

Hermeneutic Principles

What did it mean then? We can gain insight through considering the following:

Historical issues: What was the situation at the time of writing?

Grammatical issues: What does it actually say?

Contextual issues: What do we learn from the surrounding verses and chapters?

Literary Issues: What genre of literature is it? (narrative, poetry, history etc.)

Timeless Principles. What principles can be extracted that have a broader application than that specific time and place?

Tools:

Scripture interprets scripture—what can we learn from related passages, understanding that God does not change; what he says will always be consistent.

Reason—Think it through

Tradition—What has the church historically thought

Experience—How have you personally seen timeless principles in real life?

Emotion—Be careful with this one, it can be misleading, but what do you feel about the passage?

How does it apply to my life? How should the timeless principle impact how you think and live in your daily life?

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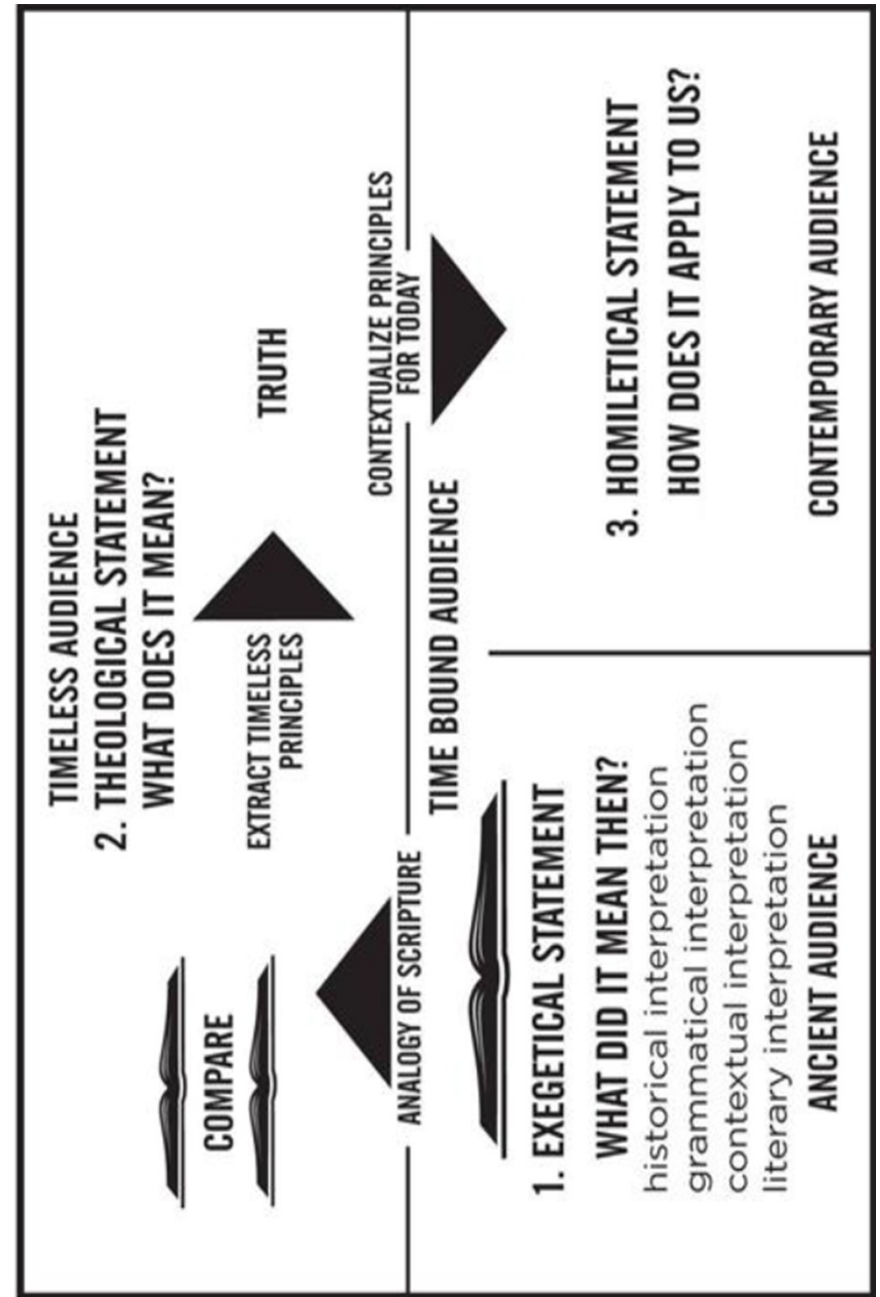
Scripture References

James 1:5 • Psalms 111:10 • Psalms 137 • Jeremiah 29:1-18
Isaiah 40:31 • 2 Corinthians 5:17 • Micah 7:18-20
Psalm 103:10-12 • John 6:37-39 John 8:12

- 1) Some of God's promises are _____, where God says, "If you do this, I will do that." On the other hand, if you don't do what God says, don't _____ on the promise.
- 2) True wisdom comes from God and reveals a deep understanding of _____ and its complexities.

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- 3) Wisdom helps us _____ the promises of God, recognizing any conditions and helping us discern which promises apply to us and which ones don't.
- 4) A _____ is a method or theory of interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts.
- 5) When we compare scripture with scripture to find timeless principles, we can learn about God through his promises even if they were not made _____ to us.
- 6) A passage may be written _____ us even if it is not written _____ us.
- 7) Exegesis: to _____ the meaning of a text.
Eisegesis: to _____ preconceived meanings and ideas into the text.



Use the tools on the chart and reverse page to interpret 2 Chronicles 7:14