**Understanding the Bible**

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An Introduction to Bible Reading and Study

For all persons encountering the Holy Text for the purpose of

Understanding God’s message to God’s People

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**Calendar and Topics**

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I. Introduction

a. The three Cs: Culture Context and Content

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II. Introduction to the Books

a. Old Testament

b. New Testament

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