

How to study  
your Bible

Interpretation



# 3 Steps to Bible Study



## Observation

Looking at Scripture,  
taking note of what can  
be seen.



## Interpretation

Collecting information, and  
answering questions to  
determine what a passage  
means.



## Application

What does this passage  
mean to me? How does it  
work in my life? How does  
this change me?

# Interpretation


We want to be able to determine the normal, historical accurate, and culturally correct meaning of the text.

# Pastoral

Rural rustic themes, heavily descriptive, meditative and quiet, bond between shepherd and sheep.

# Poetry

Verses intended to be spoken or sung, sounds of words, symbolism, appeals to the emotions, parallelism.


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# Prophecy

authoritative presentation of  
God's will or message,  
frequently corrective in nature.

# Proverbs

Short pithy statements of moral truths, reduces life to black and white issues, right and wrong.

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# Satire

Exposes and ridicules human vices and foolishness, warns through negative examples.



# Tragedy

Relates the downfall of a person,  
uses events to relay the path  
towards ruin.

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# Wisdom Literature

An older seasoned person  
relays wisdom to a younger  
person.