

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

OBSERVATION

What Does it Say?

Who is writing or speaking and to whom?

What is the passage about?

When does this take place?

Where does this take place?

Why does the author write what he does?

How does this passage fit in with the context?

What is happening in the culture
at the time of the writing?

What problems were the recipients facing?

INTERPRETATION

What Does it Mean?

Putting yourself in the author's shoes, what
did the author intend to communicate?

What did God mean when he gave
the words to the author?

How does the meaning match up
with other scripture?

APPLICATION

How do I apply this truth to life?

How does the passage inform how
we relate to God and others?

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a prayer for me to pray?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a command to obey?

UNDERSTANDING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

New Testament		Old Testament	
Letters by Others	Gospels	Major Prophets	Law
Hebrews	Matthew	Isaiah	Genesis
James	Mark	Jeremiah	Exodus
1 Peter	Luke	Lamentations	Leviticus
2 Peter	John	Ezekiel	Numbers
1 John		Daniel	Deuteronomy
2 John	Church History		
3 John	Acts	Minor Prophets	History
Jude		Hosea	Joshua
	Letters by Paul	Joel	Judges
Prophetic	Romans	Amos	Ruth
Revelation	1 Corinthians	Obadiah	1 Samuel
	2 Corinthians	Jonah	2 Samuel
	Galatians	Micah	1 Kings
	Ephesians	Nahum	2 Kings
	Philippians	Habakkuk	1 Chronicles
	Colossians	Zephaniah	2 Chronicles
	1 Thessalonians	Haggai	Ezra
	2 Thessalonians	Zechariah	Nehemiah
	1 Timothy	Malachi	Esther
	2 Timothy		
	Titus		Poetry
	Philemon		Job
			Psalms
			Proverbs
			Ecclesiastes
			Song of Solomon