

# Hermeneutics — Student Handout

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## Chapter 2: The Interpretive Journey

### **What You Should Learn From Today's Lecture**

- Understand why interpretation is like crossing a river of differences.
- Identify the five steps of the Interpretive Journey.
- Recognize the role of theological principles as the bridge.
- See how covenant differences affect Old Testament interpretation.
- Apply Joshua 1:1–9 as the chapter's key example.

### 1. Why Interpretation is Necessary

### 2. Common Errors in Bible Interpretation

### 3. The Five Steps of the Interpretive Journey

#### 4. Example: Joshua 1:1-9

### **Closing Summary**

- Hermeneutics is not subjective.
- God has spoken through His Word.
- The believer must cross the river carefully.
- The Interpretive Journey provides a faithful method.
- Chapter 3 will develop the observation skills needed for Step 1.

### **THINGS TO KNOW (Exam Anchors)**

1. Interpretation is a journey across a river of differences.
2. The river includes culture, language, time, situation, and covenant.
3. Step 1 determines meaning for the original audience.
4. Step 3 identifies the theological principle as the bridge.
5. Step 4 ensures interpretation fits the whole Bible through Christ.
6. Step 5 applies truth to Christian life today.
7. Joshua 1:1–9 is the chapter's key example.
8. Chapter 2 is the blueprint for the rest of the textbook.
9. A Question will be asked if you did the assigned reading.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

Read Chapter 2 – THE INTERPRETIVE JOURNEY