8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the **cool of the day**, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

NKJ Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

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Remez

KJV Isaiah 6:9-10 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

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the house of Israel.

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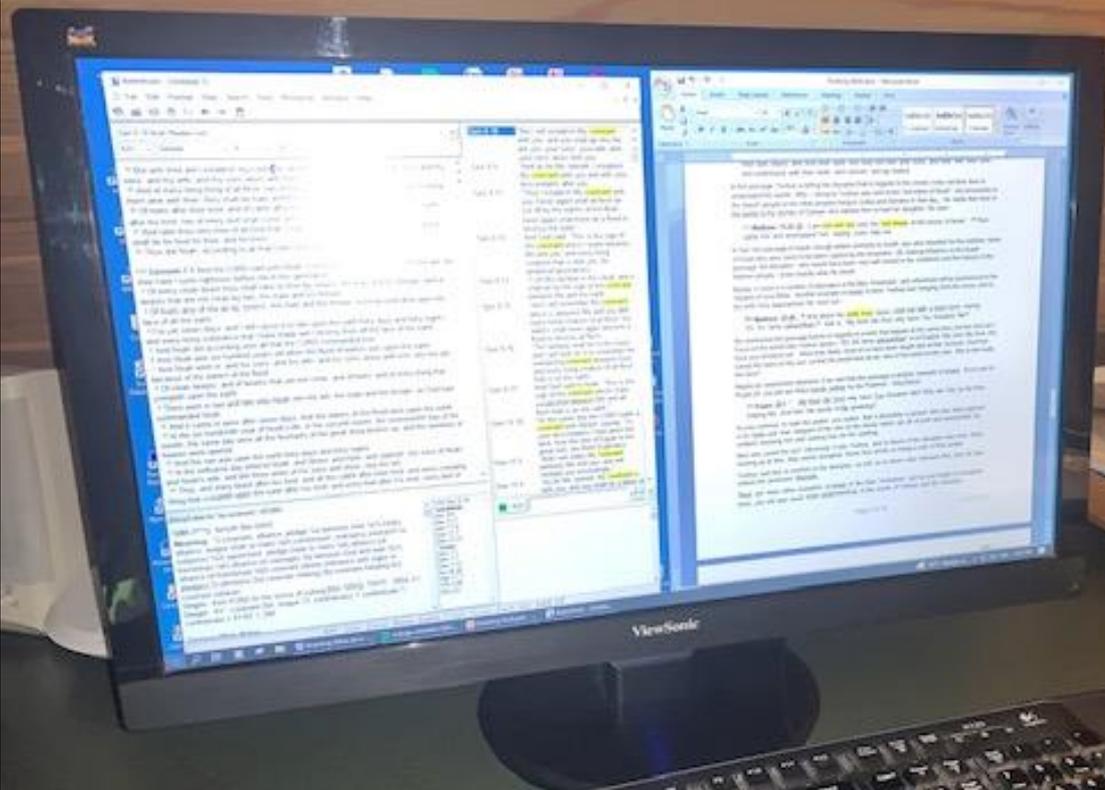




Fig. 2

God “appointed” (‘manah’ – מָנָה – 4487) – though not necessary prepared - a number of things in this short story.

They are:

- a great fish (‘dag’ – דָּג – 1709) to rescue Jonah and carry him and his message to the people of Nineveh. (see LXX) (1:17)
- A gourd (4:6)
- A worm (4:7)
- East wind (4:8)

- Jonah did not fear the people of Nineveh, he feared that YHVH would have mercy on them and forgive them (4:1)
- Jonah built a sukkah (4:5) and sat under it apparently hoping God would not forgive the people of Nineveh

- God used the fish to help carry His message to the people of Nineveh
- Jacob told Joseph that Joseph's sons would “proliferate like fish” (Gen. 48:16 – Stone Tnakh)
- Yeshua told His disciples to be “fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19)
- Christians will typically display a “fish” symbol



Fig. 3

NKJ Matthew 16:13-17 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" ¹⁴ So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, **Simon Bar-Jonah**, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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NKJ **Acts 10:34-35** Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵ "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

Two Jews, Three Opinions!

Review:

- God wants us to seek Him in everything we do
- He gives us tools by which we can better understand His Word
 - Meditation
 - Prayer
 - Holy Spirit
- Jewish sages have provided us ways to better understand the New Testament – the SECRET THINGS
- All we have to do is SEARCH

Who *is* the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. ¹³ He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. ¹⁴ The secret (sode) of the LORD *is* with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

NKJ Psalm 25:12-14

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