

Bible Engagement

Lesson 8

Five Keys to Interpretation

- Content
- Context
- Comparison
- Culture
- Consultation

Content (Chapter 30)

Good interpretation depends on quality content. Quality content comes from good observation. How well did you do the observation of Bible study.

Context (Chapter 31)

Bad interpretation happens when you take the Bible out of context.

We must read the Bible in the context of:

- Literary Context
- Historical Context
- Cultural Context
- Geographic Context
- Theological Context

Comparison (Chapter 32)

When you have questions about what a scripture says the first place to look is in the Bible. Compare scripture to scripture.

Culture (Chapter 33)

Reading the Bible requires reading it through the eyes of the culture it is written to.

Consultation (Chapter 34)

Your primary tool for Bible study is, the Bible. But there are secondary resources that can aid you in your study.

- Concordance
- Bible Dictionary
- Bible Handbook

- Atlas
- Bible Commentaries

Some online and downloadable Bible study resources

- Bible Hub <https://biblehub.com/>
- Blue Letter Bible <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>
- Bible Gateway <https://www.biblegateway.com/>
- Olive Tree Bible Software <https://www.olivetree.com/>
- Logos <https://www.logos.com/>

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