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“The basic difference between Bible reading and Bible study is simply a pencil and a piece of paper”

- Donald S. Whitney



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Application is our goal



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Context helps us
to **bridge the gap**
to **application**



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CONTEXT

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NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS BIRTH CHURCH



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NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS BIRTH CHURCH REVELATION



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1- Background

b. Cultural



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And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

Matthew 5:40



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2- Literary Types

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2- Literary Types

Narrative 43%

Poetry 33%

24%



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Parallelism Example

For the grave cannot praise you,
death cannot sing your praise;

Isaiah 38:18



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CONTEXT

2- Literary Types

Narrative 43%

Poetry 33%

Discourse 24%



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3- Passage



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I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13



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4- Scriptural



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Judge not, that you be not judged.

Matthew 7:1



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b- Bible Dictionary



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...and **Jehoshaphat** the father of Joram...

Matthew 1:8



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JEHOSHAPHAT (*Jə hōsh' á phăt*) Personal name meaning "Yahweh judged" or "Yahweh established the right." **1.** Son and successor of Asa as king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24). He occupied the throne for 25 years (873-848 B.C.). The biblical record of his reign is contained in the final chapters of 1 Kings and in 2 Chron. 17–20. He was an able ruler and a faithful worshiper of Yahweh (1 Kings 22:42-43). Nevertheless, he did one thing that ultimately proved to be disastrous: he made an alliance with Ahab, king of Israel. The immediate result was beneficial to both kingdoms. Years of conflict between them

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JEHOSHAPHAT (85) [JEHOSHAPHAT'S]

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| 2Sa | 8: 16 | J son of Ahilud was recorder; | 3398 |
| | 20: 24 | J son of Ahilud was recorder; | 3398 |
| 1Ki | 4: 3 | J son of Ahilud—recorder; | 3398 |
| | 4: 17 | J son of Paruah—in Issachar; | 3398 |
| | 15: 24 | And J his son succeeded him as king. | 3398 |
| | 22: 2 | But in the third year J king of Judah went | 3398 |
| | 22: 4 | So he asked J, | 3398 |
| | 22: 4 | J replied to the king of Israel, | 3398 |
| | 22: 5 | But J also said to the king of Israel, | 3398 |
| | 22: 7 | But J asked, "Is there not a prophet of | 3398 |
| | 22: 8 | The king of Israel answered J, | 3398 |
| | 22: 8 | "The king should not say that," J replied. | 3398 |
| | 22: 10 | of Israel and J king of Judah were sitting | 3398 |
| | 22: 18 | The king of Israel said to J, | 3398 |
| | 22: 29 | the king of Israel and J king of Judah went | 3398 |
| | 22: 30 | The king of Israel said to J, | 3398 |
| | 22: 32 | When the chariot commanders saw J, | 3398 |

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d- Bible Atlas



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Jerusalem

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e- Study Bible



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f- Commentary



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Bridging Contexts

HEBREWS 12:1–17 OFFERS us a tapestry of rich images by which the author wishes to motivate his readers to endurance in the Christian life. Figurative language is meant to stimulate the imagination, inviting a reader to enter into the image and connect with the relevant material the image has to offer. The key in dealing with such images is to discern the connecting point between the image and the topic at hand.

Focusing on the "race." There are many ways, for example, in which the author of Hebrews does *not* intend the race imagery to be read. He certainly does not play up the idea of competition, as in "God wants you to beat the other fellow." Nor does he mean to emphasize here that God gives Christians the ability to overcome all obstacles.²² One finds no hint of "the race belongs

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g- Background Resources



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Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a **Sabbath day's walk** from the city.

Acts 1:12



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sets the Old Testament cubit at about 17.5 inches (44.5 centimeters). The "new cubit," that of the Roman Empire, including New Testament Palestine, was about 20.6 inches (52.5 centimeters).

"A Sabbath day's journey" (Acts 1:12) was not an exact measurement at all, but one of the fences around Torah. It prescribes the distance one could travel from one's place of residence without breaking the fourth commandment. According to the Talmud, a Sabbath day's journey was only about 2,000 cubits (or about 1,150 yards),⁶⁰ but it could be expanded, almost limitlessly, by using the practice of *erub* (extending limits by establishing temporary residences or amalgamating adjacent properties).

Calendar

The calendar was of immense importance in the ancient world. Since the calendar was a measurement of the regular cycle of sea-

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