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## Understanding Context

**Principle:** Before you \_\_\_\_\_ what a verse or a passage \_\_\_\_\_, you must determine the context.

**2 Peter 3:15-16** *And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; [16] As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

A. <sup>1</sup>Definition of word context:

1. (*noun*) The general series or composition of a discourse; more particularly, the parts of a discourse which preceded or follow the sentence quoted; the passages of scripture which are near the text, either before it or after it. The sense of a passage of scriptures often illustrated by the context.
2. (*adjective*) Knit or woven together; close; firm.

B. It is common \_\_\_\_\_ to place people's \_\_\_\_\_ in context.  
**2 Corinthians 2:17**

C. Four questions to ask yourself when studying a word, verse, chapter, or book of the bible.

1. Where does the \_\_\_\_\_ fit in relation to the bible?
2. Where does the \_\_\_\_\_ fit in relation to the book and the purpose for that book being written?
3. Where does the \_\_\_\_\_ fit in relation to the context of the chapter it is found?
4. What do the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ mean in the context of the book, chapter, and verse?

D. Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ of Context.

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<sup>1</sup> Definition taken from American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster 1828



**Understanding Biblical People Groups**

**Principle:** The bible is \_\_\_\_\_ to three broad groups of people: The Jews, the Gentiles, and the Church

**1 Corinthians 10:32-33** Give none offence, neither to the **Jews**, nor to the **Gentiles**, nor to the **church** of God: [33] Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they **may be saved**.

A. Understand that \_\_\_\_\_ scripture is written \_\_\_\_\_ you, not all scripture is written \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

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B. Origins of the Hebrew (Jew).

- 1. The origin through the line of \_\_\_\_\_, **Genesis 10:21**
- 2. The origin through the line of \_\_\_\_\_, **1 Chronicles 1:17-28**

C. Keys to tracing Hebrew (Jew) History

- 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation announced to all, **Deuteronomy 32:1-2**
- 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation announced to all peoples, **Isaiah 1:1-2**
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the nation announced to all peoples, **Jeremiah 22:29-30, 23:1-8**

D. Keys to tracing the \_\_\_\_\_ through history (Heathen). **Leviticus 25:44**

E. How do we, “the church,” view the nation of Israel and Jews in general? **Romans 11:1,25-31**

1. Even though the \_\_\_\_\_ are enemies of the gospel, God still wants them to be born again just as much as any other gentile on the earth.

**Romans 10:1; Galatians 4:26-29, 6:15; Colossians 3:11; 1Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

F. Knowing which people group the bible addresses is crucial to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ scripture to our lives.

G. Satan established his \_\_\_\_\_ by misapplying scripture to the incorrect people group. **Revelation 2:8-9, 3:7-9**

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H. Remember to \_\_\_\_\_ these questions when studying scripture.

1. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the passage?
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ is the passage written?

## Understanding Biblical Divisions

**Principle:** God has placed \_\_\_\_\_ divisions in His word.

**2 Timothy 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* the word of truth.

A. God has \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ markers in his word to assist us in \_\_\_\_\_ his word.

<b>Simple Divisions of the Bible</b>			
<b>Testaments</b>	Old Testament	New Testament	Combined
<b>Books</b>	39	27	66
<b>Chapters</b>	929	260	1,189
<b>Verses</b>	23,137	7,957	31,094
<b>Authors</b>	Patriarchs & Hebrew Prophets	Apostles or Jesus	God
<b>Audience</b>	Hebrews	Church	Mankind
<b>Application(s)</b>	Historical, Poetic (Wisdom), Prophetic	Historic, Doctrine, Prophetic	Whole Counsel of God

<b>Seven Natural Divisions of the Old Testament</b>		
<b>1. Israel in Formation</b>	5 Books	<i>Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy</i>
<b>2. Israel in The Land</b>	3 Books	<i>Joshua, Judges, Ruth</i>
<b>3. Israel in The Kingdom</b>	6 Books	<i>1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, Chronicles, 2 Chronicles</i>
<b>4. Israel in Captivity</b>	3 Books	<i>Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther</i>
<b>5. Wisdom Literature (Poetic)</b>	5 Books	<i>Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon</i>
<b>6. Major Prophets</b>	5 Books	<i>Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel</i>
<b>7. Minor Prophets</b>	12 Books	<i>Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi</i>
<b>Seven Natural Divisions of the New Testament</b>		
<b>1. The Gospels</b>	4 Books	<i>Matthew, Mark, Luke, John</i>
<b>2. History</b>	1 Book	<i>The Acts of the Apostles</i>
<b>3. Church Epistles</b>	9 Books	<i>Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians</i>

<b>4. Pastoral Epistles</b>	4 Books	<i>1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon</i>
<b>5. Hebrew Transition Epistles</b>	4 Books	<i>Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter</i>
<b>6. John's Epistles</b>	3 Books	<i>1 John, 2 John, 3 John</i>
<b>7. End Times Epistles</b>	2 Books	<i>Jude, Revelation</i>

B. The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ (**Dispensations**)

**2 Timothy 2:15** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

1. Defining Dispensation:

a. That which is dispensed or bestowed; a system of principles and rites enjoined. (American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster 1828)

b. A dispensation is \_\_\_\_\_ to a \_\_\_\_\_ to be administered.

**1 Corinthians 9:17** *For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a **dispensation of the gospel** is committed unto me.*

c. Dispensations are \_\_\_\_\_ in time.

**Ephesians 1:10** *That in **the dispensation of the fulness of times** he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

d. Dispensations are \_\_\_\_\_ by what is being \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ out in time.

**Ephesians 3:2** *If ye have heard of **the dispensation of the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:*

e. Dispensations are \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to the care of \_\_\_\_\_ people or peoples to dispense.

**Colossians 1:25** *Whereof I am made a minister, according to **the dispensation** of God which is **given to me for you**, to fulfil the word of God;*

## <sup>2</sup>Seven Natural Divisions of Scripture Through Time

Dispensation	Responsibility	Failure	Judgment	Steward	Scripture
<b>1. Innocence (Edenic)</b> (4004 B.C.)	<b>Do not eat</b> <i>Gen 1:26-28;</i> <i>2:15-17</i>	<b>They ate</b> <i>Gen 3:1-6</i>	<b>Curse and Death</b> <i>Gen 3:7-19, 23</i>	<b>Adam</b>	<i>Genesis 13</i>
<b>2. Conscience (Adamic)</b> (4000 BC - 2344 BC)	<b>Multiply, Do Good, Blood Sacrifice</b> <i>Gen 1:28;</i> <i>3:5,7,22; 4:4</i>	<b>Wickedness</b> <i>Gen 6:1-12</i>	<b>Universal Flood</b> <i>Gen 6:7,13;</i> <i>7:4,11-24</i>	<b>Sons of Adam</b>	<i>Genesis 4-7</i>
<b>3. Human Government (Noahic)</b> (2344 BC - 1918 BC)	<b>Scatter and Replenish</b> <i>Gen 8:15-19:7</i>	<b>Didn't Scatter and Multiply</b> <i>Gen 11:1-4</i>	<b>Confusion of Languages</b> <i>Gen 11:5-9</i>	<b>Noah</b>	<i>Genesis 8-11</i>
<b>4. Promise (Abramic)</b> (1918 BC - 1488 BC)	<b>Dwell in Canaan</b> <i>Gen 12:1-7</i>	<b>Dwelt in Egypt</b> <i>Gen 12:10;</i> <i>46:6</i>	<b>Egyptian Bondage</b> <i>Gen 15:13;</i> <i>Ex 1:8-14</i>	<b>Abraham</b>	<i>Genesis 12, Exodus 19</i>
<b>5. Law (Mosaic)</b> (1488 BC - 33 AD)	<b>Keep all the Law</b> <i>Ex 19:3-8; 20</i>	<b>Broke Law, Rejected Christ</b> <i>Ex 32; 2Ki 17:7-20; Mt 27:1-25</i>	<b>World Wide Dispersion of Jews, Tribulation</b> <i>Deu 28:63-66;</i> <i>Luk 21:20-24;</i> <i>Rev 6:15-17</i>	<b>Moses</b>	<i>Exodus 20 - Matthew 26; Revelation 3-19</i>
<b>6. Grace (Church)</b> (33 AD - 2009)	<b>By Faith, Receive Christ, Be Led by Holy Spirit</b> <i>John 1:12; Rom 10:9-10; Eph 2:8-9; 1Cor 4:1-2</i>	<b>Reject Christ, Trust Works</b> <i>John 5:39-40;</i> <i>2Tim 3:1-7;</i> <i>Rev 3:16</i>	<b>Judgment Seat of Christ</b> <i>1Cor 3:9-15;</i> <i>2Cor 5:10</i>	<b>Paul</b>	<i>Matthew 27 Revelation 3</i>
<b>7. Kingdom (Millennium)</b> (2012 - 3012)	<b>Obey and Worship Christ</b> <i>Is 11:3-5; Dan 7:18;22, 27 Zech 14:9,16</i>	<b>Final Rebellion</b> <i>Rev 20:7-9</i>	<b>Eternal Hell</b> <i>Rev 20:11-15</i>	<b>Apostles</b>	<i>Revelation 20</i>

<sup>2</sup> Dates in dispensational chart are based upon Ushers 1650 chronology as added to Oxford in 1700's by Bishop Lloyd and Scofield 1909.

C. Dispensational \_\_\_\_\_

1. Not acknowledging dispensations will prohibit you from placing biblical events and people groups in context.
2. **Hyper dispensationalism** will place divisions in the bible which are not natural in the flow and context of scripture. This type of narrow mindedness will typically result in legalism of some sort.

**2 Timothy 3:16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

“Heresy is truth misplaced, out of proper dispensational context.” Dr. Jeff Adams.

3. Example: It would be ridiculous for us to sacrifice a lamb at Passover since Jesus, the Lamb of God (**John 1:29, 36**) has been offered once (**Hebrews 9:28**) and all for our sin. Understanding Dispensations will allow us to understand context

## Understanding Application

**Principle:** All scripture has three \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The three applications of all scripture.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Application:**

What the passage or verse clearly teaches or instructs placed in the context of scripture and God's plan for the universe.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Application:**

What the passage of verse teaches us historically"

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_ **Application:**

B. Doctrinal application:

1. Doctrine is information \_\_\_\_\_.

a. <sup>2</sup> Whatever is taught; teaching; what a passage or verse teaches.

b. <sup>3</sup>The act of teaching.

**Mark 4:2** *And he (Jesus) taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his **doctrine**,*

c. <sup>2</sup>Information that is taught.

**Isaiah 28:9** *Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*

- The Holy Spirit teaches doctrine. (**John 14:26**)

2. Doctrine is biblical truth that **must be** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

3. Doctrine is biblical truth and teaching that **must be** \_\_\_\_\_ .

**2 Timothy 3:10** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

**Titus 2:10** Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

4. Types of doctrine in the bible.

- \_\_\_\_\_ (solid) doctrine: **1 Timothy 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9**
- \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine: **1 Timothy 4:6**
- \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine: **1 Corinthians 14:6; Revelation 2:14**

C. Historical Application:

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D. Inspirational or Devotional Application:

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E. Examples of Doctrinal, Devotional, and Historical Application.

1. **Genesis 22**, Abraham and Isaac.

a. Historically: \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Doctrinally: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Inspirationally or  
Devotionally: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. The Biblical Character Ruth.

a. Historically: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Doctrinally: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Inspirationally or  
Devotionally: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Book of Proverbs.

a. Historically: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

b. Doctrinally: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c. Inspirationally or  
Devotionally: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Understanding The Importance Of Individual Words

**Principle:** God uses individual \_\_\_\_\_ as keys to unlocking the truth of His word.

**Proverbs 30:5** *Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of words.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ understands the importance of individual words.

2. Every word in the bible has a \_\_\_\_\_ and has been divinely \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Purpose: **John 20:30-31**

b. Preserved: **John 21:24-25**

3. Every word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and placed \_\_\_\_\_ where God wants it.

**Psalms 12:6-7; Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19**

4. God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ of his precision in the Authorized Version (KJV 1611).

a. The “jot and tittle” have been preserved as an example of the accuracy of the word of God.

**Matthew 5:18** *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

b. The jot or jod is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet. Most AV bibles have kept the **jod** as intended in **Psalms 119:73**.

c. The **tittle** is a slightly different pen stroke similar to the deleth in **Psalms 119:25** or a resh in **Psalms 119:153**.

B. Discovering \_\_\_\_\_ words and \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 2:10; John 14:26, 16:13-15, 1 Corinthians 2:13; Isaiah 28:9-10**

C. Examples of key \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The "day of the Lord"

***Zechariah 14:1-3; Joel 2:1-2; Acts 2:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11***

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2. The "day of Christ"

***Philippians 1:1-6, 2:16; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5***

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Note the distinction:

***1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*** deals with "The day of the Lord" or second Advent of Christ immediately following the clear teaching on the resurrection of the bride of Christ, the Church, in ***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***.

3. "Those days"

***Genesis 6:1-4; Judges 17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25; Jeremiah 31:33, 33:15-16, 50:4,20; Daniel 11:20; Joel 3:1; Matthew 24:1-22,29-37; Luke 2:1-5***

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## Understanding Preservation

**Principle:** God has perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ His Word in the \_\_\_\_\_ language so we might have certain understanding of His truth.

***John 21:24-25** This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. [25] And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen*

A. God has preserved his words, not just his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We saw in the principle of individual words that God is very \_\_\_\_\_ about the structure and order of His word. **Matthew 5:18**

***Proverbs 30:5** Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*

2. God has been preserving His written word since **Exodus 32:15-19** when the law was destroyed.

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3. God has preserved the book of *Jeremiah* even though there is no “original” text in which to translate it from. Even if you find a copy of *Jeremiah* in the Dead Sea scrolls, you would not have the original. Once again, God shows us that He is the one who not only inspires “in spirits” or breathes life to his word but He also is able to preserve his perfect word through human instruments.

- a. **Jeremiah 36:2**, the prophecy of *Jeremiah* is recorded through Baruch. This is the third time God has had *Jeremiah* write the prophecies against Israel. **Jeremiah 29:1** (first); **30:1** (second); **36:1-2** (third); **51:60-63** (fourth).
- b. **Jeremiah 36:20-23**, Baruch’s original is destroyed.
- c. **Jeremiah 36:27-28**, God uses Baruch to rewrite the prophecy.

d. **Jeremiah 36:32**, God preserved his word despite the fact that the “original” prophecy was destroyed.

B. The same God who inspired Holy men of God to speak his word is capable of preserving His word through \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Peter 1:21** *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

1. God equates his \_\_\_\_\_ word as equal to his \_\_\_\_\_ word in **Romans 9:17**. Compare **Romans 9:17** with **Exodus 9:16**.

2. Paul equates \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s \_\_\_\_\_ communication with Abraham in **Galatians 3:8** and **Genesis 22:18**.

C. The Holy Ghost has preserved His word for Timothy even though he did not have the \_\_\_\_\_ copy of the Old Testament.

**2 Timothy 3:15** *And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

D. The written word we have today is perfectly preserved in our language through human instrumentation just as the Word was preserved through Mary. Even though Mary was flawed, the perfect living Word of God came forth through her womb.

## Understanding the Theme Of The Bible

**Principle:** The theme of the bible from **Genesis** to **Revelation** is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Every book, chapter, and verse must be seen in light of God's plan for His Kingdom.

**Isaiah 9:6** *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

A. From **Genesis 1:28** to **Revelation 22:1**, the theme of the bible is the Kingdom.

B. Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of His kingdom. **1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14, 19:16; Revelation 22:1-5**

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C. History and the bible record the \_\_\_\_\_ over God's Kingdom.

1. Satan was in \_\_\_\_\_ over God's Kingdom prior to **Genesis 1:2**.
2. According to **Ezekiel 28:11-19**, Lucifer was the "\_\_\_\_\_ cherub."
3. Lucifer \_\_\_\_\_ prior to **Genesis 1:2** and God chose to establish his kingdom through \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 1:28**.
4. God has always intended for his Kingdom to be \_\_\_\_\_. **Isaiah 45:18**.
5. Satan has worked \_\_\_\_\_ the plan of God since he was overcome with pride in **Isaiah 14:12-17**.
  - a. Satan leads a rebellion that \_\_\_\_\_ the sons of God created before **Genesis 1:2**. See **Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19**
  - b. Satan beguiled Eve in an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom God would establish with \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The kingdom will be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God just as it was prior to **Genesis 1:2**. That is why when we are \_\_\_\_\_ again we are called the \_\_\_\_\_

of God. **1 John 3:1-3; Romans 8:14**

7. Jesus has overcome both spiritual and physical death and will take his place as rightful \_\_\_\_\_ of all creation in the near future!

**Revelation 19:16, 22:1-5**

## Understanding First Mention

**Principle:** God established His biblical \_\_\_\_\_ through the law of first mention throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ Bible.

**Genesis 1:1** *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

A. God often established a pattern throughout the bible by the first \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases.

1. Examples are abundant in **Genesis. Genesis 3:1, Genesis 3:1-5, Genesis 3:21, Acts 11:26**

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B. It is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to do things in an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ pattern.  
**1 Corinthians 14:40**

C. God is consistent in who He \_\_\_\_\_ and what He \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 13:8** *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

**Malachi 3:6** *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

D. God often places key words in key places to \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the entire bible.

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E. Remember the context principle when finding a \_\_\_\_\_ mention. Context will help you understand why the first mention of a word or phrase is important.

## Understanding Last Mention

**Principle:** God uses last mention to show us \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

**Revelation 22:13** *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

A. Last mention often serves as a book end to particular truths God has manifest in his word.

1. The appearance of the **tree of life** is important to the fulfillment of God's kingdom.

a. God establishes the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree of life in **Genesis 2:9, 3:22-24**.

b. God reveals the tree of life role in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom.

- **Revelation 2:7**; The tree of life is located in the paradise of God.
- **Revelation 22:1-2**; The tree of life is located in New Jerusalem and has a role in multiplying the twelve tribes and healing the nations.
- **Revelation 22:14**; (last mention) We find that those with access to the tree of life are blessed. Understanding the ultimate purpose of the tree sheds light on the events of **Genesis 2:9, 3:22-24**.

c. **Sun**: God reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Glory in the last mention of the sun.

**Revelation 22:5** *And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

- This gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to **Malachi 4:2**.

d. **Blood**: The first mention of blood is found in **Genesis 4:10-11**. This accounts for us the first murder in the bible. The last mention of blood is found in **Revelation 19:13**. Jesus returns to execute judgment on earth in vesture dipped in blood. He judges the innocent blood that has been spilled throughout history including the tribulation period. He justly sheds the blood of the guilty.

**Genesis 4:10** is played out through history because of **John 8:44**.

e. **Clothed**: The term clothed is found in **Genesis 3:21** when God covered the

nakedness of Adam and Eve in the garden. The last mention of the term clothed is found in **Revelation 19:13** when the saints that return with Christ are clothed in white because we have been clothed upon with immortality.

See also **2 Corinthians 5:2** and **Revelation 3:5, 18**

- B. Remember we must understand \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of a word or phrase in context before seeing the relevance of the word or phrase in its last mention.
- C. This principle primarily applies to transitional books like the gospels and \_\_\_\_\_ or the book of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Understanding Biblical Patterns

**Principle:** Once God has established a pattern in His word, it remains \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hosea 12:10** *I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used **similitudes**, by the ministry of the prophets.*

A. The Spirit of God teaches us truth by \_\_\_\_\_ word \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Jesus frequently used \_\_\_\_\_ with his disciples and the Pharisees.
2. We commonly strike comparisons between things that are common and well understood to explain or describe something new or complex.
3. The Old Testament is full of these type of common similitudes.

**Psalm 42.1** *As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.*

**2 Samuel 21:19** *And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was **like** a weaver's beam.*

**2 Samuel 22:34** *He maketh my feet **like** hinds' feet: and setteth me upon high places.*

B. The key words to look for to find similitudes are “\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. We can see the events of the gospels linked to Old Testament prophecy which reveal the meekness of Jesus at His First Coming.
  - a. **Isaiah 53:7** - As a \_\_\_\_\_ led to the slaughter.
  - b. **2 Peter 2:19-25** - Christ's suffering should be an example for us.
2. Christ's Second Coming and the tribulation are clearly linked by these words to prophetic pictures described in the Old Testament.
  - a. **Matthew 24:32-37** link the following events through the use of "like" and "as."
    - Enoch: **Genesis 5:22-24** - Enoch raptured or taken out.
    - Noah: **Genesis** show how the times are similar and how Israel will be

preserved through pending judgment of the earth.

- b. **Luke 17:28-30** links the events of **Genesis 18** and **19** to signs of Christ's Second Coming.
  - Militant gay rights, **Daniel 11:37**
  - Ineffective believers. Lot had no impact on the men in the gate of the city or upon his own family. He was saved but his family was lost.
  - Pending judgment was and is coming and few really believe the Word of God.
3. The practical aspects of the Christian life are laid out for us clearly if we look for the key words "as" and "like."
  - a. Marriage is a picture of Christ and the Church. **Ephesians 5:24-25**
  - b. Our relationship with God described.
    - **Ephesians 5:1-2**; How to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - **James 1:6**; How to have \_\_\_\_\_.
    - **James 1:23**; What not to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - **1 John 3:2**; What we will be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Understanding Numerical Significance

**Principle:** Numbers are important keys to understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. God is a God of math. His creation can be broken down many times into mathematical formulas because God is the God of math.

<b>Biblical Definitions of Numbers</b>			
Number	Represents	Illustration	Scripture
<b>One</b>	The _____ of God	The basis for whole numbers is one, anything less is not whole.	<b><i>Ephesians 4:4-6; John 10:30; 1 Timothy 2:5; Deuteronomy 6:4</i></b>
<b>Two</b>	_____ or _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First mention is dividing light and darkness.</li> <li>• Israel divided into two sections, Israel and Judah.</li> <li>• Most bible contrast comes in two, i.e., Good vs. evil, light vs. darkness, right vs. wrong, etc.</li> </ul>	<b><i>Genesis 1:16</i></b>
<b>Three</b>	God's _____, _____ & _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power: Jesus was resurrected on the third day.</li> <li>• Nature: The Godhead is composed of three distinct persons. (Father, Son &amp; Holy Spirit)</li> <li>• <sup>4</sup>Three fold nature of man created in God's Image &amp; Likeness. (Body, Soul &amp; Spirit)</li> <li>• Creation: Creation itself illustrates the composition of three               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matter has three forms: solid, gas, and liquid.</li> <li>2. Time has three elements: past, present, and future.</li> <li>3. The Earth's composition: air, land, and sea.</li> <li>4. The Earth's composition: air, land, and sea.</li> <li>5. The primary colors: red, yellow, and blue.</li> <li>6. Atomic elements: Proton, Neutron, and Electron.</li> <li>7. Three heavens: first heaven is earth's atmosphere; second heaven is outer space; and third heaven is Heaven.</li> <li>8. God ordained Institutions: Family, church, and government.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<b><i>1 Corinthians 15:4</i></b>  <b><i>1 John 5:7</i></b>  <b><i>Genesis 1:26, 2:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23</i></b>  <b><i>Romans 1</i></b>  <b><i>2 Corinthians 12:2</i></b>

<sup>4</sup> The lost image of man is restored when man asks Christ the image of God (*2 Corinthians 4:4*) into his heart and God cuts his soul from his spirit (*Hebrews 4:12*) and quickens (brings to life) his dead spirit and soul.

<b>Four</b>	The _____ of God's order in creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter.</li> <li>• Four directions: north, south, east, and west.</li> <li>• The composition of earth is complete on the fourth day.</li> <li>• Four quarters of the earth:</li> <li>• Four corners of the earth:</li> <li>• Four winds of the earth:</li> <li>• Four angels:</li> </ul>	<p><b>Genesis 1:19</b>  <b>Revelation 20:8</b>  <b>Revelation 7:1</b></p>
<b>Five</b>	Number of _____ and number of _____	<p><b>Death:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First man to die:</li> <li>• The full mention of Adam and Christ's deaths are found in</li> <li>• Fifth book, fifth chapter, fifth verse of New Testament someone dies.</li> <li>• The first five books of the bible are the law. The law cannot bring life.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grace:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life appears on fifth day:</li> <li>• Five animals slain to offer when grace offered to Abraham:</li> </ul>	<p><b>Genesis 5:5</b>  <b>Romans 5</b></p> <p><b>Acts 5:5</b></p> <p><b>Genesis 1:20-21</b>  <b>Genesis 15:9</b></p>
<b>Six</b>	Number of _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Man created on sixth day:</li> <li>• Man to work six days per week:</li> <li>• The mark of the beast is the number of man, 666:</li> </ul>	<p><b>Genesis 1:26-31</b>  <b>Exodus 20:9</b>  <b>Revelation 13:18</b></p>
<b>Seven</b>	_____ or _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven days of creation</li> <li>• Seven churches, candlesticks, stars, seals, horns of Lamb, eyes, trumpets, cups, thunders, heads of the dragon, spirit of God, blessings, angels, personages, mountains, woes. The entire book of <i>Revelation</i> is filled with sevens.</li> <li>• Seven days per week.</li> <li>• Your body replaces its cells every seven years.</li> <li>• The use of seven is everywhere in the bible and creation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Genesis 1</b>  <b>Revelation</b></p>
<b>Eight</b>	New _____ or _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week or Sunday the 8th day.</li> <li>• Eight resurrections of people who have died in the bible. (Five in OT, three in NT)</li> <li>• Eight people started new in the eighth chapter of <i>Genesis</i>.</li> <li>• David and Solomon, who are both pictures of Christ, were the eighth son.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gospels</b></p> <p><b>Genesis 8</b></p>
<b>Nine</b>	Fruit _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit of the Spirit; Nine attributes of the fruit, not fruits, of the Spirit are found in <b><i>Galatians</i></b>, the ninth book in the New</li> </ul>	<p><b>Galatians 5:22-23</b></p>

		<p>Testament.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Genesis 9</i> opens with God telling Noah to go and bear fruit.</li> <li>• The word "abide" in <i>John 15</i> appears precisely nine times in <i>John 15:1-5</i></li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Genesis 9</i></b></p> <p><b><i>John 15</i></b></p>
<b>Ten</b>	Number of _____ Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noah father of all nations is tenth from Adam.</li> <li>• Nimrod established first Gentile kingdom in <i>Genesis 10</i></li> <li>• Cornelius is the first Gentile convert.</li> <li>• Other sheep (referencing Gentiles) are found in <i>John 10</i></li> <li>• Daniel prophesied of a Gentile confederacy of ten nations</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Luke 3:36-38</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Genesis 10</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Acts 10</i></b></p> <p><b><i>John 10</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Daniel 7:7-24</i></b></p>
<b>Twelve</b>	Number of _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twelve sons of Jacob become 12 tribes of Israel</li> <li>• Jesus had 12 disciples</li> <li>• 12 Apostles will rule over the 12 tribes of Israel in the millennium.</li> <li>• New Jerusalem has 12 Gates and is 12,000 furlongs square.</li> <li>• Tree of Life has 12 manner of fruit.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Matthew 19:28</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Revelation 21:16</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Revelation 22:2</i></b></p>
<b>Thirteen</b>	Number of _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First mention deals with war.</li> <li>• Satan is called a rebel 13 times in Revelation.</li> <li>• Thirteen is the age of typical teenage rebellion.</li> <li>• The world is superstitious of the number 13.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Genesis 14:4</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Revelation</i></b></p>
<b>Forty</b>	Number of _____ and _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness. Moses spent 40 days and nights receiving the law in <i>Exodus</i>.</li> <li>• First rain on earth was 40 days and 40 nights: <i>Genesis 7</i>.</li> <li>• The spies spent 40 days in the land.</li> <li>• Saul was given 40 years to prove himself as king. (He failed).</li> <li>• Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness before he was tempted of Satan.</li> <li>• Jesus spent 40 days with the disciples after His resurrection.</li> </ul>	

## Understanding The Supernatural In The Natural

**Principle:** *Romans 1:20* For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

A. The bible clearly states that God \_\_\_\_\_ himself, the \_\_\_\_\_, through \_\_\_\_\_. **John 6:23,47**

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B. Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ creation manifesting Truth.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a picture of the God Head.

a. The God Head is composed of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **1 John 5:7; Colossians 2:9**

b. The Sun of \_\_\_\_\_. **Malachi 4:1-2**

c. The \_\_\_\_\_ power. **2 Peter 1:19**

2. The moon pictures the Christians' \_\_\_\_\_ of the sun in a dark world.

a. The moon is a picture of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Song of Solomon 6:9-10** My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her. [10] Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

b. The moon rules over the \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 1:14-18**

**1 Thessalonians 5:5** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

c. An \_\_\_\_\_ represents many things.

- Solar eclipse

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- Lunar eclipse

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- Millennium represented when Sun and moon both \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Stars clearly represent the \_\_\_\_\_ hosts of Heaven. **Revelation 1:20, 12:4; Genesis 15:5-6, 22:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:39-49**

4. Trees and plants are illustrations of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

a. The vine represents \_\_\_\_\_. **John 15:4-5**

b. The olive branch represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Romans 11:17-24**

c. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree also represents the nation of Israel. **Matthew 24:32; Revelation 6:13**

5. Animals represent \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ groups.

a. Ox represents \_\_\_\_\_. **Malachi 4:2; 1 Corinthians 9:9; 1 Timothy 5:18; 2 Corinthians 6:14**

b. Dogs represent \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 15:22-28**

c. Dove represents Holy \_\_\_\_\_. **Matthew 3:16; John 1:32**

d. Serpent represents Satan and demons. **Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9, 20:2**

e. Lamb represents Christ or Christians. **John 1:29, 36; Hebrews 13:20**

f. Lost man is often represented by an \_\_\_\_\_ in the bible. **Job 11:12**

## Understanding Interpretation

**Principle:** The bible is of no \_\_\_\_\_ interpretation. We must allow the bible to define itself.

**2 Peter 1:20** *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_ in it's pages. **Isaiah 28:10**
- B. The Bibles Author is the Bibles \_\_\_\_\_. **John 14:26, Psalm 119:18**
- C. God has provided \_\_\_\_\_ we need to \_\_\_\_\_ what he wants us to know.  
**John 21:25**

## Understand Biblical Authority

**Principle:** Never make the bible \_\_\_\_\_ itself with our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 21:33** *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

**Romans 3:4** *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

**Hebrews 6:13** *For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,*

A. Be willing to **change** thoughts, teachings, attitudes, and actions whenever they are contrary to what the bible says.

B. Measure everything and every experience in life by the **bible**.

**Isaiah 55:8-9** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

## Understand Biblical Truth

**Principle:** Always give the bible the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The bible is the source of \_\_\_\_\_. *John 17:17, 1 John 2:27*

B. If you can't trust **scripture** you cannot be **saved**. *Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:17*

## Understand How To Define Symbols

**Principle:** Very few things in the bible are \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Symbolism is clearly \_\_\_\_\_ when used in scripture.

***Matthew 13:1-23; Revelation 1:12-20; Ezekiel 20:49***

B. \_\_\_\_\_ likes to make the bible symbolic so they do not have to apply it literally.

C. God tells us when he uses symbols so \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of truth is clear not \_\_\_\_\_.

## Understand Clarity Over Obscurity

**Principle:** When this principle is violated \_\_\_\_\_ error will typically result.

A. Drug \_\_\_\_\_ use **Genesis 1:11** to \_\_\_\_\_ using illegal drugs. **1 Peter 2:13**

B. Snake handling is a twisted \_\_\_\_\_ of **Acts 28:3-4**.

## Never Base Doctrine On Questions

**Principle:** Satan builds his \_\_\_\_\_ on Questions not answers.

- A. Doctrine based upon \_\_\_\_\_ is theologically faulty. **1 Timothy 6:3-5**
  
- B. God permits questions as long as we understand he is the absolute \_\_\_\_\_ with an \_\_\_\_\_. **Isaiah 1:18**
  - 1. The Bible is also clear that \_\_\_\_\_ can not begin to \_\_\_\_\_ to God's eternal knowledge. **Job 38**

## Never Base Doctrine On A Single Verse Or Passage

**Principle:** Doctrine must be supported by the \_\_\_\_\_ counsel of God's Word.

A. Doctrine is revealed to those who are able to \_\_\_\_\_ scripture with scripture.

*Isaiah 28:9-10* Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. [10] For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

B. Many \_\_\_\_\_ are based upon a single verse or passage taken from context of the whole of the bible.

1. **Mark 6:56**, is used by faith healers to justify selling "anointed healing prayer cloths" that can heal.

## Never Dismiss Bible Warnings

**Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_ dismissed clear instruction from God and it came back to haunt them.

A. God \_\_\_\_\_ Israel when they \_\_\_\_\_ his warnings. ***Deuteronomy 6:12-15***

B. God \_\_\_\_\_ us when we \_\_\_\_\_ his warnings. ***Hebrews 12:6***

C. God does not need our \_\_\_\_\_; he is able to take care of his own testimony.  
***Revelation 22:19***

## Understanding What To Do When We Don't Understand The Bible

**Principle:** *James 1:5* If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

- A. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ bible study principles.
- B. Learn to use what God has \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- C. Trust God to **reveal** His truth to you in His \_\_\_\_\_. Relax there are certain things that we will never know until we get to Heaven.