

## Essential Equipment for Life

# The Book

### I. Introduction

- A. Not only did Israel survive, but Israel actually changed the way the world thought and felt!
- B. "Does the Scroll on which this is written render the hand unclean?"
- C. Deuteronomy 17:18-20 (NLT) <sup>18</sup>*"When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. <sup>19</sup>He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees. <sup>20</sup>This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel."*
- D. "Time and again, we have given practical proof of our reverence for our Scriptures. It is an instinct with every Jew, from the day of their birth, to regard them as the Decrees of God, to abide by them, and if need be, to cheerfully die for them."

"Time and again, it has been witnessed of Jewish prisoners enduring torture and death, rather than utter a single word against the Scriptures." (Josephus)

1. Jesus was a Man of the Book!

- E. Acts 2:42a (NLT) *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching.*

### II. S.O.A.P.

#### A. Scripture

- 1. II Timothy 3:16-17 (NAS) <sup>16</sup>*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

#### B. Observation

- 1. Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT) <sup>25</sup>*For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. <sup>27</sup>He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.*

#### C. Application

#### D. Prayer

1. S - - I read the Scripture.  
O - - Here's what I observed from that Scripture.  
A - - Here's how this Scripture applies to my life.  
P - - Out of that, I form a prayer.

### **III. My Commitment to God's Word in 2020**

- A. I will read through the New Testament in 2020.  
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- B. I will read the entire Bible all the way through in 2020.  
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### **IV. Conclusion**