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Exploring The Word allows participants to study Scripture. Remind them to bring this study guide to the next meeting when you will discuss what they discovered in the Word.

The Leader's Manual not only supplies answers to the questions, it provides additional comments in the margin.

The Leader's Manual also provides a key for the map.

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1. This was not a humble title as many believe. It was a high and exalted Messianic title.

2. Jesus supports His claim to be the Messiah by stating that in the future He will come with the clouds of heaven.

4. The high priest recognized that Jesus was applying Messianic language to Himself.

5. This phrase describes the Son of Man coming before the Father to receive His kingdom in heaven.

6. John had not seen Jesus for nearly 70 years. Now he sees Him not as the Galilean prophet but as the exalted eternal Christ--dressed as a priest in the heavenly temple (note the garments He is wearing).

7. Walking among seven lamps or light stands corresponds to the seven-branched candlestick in the Jerusalem temple.

Note on how to use “Exploring The Word On Your Own” with small groups or classes.

Encourage participants to take the study guide home, explore it on their own and return 15 minutes before the next class to discuss what they discovered in their personal study. For example, if your group or class meets at 7:30 PM, invite them to return at 7:15 PM. **Important:** This places a 15-minute cap on your discussion. This will allow those who want to participate in the Bible study review to do so without forcing the entire group to do so. Be respectful of your group. It is my observation that about 80 percent of the group will attend the optional Bible study review.

Start the DVD promptly at your planned start time. This will avoid wearying those not interested in the discussions and will prevent the meeting from dragging on to long.

Be sure to allow the participants to discuss what they discovered--don't preach to them!