

VERSE MAPPING

Advent

Themes of celebration and
hope for the season



'For to us a child
is born, to us a
son is given, and
the government
will be on his
shoulders.'

And he will be
called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace.'

ISAIAH 9:6 (NIV)

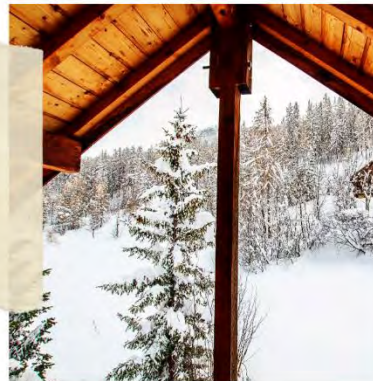
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Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth

peace, to
those whom
his favor rests.

LUKE 2:14 (NIV)



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Therefore the Lord himself will
give you a sign: The virgin will
conceive and give birth to a son,

and will
call him
Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14 (NIV)

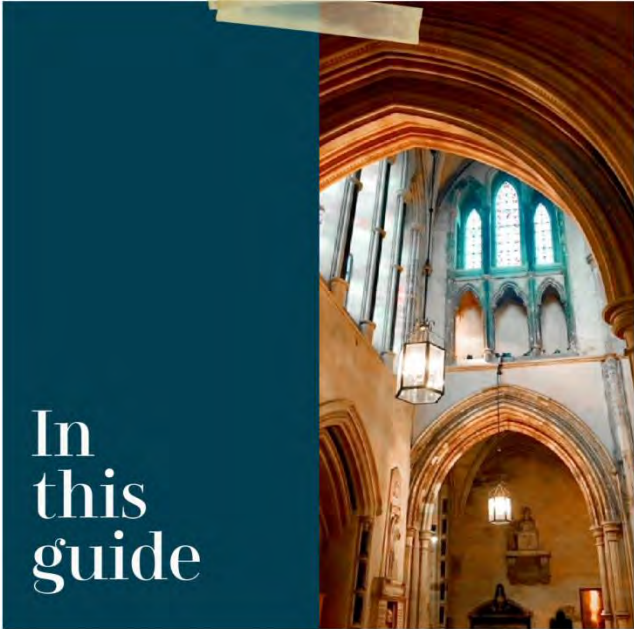


Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You believe in God;

believe also
in me.

JOHN 14:1 (NIV)

BIBLE STUDY PLAN



In this guide

VERSE MAPPING is a method of studying the historical context, transliteration, translation, connotation, and theological framework of a verse in the Bible.

Plain and simple? It's serious study, but a study that meets you where you are. If you want to unpack the context of the Scriptures you're reading but do it in a super-simple way, then get ready... You've just joined the Bible study that will inspire, encourage, and unlock your understanding of the Word of God!

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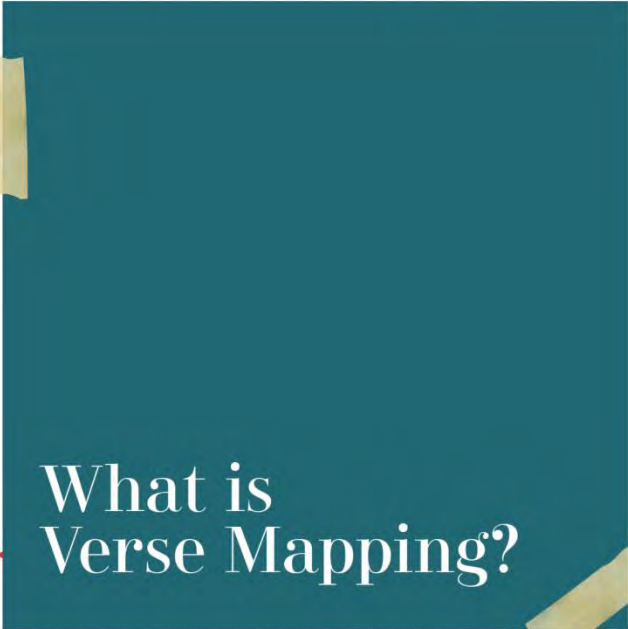
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..... ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is an interactive guide developed for the Advent season (two maps per week) using the Verse Mapping study system, from author and teacher Kristy Cambron. The first maps in this guide are complete, though readers will want to add to the Outcome (Step 5) for their own conclusions. Later maps include blank steps (Steps 4-5) for the reader to complete. For more tools and Bible study resources, visit: VerseMapping.com.



What is Verse Mapping?



The true light
that gives
light to
everyone
was coming
into the world.

JOHN 1:9 (NIV)



Verse Mapping 101



WHAT YOU NEED:

VERSE MAPPING JOURNAL

Or a notebook with blank pages

MARKERS/PENS

Specific colors aren't required

BIBLE

Or a Bible app to look up various translations

CONCORDANCE

Or a smart device with Hebrew and Greek dictionaries

TIME

While time is a requirement, the time you block on our calendar is up to you. If you have five minutes today and an hour tomorrow, dedicate what time you can, when you can. It's all about communion with God.

VERSE MAPPING has one rule: *If you can back up your conclusions with Scripture, then you can write them down. Everything is fair game in studying, as long as God said it first.*

This is a Holy Spirit-led study; we can't take a step without him leading the way. So pray and invite him into your study space. This should be time that you spend together—with him revealing more of who he is to your heart.



What are the rules?

What are the steps?

Whether you're at a desk in your home office, at the local coffee shop, or on the go, Verse Mapping is a verse-by-verse study that moves with you in five simple steps: VERSE, DESIGN, DEVELOP, ACTIONS, and OUTCOME. Let's begin!

1 *verse*

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

WRITE YOUR VERSE(S)

What is the Holy Spirit teaching me?

2 *design*

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

WRITE YOUR VERSE(S) in MULTIPLE TRANSLATIONS

What does this verse say?

3 *develop*

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

RESEARCH HEBREW or GREEK WORDS

What does this verse mean?

4 *actions*

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

DOCUMENT YOUR RESEARCH

What actions tell the story?

5 *outcome*

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

WRITE YOUR MAP SUMMARY

What have I learned and how do I apply it to my life?



Verse Mapping Advent

VERSE MAP THEMES

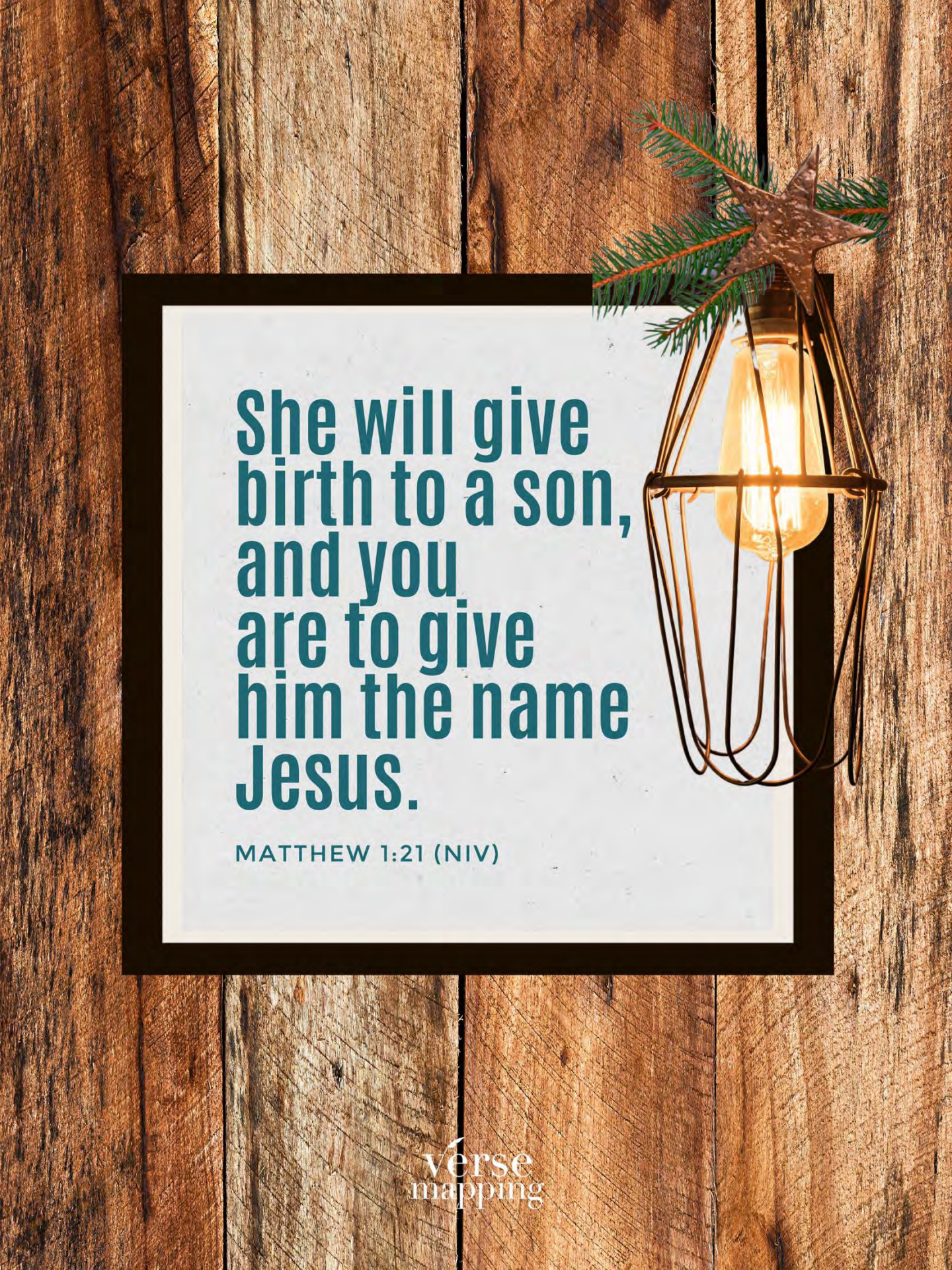
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INTRODUCTION

ADVENT: A holiday season of hope, expectancy, and celebration of the coming to earth of Jesus Christ

TAKES PLACE: For Western Christian believers, typically observed for the weeks of the four Sundays preceeding December 24th, or Christmas Eve

From the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming," Advent is a season of observance, expectancy, and a time of great celebration for Christians worldwide. During Advent, believers come together to mark this season with praise in the prophetic foretelling of Jesus' coming (as seen in Old Testament books such as Genesis, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, and Micah). Celebration also focuses on the joy of Jesus' birth (as documented in the New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), and reflection on the promise of His second-coming (supported by New Testament books such as Acts, Romans, Hebrews, and Revelation). Advent is typically a time when believers focus on the tenets of our faith, with great meaning placed upon the time set aside for fasting and prayer, worship, and in goodwill and service to others.



**She will give
birth to a son,
and you
are to give
him the name
Jesus.**

MATTHEW 1:21 (NIV)

ISAIAH 9:6

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (NKJV)

For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"son/Son" — [G/K NUMBER: H01201.] In Hebrew: *bēn*. Definition: *son, child (of either gender), descendant (in any generation), offspring (human or animal); by extension: a term of endearment; one of a class or kind or nation or family. A "son of man" is a "human being" (Nu 23:19), a term that often assumes messianic significance (Ps 8)*

"government" — [G/K NUMBER: H05385.] In Hebrew: *mišrâ*. Definition: *dominion, rule*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

- Jesus' prophetic birth establishes that he will have dominion over both sin and death (God's Kingdom), and over the Law (earthly government)
- Jesus holds many roles/names, including: Son, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting/Eternal Father, Prince of Peace

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

Jesus' birth, life, and eternal rule was foretold to be over both earthly and Heavenly kingdoms; He has dominion over every one of my cares, and has an active role in both my earthly life today and my eternity tomorrow.

MICAH 5:2

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." (NKJV)

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will come forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His times of coming forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"**Bethlehem**" — [G/K NUMBER: H01107.] In Hebrew: *bêṯ leḥem*. Definition: *Bethlehem, "house of bread; [poss.] temple [house] of Lakhmu"*

"**ancient/everlasting/eternity**" — [G/K NUMBER: H6409.] In Hebrew: *ôlām*. Definition: *everlasting, forever, eternity; from of old, ancient, lasting, for a duration, forever*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

— Micah 5:2 gives a prophetic word on the Messiah (and fulfilled in Jesus Christ):

- 1) The Messiah would come out of Bethlehem,
- 2) His rule would be over Israel, and,
- 3) His authority is established for eternity

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

Jesus' authority was established from the ancient days through eternity; I can trust him with my past, my present daily life, and with my eternity.

1 PETER 1:19-20

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

But with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. (NKJV)

But with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"blood" — [G/K NUMBER: G00135.] In Greek: *haima*. Definition: *blood; extended meanings: killing, death, sacrifice*

"Christ" — [G/K NUMBER: H6409.] In Greek: *Christos*. Definition: *Christ, Anointed One, Messiah; The Messiah is the Son of David, an anointed leader expected to bring peace and liberty from all oppression. In the NT, the Messiah is Jesus, who came first to bring liberty from sin and peace with God and who will come again to bring all things under his control.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

- Jesus was without sin; a spotless lamb whose blood would atone the sins of the world
- Jesus was foreordained from the foundation of the world; he is the beginning and end (Rev. 1:8)

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

Jesus' birth, spotless life, atoning death, and resurrection was established BEFORE the foundation of the world, FOR the world—including me.

ISAIAH 7:14

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (NKJV)

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"**sign**" — [G/K NUMBER: H00253.] In Hebrew: 'ôṭ. Definition: *sign, mark, symbol, a signal or event that communicates; a supernatural event or miracle as a sign from God*

"**Lord**" — [G/K NUMBER: H00151.] In Hebrew: dōnāy. Definition: *the Lord, (with Yahweh [3378]) Sovereign, a title of the one true God, with a focus on his majesty and authority*

"**Immanuel**" — [G/K NUMBER: H06672.] In Hebrew: immānû 'ēl. Definition: *Immanuel, "God with us"*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

— God himself gave us his son and gave a sign of who he would be, based on his:

- 1) Virgin birth, and
- 2) Name of Immanuel ("God with us")

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

God himself gave us his son with the name *Immanuel*, showing that he is with us in the person of Jesus Christ. My personal relationship with Christ draws me closer to God, who is with me every day.

MATTHEW 1:22-23

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (NKJV)

Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: "Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"prophet" — [G/K NUMBER: G04737.] In Greek: *prophētēs*. Definition: *prophet, one who speaks inspired utterances; the writings of the OT prophets; (also 4735)*

"God" — [G/K NUMBER: G02536.] In Greek: *theos*. Definition: *God, usually refers to the one true God; in a very few contexts it refers to a (pagan) god or goddess. The "Son of God" as a title of Jesus emphasizes his unique relationship to the Father.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

LUKE 2:10-11

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (NKJV)

And so the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"afraid" — [G/K NUMBER: G05828.] In Greek: *phobeomai*. Definition: *to fear, be afraid, alarmed, in some contexts an impediment to faith and love; to reverence, respect, worship, in other contexts a proper fear for God, a deep reverence and awe.*

"[good] news/tidings" — [G/K NUMBER: G02536.] In Greek: *euangelizō*. Definition: *to preach (bring) the good news (gospel); in the NT it always refers to the death, burial, resurrection, and witness about Jesus Christ, including its implications for humankind's relationship to God.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

JOHN 14:2-3

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (NKJV)

In My Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be. (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"**Father**" — [G/K NUMBER: G04252.] In Greek: *patēr*. Definition: *father, a male parent or ancestor; by extension: an honorific title, leader, archetype; (pl.) parents, ancestors (of both genders).*

"**house**" — [G/K NUMBER: G03864.] In Greek: *oikia*. Definition: *house, home; family.*

"**place**" — [G/K NUMBER: G05536.] In Greek: *topos*. Definition: *place, location; passage (in a book); position; possibility, opportunity.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?

REVELATION 1:8

1 verse

What verse am I mapping? What key themes or specific words are speaking to me today?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (NIV)

2 design

What different translations make up the design for this verse? Underline key phrases or words repeated.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (NKJV)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (NASB)

3 develop

What is the Hebrew or Greek meaning for the underlined phrases or words?

"Alpha" — [G/K NUMBER: G00270.] In Greek: *alpha*. Definition: "First or Beginning".

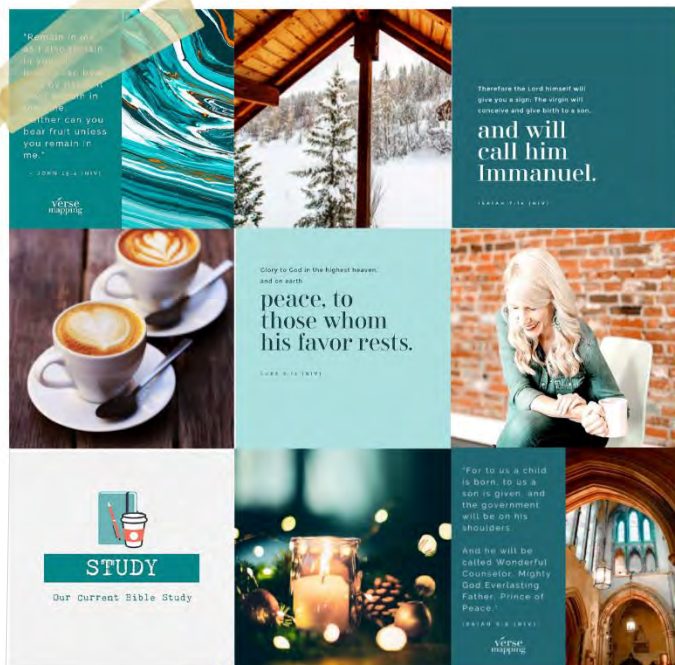
"Almighty" — [G/K NUMBER: G04120.] In Greek: *pantokratōr*. Definition: *Almighty; this title for God translates the Hebrew 7372, [LORD] "of Hosts" (the heavenly armies), and Hebrew 8724, "Shaddai," (probably) God the Mountain, powerful and immovable.*

4 actions

What actions develop the story in this verse? What is happening in this verse? To whom?

5 outcome

What is God saying to me today? How do I apply this to my life?



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From tutorial videos to tools and resources and an online Bible study community, we have the continuing study resources to support your next Verse Mapping journey. Explore the links below to Get Started, Get Linked, and Get Community today!



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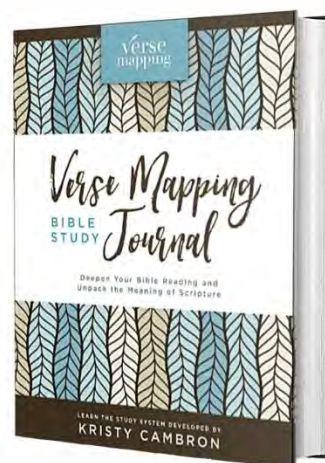


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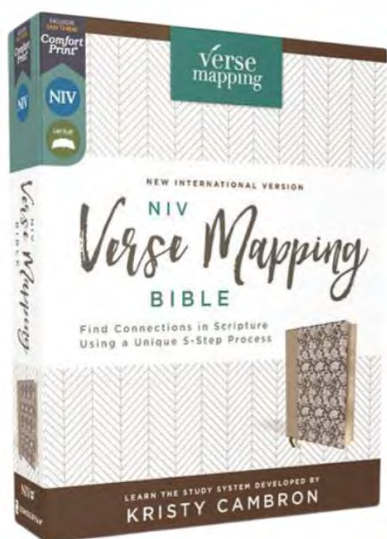
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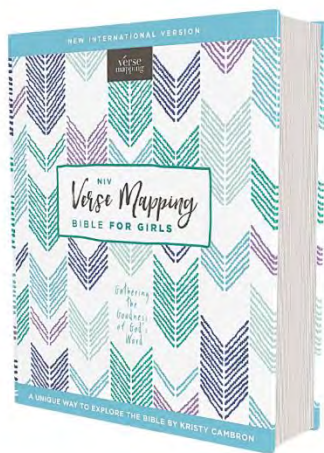


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"If you're new to Verse Mapping, start small—even if it's just one word study learned, one prayer answered, or one verse unpacked—document those first steps on your maps. Don't worry if there's blank space on the page! Just keep going. There's value in the honest time spent with God, and you'll find your desire to keep meeting with him will grow because of it!"

— Kristy Cambron

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