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*Search the Scriptures* has been used and appreciated by many thousands of Christians throughout the world, over many years, and is the leading study guide of its kind. Its aim is to take the reader through the whole Bible in three years of regular daily study.

This new edition has been completely reset, updated where necessary, and is now based on the New International Version of the Bible. The course was first issued in 1934, in response to a widespread demand from Christian students and others for a systematic plan that could be used daily. The general editor of the original edition was G. T. Manley. In 1949 a new and revised course was prepared by H. W. Oldham and others. Thorough revision for the fifth edition (1967) was undertaken by a large team, which included G. L. Carey, D. Catchpole, M. J. Cole, J. C. Connell, P. A. Crowe, A. E. Cundall, D. R. J. Evans, M. R. W. Farrer, P. K. Finnie, R. T. France, P. H. Hacking, A. R. Henderson, J. B. Job, Dr. and Mrs. A. Johnston, F. D. Kidner, G. E. Lane, Mrs. A. Metcalfe, H. Peskett, Mrs. M. Roberts, Miss E. M. Scheuermeier, J. A. Simpson, J. K. Spence, Miss M. Sugden, J. B. Taylor, Miss R. E. Wintle, D. R. Wooldrige and D. F. Wright; with A. M. Stibbs acting as general editor.

As G. T. Manley wrote of the compilers of the earlier editions, all who have shared in preparing subsequent revisions

know well the difficulty of sustained Bible study, and how many a hindrance Satan will put in the way. But they pray that the guidance here given may, by the grace of God, stimulate such a taste for His Word as to make the time daily spent upon it a delight as well as a source of strength.

### **A NOTE ON THE AMERICAN EDITION**

The editors of the American edition of *Search the Scriptures* have elected to include an appendix that details the principles of inductive Bible study, as well as a series of maps of the biblical world in various eras. These can be found in the back of the book.