

Divide

Instructions

Normally, you would find a copy of the World English Bible (WEB) translation in your journal with all chapter and verse marks removed. Why? Because **you** are to do the work of dividing the passage into sections for yourself! The goal is to break each book into smaller sections to study in your Revealed Journal. But this blank journal does NOT have a separate copy for you to write on, so you will need to use your own Bible or print off a copy of your passage and its greater context from online.

The chapter and verse markings in your Bible are not inspired and are placed there to make passages easier to read and reference. Sub-headings are the translator's attempt at dividing up longer passages into smaller stories or main ideas, but these are not original to the biblical texts. Reading Scripture while ignoring these markings allows us to find the main ideas for ourselves. Whatever passage you may be studying, even if it's a pre-selected passage for teaching your Bible study or small group, I encourage you to test your passage selection to see that it contains the main idea and intended point of the original text. Read as much before and after your passage as you can to determine not only the context, but the right content for the passage you are learning.

So turn to the verses you are studying, grab a pencil, and start placing brackets in the margin where you think a main idea starts and stops. Look for clues in the text that indicate a change in subject, location, tone, etc. **Group together verses and paragraphs that cover one big idea, singular event, or key theological concept.** These sections will be the Revealed Passages you work through in your journal.

If you are more hesitant to mark up your actual Bible, you can print off copies of your passage and its greater context from the web. Use different colored pens to circle key words, underline main ideas, or highlight questions.