

# 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
<b>Letters by Others</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hebrews</li><li>James</li><li>1 Peter</li><li>2 Peter</li><li>1 John</li><li>2 John</li><li>3 John</li><li>Jude</li></ul>	<b>Major Prophets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Isaiah</li><li>Jeremiah</li><li>Lamentations</li><li>Ezekiel</li><li>Daniel</li></ul>
<b>Gospels</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Matthew</li><li>Mark</li><li>Luke</li><li>John</li></ul>	<b>Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Genesis</li><li>Exodus</li><li>Leviticus</li><li>Numbers</li><li>Deuteronomy</li></ul>
<b>Church History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acts</li></ul>	<b>Minor Prophets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hosea</li><li>Joel</li><li>Amos</li><li>Obadiah</li><li>Jonah</li><li>Micah</li><li>Nahum</li><li>Habakkuk</li><li>Zephaniah</li><li>Haggai</li><li>Zechariah</li><li>Malachi</li></ul>
<b>Letters by Paul</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Romans</li><li>1 Corinthians</li><li>2 Corinthians</li><li>Galatians</li><li>Ephesians</li><li>Philippians</li><li>Colossians</li><li>1 Thessalonians</li><li>2 Thessalonians</li><li>1 Timothy</li><li>2 Timothy</li><li>Titus</li><li>Philemon</li></ul>	<b>History</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Joshua</li><li>Judges</li><li>Ruth</li><li>1 Samuel</li><li>2 Samuel</li><li>1 Kings</li><li>2 Kings</li><li>1 Chronicles</li><li>2 Chronicles</li><li>Ezra</li><li>Nehemiah</li><li>Esther</li></ul>
<b>Prophetic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revelation</li></ul>	<b>Poetry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Job</li><li>Psalms</li><li>Proverbs</li><li>Ecclesiastes</li><li>Song of Solomon</li></ul>