

HOW TO STUDY THE
BIBLE

PART 5

CONCERN - APPLICATION

RE-CAP

WE LOOK FOR 3 THINGS:

1. **CONTEXT.** -- Context is everything
2. **CONTENT** -- What is going on within the words.
3. **CONCERN** -- How do I take this and apply to my life--

- **CONTEXT** - What is going on around the words.
- **CONTENT** - What is going on within the words.
- **CONCERN** - What is going on in front of words --
How trying to influence us. Spirit's teaching

PRINCIPLES

--CAN'T DIVORCE CONCERN OF TEXT FROM CONTEXT & CONTENT.

1. **INTERPRET BASED ON AUTHORS INTENT NOT YOURS.**

- Get into context, content. "Ball"
- What was author intending for audience?
- How can we apply to us -- **me**?

PRINCIPLES

2. INTERPRET THE BIBLE LITERALLY - When possible.

-- Allowing for figurative language

3. LET THE BIBLE INTERPRET ITSELF

--- Heb 6:4-6

--- I Peter 3. Spirits in prison.

**4. DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL--CHURCH AND
OLD COVENANT --NEW COVENANT.**

---Land promises of Israel

---Mosaic Law

PRINCIPLES

5. REMEMBER THE TYPE OF LITERATURE YOU ARE IN.

--- Poetry- Wisdom Literature

6. LOOK FOR GENERAL PRINCIPLES BEHIND THE SCRIPTURE

--- Not wooden interpretation.

EXAMPLES

- **GENEALOGY IN MATTHEW 1**

- Women? Notably --Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Wife of Uriah

- People who Jesus is related to

- Why?

EXAMPLES

- **GENEALOGY IN GENESIS 36**

- Not Jesus but Esau

- Look at Malachi 1:1-3

- Then Genesis 37 -- Jacobs Descendants.

- Illustrates Esau's massive wealth

- Jacob dies not having seen the promise - Heb 11

- From worlds standpoint who was better off?

- Teaches eyes of FAITH

EXAMPLES

- **MEAT OFFERED TO IDOLS --1 COR 8**
 - Not very applicable in our day?
 - Underlying Principle?
 - Walk through process?
 - Application.

PROCESS

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- **CONTEXT**

- HISTORICAL CONTEXT
- TEXTUAL CONTEXT---

- **Historical context is broken down into 4 areas:**

1. Geographical Historical Context
2. Specific Historical Context.
3. Cultural Historical Context.
4. Religious Historical Context