

## Team Organization

The Ready Answers Bible Memorization Program is designed to help you memorize Bible passages easily and quickly. It is based on many well-proven strategies for memorizing. Although this material is designed to help teams studying in 2017 to prepare for the Pathfinder Bible Experience tests in early 2018, we hope that others wanting to become familiar with Daniel and Esther will find this helpful.

### Team Organization:

We are dividing each of the books this year into 2 segments. Each segment of takes 15 to 35 minutes to read. Since some chapters are much smaller than others, assigning students to each learn the same number of chapters might not be the best strategy. The tables below show our recommended assignments. The goals we had were:

- Each assignment should be about the same size as the other assignments. This is to help spread the effort equally across the team members.
- If the content of two chapters is similar, those chapters should be assigned to different team members. Many people have difficulty memorizing two passages that are nearly identical.
- Each verse should be assigned to one student as a primary responsibility and to a second student as a secondary responsibility. This enables the students to consult with each other during the tests and help each other remember the details required to answer the questions. Also, if one student unexpectedly is unable to participate, the remaining team members are prepared to answer the questions. The table below shows primary assignments with “1” in the table. Secondary assignments are shown with “2”.
- Each student should have a study partner that leverages the primary and secondary responsibilities. This way, if the full team can't get together for every session, pairs of students can meet and study effectively.

Suppose the team members are Alex, Adam, Lexi, Jordan, Jeffrey, and Noah. Also suppose that Alex and Jordan will be partners, Adam and Jeffrey will be partners, and that Jordan and Noah will be partners. The table below shows that Alex has the primary responsibility for Daniel chapter 1 and Jordan has secondary responsibility for it.

		<b>Team Member Assignments</b>					
<b>Segment</b>	<b>words</b>	Alex	Adam	Lexi	Jordan	Jeffrey	Noah
Dan 1	610	1			2		
Dan 2:1-36	1067	2			1		
Dan 2:37-49	452			1			2
Dan 3	1020	1			2		
Dan 4:1-18	573	1			2		
Dan 4:19-37	738		1			2	
Dan 5:1-12	424		1			2	
Dan 5:13-31	583			1			2
Dan 6	939			2			1

		<b>Team Member Assignments</b>					
<b>Segment</b>	<b>words</b>	Alex	Adam	Lexi	Jordan	Jeffrey	Noah
Dan 7:1-14	521			2			1
Dan 7:15-28	432		1			2	
Dan 8:1-14	494			1			2
Dan 8:15-27	385		1			2	
Dan 9	995		1			2	
Dan 10	667	1			2		
Dan 11	1532			2			1
Dan 12	403	2			1		
Esther 1	711	2			1		
Esther 2	791	2			1		
Esther 3	567			1			2
Esther 4	521			1			2
Esther 5	484		2			1	
Esther 6	471		2			1	
Esther 7	349		2			1	
Esther 8	639		2			1	
Esther 9	974		2			1	
Esther 10	98			1			2
Primary Words		2870	2974	2715	2972	2917	2992
Secondary Words		2972	2917	2992	2870	2974	2715
Total		5842	5891	5707	5842	5891	5707

The above assignment results in Lexi and Noah both needing to learn similar verses from chapters 2 and 7; however, they have fewer total words to learn to help compensate for this.

Whatever approach you use, we recommend that you try to avoid having any individual be responsible for knowing different portions of scripture that describe similar concepts using different words. It isn't possible to avoid this completely, but minimize it. Here are portions that seem similar:

Concept	Chapters describing this concept
Time of Daniel's prosperity	Dan 1:21 Dan 6:28
Nebuchadnezzar's First Dream	Dan 2:1-36 Dan 2:37-49
The 4 <sup>th</sup> Beast is similar to the 4 <sup>th</sup> kingdom and God's Everlasting Kingdom	Dan 2 Dan 7
Lists of satraps, governors, etc.	Dan 3 Dan 6
Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream	Dan 4:1-18 Dan 4:19-37 Dan 5:13-31
Description of Daniel's reputation	Dan 5:1-12 Dan 5:13-31
Vision of 4 beasts	Dan 7:1-14 Dan 7:15-28
Declarations of God's Dominion	Dan 4 Dan 6
Daniel is by a river, faints, and revived by an angel	Dan 8 (especially 8:1-14) Dan 10

At this time we are not aware of any verses in Ester that are too similar with each other or with verses in Daniel.

The following table shows an “x” where there are similar verses. For example, the “x” in the first row shows that Daniel 1 and Danial 6 have similar verses.

Daniel	1	2:1-36	2:37-49	3	4:1-18	4:19-37	5:1-12	5:13-31	6	7:1-14	7:15-28	8:1-14	8:15-27	9	10	11	12
1									x								
2:1-36			x							x	x						
2:37-49		x								x	x						
3									x								
4:1-18						x		x	x								
4:19-37					x			x									
5:1-12								x									
5:13-31					x	x	x										
6	x			x													
7:1-14		x	x								x						
7:15-28		x	x							x							
8:1-14																x	
8:15-27																x	
9																	
10												x	x				
11																	
12																	

### The Memorization Method:

By using visual, auditory, and body-motion (kinetic) memory aids, which we call “handles”, you can get information to stick in your short-term memory. By reviewing the information on a regular basis, you can get the information to transfer to your long-term memory.

Steps:

1. Preview
2. Learn
3. Review

### Step 1: Preview:

In this step, we recommend that you take a week or two to read through the segment book, at least once per day, and preferably in one sitting. This will help get the entire section into your mind as a large chunk. Try reading it out loud, so you can hear the words. Try reading it (or listening to it) while walking around, or doing some type of motion, like an exercise bike, etc. Different approaches work

better for different people. In this preview step, it is best to look at the pictures, and decide where to focus for each phrase of the verses. These will become your handles to learn the verses later. You may also find it helpful to think of some rhyming words, or body motions that seem to go with the phrases, or ways to remember the sequences of verses. However, during this step, you should mainly focus on just getting familiar with the material you are going to learn.

## **Step 2: Learn**

In this step, take each verse, and break it into phrases that are about 3-5 words long. As you get better at memorizing, these phrases can get longer and longer, (our record is about 18 words), but for the first few chapters, keep them short. Then, take a part of the picture, and find something in it to associate with each phrase. Look and point to the picture while you say the first phrase 3 times. When you can say the first phrase perfectly, then start to learn the next phrase. Look and point to a different part of the picture that you are going to associate with the second phrase, and say the second phrase 3 times. When you can say the second phrase perfectly, then say the first and second phrases together, looking at the first part of the picture for the first phrase, and then the second part of the picture for the second phrase. If you are having difficulty joining the phrases together, then practice just the few words at the end of the first phrase, and the first few words of the second phrase together at least three times. Continue on in this manner, until you have learned each phrase in the verse, and tied them together in your mind.

Be creative in making and using handles. The more outrageous the handle, the more likely you will be able to remember it. It does not need to “make sense”, or be grammatically correct, etc. It just needs to help you remember the Bible verse. Our suggestions are in the Handles section in the memorization guides.

## **Step 3: Review**

We have found that the newly learned verses need more review than verses that you have learned well a little earlier. It seems to work very well to have a Fibonacci-type review on the verses you learned. For a full discussion on the learning and review process, please download our Teacher's Guide from our website, <http://www.ReadyAnswers.org>.

## **Hebrew and Aramaic**

This year, for the fourth language, we have provided an edition of the original language. Once you have learned the passages using these pictures in your preferred modern language, you can leverage that knowledge to help you learn Hebrew and Aramaic, and become familiar with the Bible in its original language.

To learn and retain the understanding a new language, it is very helpful to read it out loud to yourself. Think about its meaning and meditate upon it using the words of the original language. The Bible available from <http://biblehub.com> has nice features and clear lettering.

It is our hope and prayers that this will help you learn more completely more of God's Word.  
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