

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.

Matching Game



Apocalyptic

Highly symbolic; events take place on global scale; usually in 1st person; struggle between God and evil.

Biography

Close up of an individual person;
events reveal character
development.

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Encomium

Tells high praise of someone;
exhorts the reader to
incorporate some features into
his life.

Exposition

Carefully reasoned arguments;
has a logical flow; **terms are
very crucial.**




Narrative

The progression of a story is paramount; historical accounts of events; there is a plot.

Oratory

Oral presentation of an argument; frequent quotes from authorities; usually it seeks to encourage or persuade.

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Parable

Earthly story with a heavenly meaning; illustrates a moral truth using characters and stereotypes.