

10 Minute Apologetic How To Read the Bible

Hermeneutics - the study of the methodological principles of interpretation

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Eisegesis (Deductive) – *reading one's own ideas into the text*

Springboard – *starts with a Scripture to use as a springboard to express an opinion*

Exegesis (Inductive) – *critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially of scripture*

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Historical/Critical

- **History**
- **Literature**

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Literature

- a. Law (Pentateuch)**
- b. Narrative (historical) – (Joshua, Judges, Acts, etc)**
- c. Poetry (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Eccl, Song)**
 - i. poetry throughout**
- d. Prophecy (major and minor based on size)**
 - i. includes Revelation**
- e. Gospels (both narrative and historic).**
 - i. Parables**
- f. Epistles**

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Historical/Critical

- History**
- Literature**
- The book**
- The chapter**
- Surrounding Text**

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OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION

- **Observation – who, what, when, where, why, how**
- **Interpretation:**
 - ✓ **Interpret literally (except poetry, parables & prophetic symbolism)**
 - ✓ **Study in context**
 - ✓ **Let Scripture interpret Scripture**
 - ✓ **NT takes precedence**
 - ✓ **Avoid ‘presentism’**
- **Application – what is God calling me to do?**

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I recently wrote a mentoring letter about the bad habit Christians have of isolating Bible verses from their appropriate context, and then claiming the verse as a promise God has given to them personally. In many cases, the promise gives tremendous comfort to us in the moment, but it's been taken out of context so it's a misuse of the Bible and the promise.

- Greg Koukl

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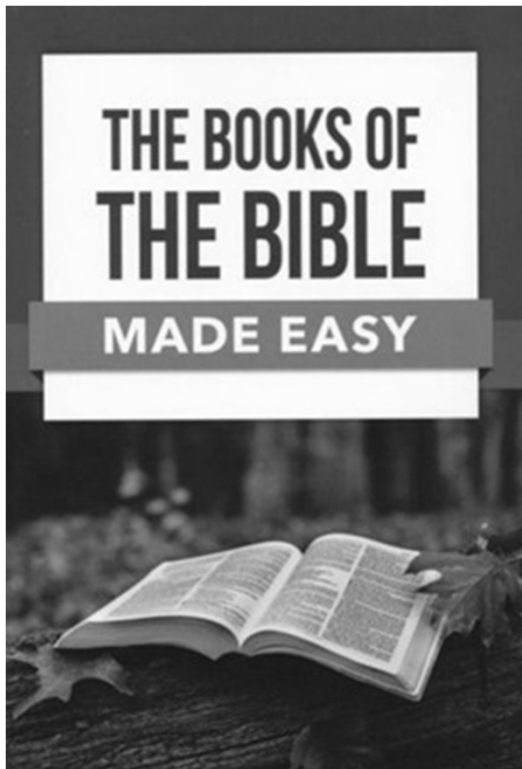
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There is one interpretation, many applications

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Resources

**Free – One Per Family
On Tract Table**



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Falling In Love With the Bible – (Pastor Mike MacIntosh)

Inductive Bible Study (Pastor Dan Finrock)

Free online. <https://www.icmbible.com/>

**How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth (Gordon Fee,
Douglas Stuart)**

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A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible (Robert H Stein)

Introduction to Biblical Interpretation (Klein, Blomberg, Hubbard)

Halley's Bible Handbook (Henry Halley)