



HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

UNDERSTANDING GENRE

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LESSON 1

IDENTIFYING GENRE AND WHY IT MATTERS

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IDENTIFYING THE GENRE OF BIBLICAL WRITINGS

- Read and note significant literary details and authorial comments as cues
- Consult a study Bible, commentary, or other help

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IDENTIFYING THE GENRE OF BIBLICAL WRITINGS

List of Genres

1. Historical Narrative
2. Prophecy
3. Apocalypse
4. Letters
5. Psalms and Songs (Poetry)
6. Exaggeration/Hyperbole
7. Parable



INTERPRETIVE MISSTEPS

- Misunderstanding genre can skew interpretation
- Mislabeled genre can be an underhanded way of denying the truthfulness of the text
- Misunderstanding genre can be used to excuse oneself from the demands of Scripture.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- The Bible
- 40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible
by Robert L. Plummer





QUESTIONS!

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