

Certificate in Mastering the Bible

Study Guide Old and New Testaments

Important

The Projects required for the Certificate in Mastering the Bible are to **be submitted as a single unit**, with the Projects Cover Page (included at the end of this Study Guide) added as Page One. You may submit your Projects in the Resource Room through the “Project Submission” upload Link.

When you submit all the Projects required for The Certificate in Mastering the Bible, you must affirm that you have read the *Panorama of the New Testament* in its entirety.

All Projects must be submitted in Microsoft Word, or in a Word-compatible online format. No PDF documents.

Section One: Old Testament

Project One

The Panorama of the Old Testament is the required textbook for the Projects in Section One: Old Testament.

Competence in the Old Testament

Panorama of the Old Testament... Thomas R. Rodgers

Read the *Panorama of the Old Testament*. As you read, make notes about facts in each book which are of special interest to you. When you submit all of the Projects required for The Certificate in Mastering the Bible, you must affirm that you have read the *Panorama of the Old Testament* in its entirety.

Note: A new Edition of [Panorama of the Old Testament](#) by Dr. Thomas R. Rodgers is now available. Originally written and published in 1988 and republished in 2003 and 2020, this highly regarded text has been updated with new research, revised page numbers, professional binding, and fresh imagery. You may purchase this text through Amazon. It is suggested to use this direct link for purchase, as older editions of [Panorama](#) are still available to purchase online and may be mislabeled by book distributors.

Project Two

Write a brief and succinct, 25-word summary of each Old Testament book. As you write, think about what your reply would be if a person asked, “What is in the book of Isaiah?” Your reply to this question should be the 25 words that you will write to summarize the book of Isaiah. Use this principle for all 39 books.

The 39 books in the Old Testament will result in a total of not less than 975 words to complete the 25 words per book requirement in Project Two. If you print this Project for your personal use, it could be expanded and become an excellent hand-out paper which can be used for an Old Testament Bible study in either in your church, or in your home.

Project Three

Using the 25 words you wrote to summarize each book in Project Two, or the notes that you wrote while reading each book, create two questions, each with brief answers, for each book in the Old Testament. These should be questions regarding what you believe to be two of the major themes, or issues, in each of the 39 books. The average number of words used for each question should be 10-12. The average number of words for each answer should be 12-25. Approximately 50-60 words will be required for the questions and answers related to each Old Testament book. This is a total of approximately, 2,300 words required for Project Three.

As with the requirements for Project Two, these questions and answers can be used when you teach an Old Testament book. Or, if you teach a series about the entire Old Testament as it is presented in *The Panorama of the Old Testament*.

Section Two: New Testament

Project One

The Panorama of the New Testament is the required textbook for the Projects in Section Two: New Testament.

Competence in the New Testament*

Panorama of the New Testament... Thomas R. Rodgers

*This text is available via pdf PowerPoint in your Resource Room. No textbook purchase is required.

Read the *Panorama of the New Testament*. As you read, make notes about facts in each book which are of special interest to you. You may decide to choose a theme, or themes, which flow through each New Testament book. Themes such as: God the Father; the Lord Jesus; the Holy Spirit; grace; salvation; prayer; sin; and living a victorious Christian life, will become wonderful personally discovered resources which you will have available for yourself and your ministry.

When you submit all the Projects required for The Certificate in Mastering the Bible, you must affirm that you have read the *Panorama of the New Testament* in its entirety.

Project Two

Write a brief and succinct, 50-word summary of each New Testament book. As you write, think about what your reply would be if a person asked, “What is in the book of Romans?” Your reply to this question should be the 50 words that you will write to summarize the book of Romans. Use this principle for all 27 books.

The 27 books comprising the New Testament will result in a total of not less than 1,350 words to complete the 50 words per book requirement in Project Two. If you print this Project for your personal use, it can be expanded to become an excellent hand- out paper which can be used for a New Testament Bible study either in your church, or in your home.

Project Three

Using the 50 words you wrote to summarize each book in Project Two, or the notes that you wrote while reading the book, create two questions, each with brief answers, for each book in the New Testament. These should be questions regarding what you believe to be two of the major themes, or issues, in each of the 27 books. The average number of words used for each question should be 10-12. The average number of words for each answer should be 12-25. This is approximately 50-60 words required for the questions and answers related to each New Testament book. This is a total of approximately, 1,600 words required for Project Three.

As with the requirements for Project Two, these questions and answers can be used when you teach a New Testament book. Or, if you decide to teach a series on the entire New Testament, as it is presented in *The Panorama of the Old Testament*.

Use this Cover Page when submitting your Six Projects for the Old and New Testaments. You may Copy and Paste the below content and set as Page One in your document.

This Cover Page will be emailed back to you from the faculty grader.

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Old Testament

Project One: I affirm that I read *The Panorama of the Old Testament* in its entirety. (*Print your name.*)_____

Project Two: Approved:

Project Three: Approved:

New Testament

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