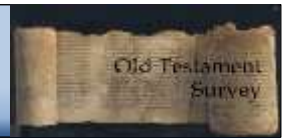




How to Study – Textbook Reading



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(Other material may be read for extra credit/benefit)

Ch. 1

☐ Hermeneutics

Study Guide for Textbook chapter 1

Hermeneutics: How Do We Interpret the Bible?

- What other word does the Textbook use to define the term “hermeneutics”?

Use the Grammatical-Historical Method

- What does the grammatical-historical method seek to do? How? What do you think is the benefit of this for understanding the Old Testament well?

Understand the Context

- What does the Textbook mean by the term “context”? How is this helpful for understanding the Old Testament?
- What are the three kinds of context that Bible students should study? What does each of the three tell us? Which of the three influences the meaning the most?
- Give an example of how the “remote context” may help us understand something in the Old Testament.
- What does the historical context tell us about a particular part of the Old Testament? Why is this helpful?

Determine the Type of Literature

- What is the meaning of the word “genre”? What are some examples of this that the Textbook gives? What are the dangers of not recognizing the type of literature when studying the Old Testament?

Interpret Figurative Language

- What does the Textbook mean by “figurative language”? What are the dangers of failing to recognize when the Old Testament is using figurative language?

Let Scripture Interpret Scripture

- Describe what it means to “Let Scripture Interpret Scripture”. Why can we do this? Why is this necessary and helpful?

Discover the Application to Modern Life

- How does the Textbook suggest we determine what the text means for today?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter