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To answer these questions, use:

- Bible dictionaries
- “Introduction” sections of Bible commentaries

Even if you think you know all of this information – find a scholarly source to confirm it. This is critical because your entire perspective of the passage will be shaped by these initial questions. It is important to make sure you have valid information!

Section	Questions To Answer	My Preliminary Notes	Questions Specific To My Passage	Sources I’ve Used
1. Author	1. Is there more than one possible author? 2. Who most likely wrote this book? 3. Why did the author write this book?			
2. Date of the Document	1. What possible dates was this book written in? 2. What major events were taking place?			
3. Place of Writing	1. Where was this book written in? 2. Is it significant to the book’s meaning?			
4. Destination	1. Where was the book being written to? 2. What are some key characteristics of the destination			
5. Audience	1. What audience is being addressed? 2. Why would the author be addressing this audience?			
6. Life Setting (“Sitz im Leben”)	1. What do we know of the community of which this audience is a part? 2. To what situation or question does the passage respond?			