

## **Helpful Resources for Understanding the Scriptures**

*First and foremost, devour & live God's Word by the Power of the Holy Spirit!*

**Where to start:**

### **A) HOW TO STUDY & THINK CLEARLY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES**

#### **1. *The Zondervan Greek and English Interlinear New Testament (NASB/NIV)***

Zondervan/2011/Hardcover

ISBN-13: 978-0310492962

Contains the Greek Text plus the parsing of each Greek word (which is extremely helpful for understanding the inspired grammar of the text), includes a comprehensive dictionary of the Greek words and each word is linked with a number, has three translations (NASB/NIV/Mounce), and is edited by two leading Greek scholars (William D. Mounce & Robert H. Mounce).

#### **2. *Zondervan NIV Exhaustive Concordance* by Edward W. Goodrick and John R. Kohlenberger III**

Zondervan/1999/Hardcover

ISBN-13: 978-0310229971

"The Zondervan NIV Exhaustive Concordance gives complete access to every word of the NIV text as well as to the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek from which the NIV was translated. Feature for feature, this Gold Medallion award-winning volume is by far the finest, most thorough NIV-based concordance available." - from the back cover

#### **3. *Inerrancy* by Norman L. Geisler (Editor)**

Zondervan/1980/Paperback

ISBN-13: 978-0310392811

This is an extremely important book in understanding one of the most important doctrines and its significance for interpreting the Scriptures. In addition, it contains important chapters on biblical interpretation.

#### **4. *Come Let Us Reason: An Introduction to Logical Thinking* by Norman L. Geisler, Ronald Brooks**

Baker/1990/Paperback

ISBN-13: 9780801038365

Jesus brilliantly and perfectly used logic. Therefore, we should follow His leadership and understand how to think clearly.

#### **5. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old & New Testament* (2 Volumes) edited by John F. Walvoord, Roy B. Zuck, David C Cook**

Victor Books/1989/Hardcover

ISBN-13: 9780896938007

Overview of the Bible Knowledge Commentary: (comments from ChristianBook.com)

-Theologically conservative (Evangelical)

-Mainly a section-by-section commentary, with a good amount of verse-by-verse commentary as well

-Non-technical (all original languages are transliterated)

### **B) HOW TO ENDURE PERSECUTION**

#### **1. *The Heavenly Man: The Remarkable True Story Of Chinese Christian Brother Yun* by Brother Yun and Paul Hattaway**

Monarch Books /2003/Paperback

ISBN-13: 9780825462078

It tells the true account of how God empowered our brothers and sisters in China to live out God's Word by the power of His Spirit in the midst of extreme persecution and torture. It was endorsed by multiple prominent Chinese leaders in the underground church.

#### **2. *Living Water* by Brother Yun and Paul Hattaway**

Zondervan/2008/Paperback

ISBN-13: 9780310285540

This is a collection of Brother Yun's talks and explains how to live out the life that is modeled in *The Heavenly Man*.

### **C) HOW TO KINDLY GIVE A DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANITY**

#### **1. *Christian Apologetics* by Norman Geisler**

Baker Academic/1988/Paperback

ISBN-13: 978-0801038228

Also, check out the following website: [NormanGeisler.com](http://NormanGeisler.com)

Start in chapter 8 "Formulating Adequate Tests for Truth" and then read chapters 13-18. This will give you a terrific test for truth that will help you to see how God has made the wisdom of the world foolishness and it also contains a great demonstration of God's existence, that miracles can happen, that the New Testament is historically reliable, that Jesus is God and rose from the dead, and that the Bible is the Word of God.

#### **2. *Top Five Questions U of I Students Ask* (2 CDS or Audio Download) by Ravi Zacharias & William Lane Craig**

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries/2003/Audio

ISBN-13: 9781612560892

Also, check out the following website: [RZIM.org](http://RZIM.org)

This is a terrific talk given at the University of Iowa that clearly answers the questions of: 1) What is the meaning of life? 2) How do you know that God exists? 3) What about the problem of evil? 4) How do you know Jesus rose from the grave? and 5) How can Jesus be the only way?

#### **3. *On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision* by William Lane Craig**

David C Cook/2010/Paperback

ISBN-13: 9781434764881

Also, check out the following website: [ReasonableFaith.org](http://ReasonableFaith.org) and for argument maps and drawings see: [DavidCCook.com/OnGuard](http://DavidCCook.com/OnGuard)

#### **4. *Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels* by J. Warner Wallace**

David C Cook /2012/Paperback

ISBN-13: 9781434704696

Also, check out the following website: [ColdCaseChristianity.com](http://ColdCaseChristianity.com)

Note: any books, authors, resources, etc. does not mean an absolute endorsement of everything they say, do, or believe. As it has been said "there is only one book we read to believe [the Bible], all others we read only to consider" and there is only one person (Jesus) who is completely brilliant and whom we follow.

## BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION / BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS

### God's Word is Relational

God's Word is a unified love story from God to us. It contains love letters, parables, proverbs, poems, songs, narrative stories, family history, relational prophesy, etc. God's Word was written in a relational way to reveal who He is. God did not write it as a mathematical textbook because we are more than simply mathematical beings. His Word is a supernatural relational revelation – designed to reveal to us His redemptive plan through Jesus Christ.

### God's Word is Unified

All of God's word is unified. **Therefore, it is important to use Scripture as the primary commentary on itself.** For example, the purpose of the Old Testament was to point to Jesus Christ and prepare people for Him.

"Now the Berean Jews were of **more noble character** than those in Thessalonica, for **they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.** As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men" - Acts 17:11-12

### God's Word is Grammatical and Historical

Accurately putting the words you are reading in their grammatical-historical context is important.

**"Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.** But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more *and* more ungodliness." - 2 Timothy 2:15-16

When approaching the task of interpreting the Scriptures you should always begin with prayer. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to counsel you. Ask Him to teach you the meaning (the intention expressed within the text) of God's Word and to show you the significance of what you are reading. Always bring your questions to Him because He knows all things. Further, God revealed His Word in a grammatical-historical context; therefore, it is wise to study it in its context.

*The best interpretation is one that accounts for all the textual clues within the complete text of Scripture.*

### The Framework for Interpretation

1. The Scriptures are *inspired* by the Living God and are therefore infallible, inerrant (in both intent and fact), sufficient, authoritative, and superior to *all* other writings and must be approached in humility and seeking God for His meaning expressed in His Words
2. The Inspired Scriptures are a unified whole which is the context of
3. Inspired Testaments (Old and New) which are in the context of
4. Inspired historical & cultural settings *within* Scripture which is in the context of
5. Inspired books of the Scriptures which are in the context of an
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17. Inspired by the Living God and are therefore infallible, inerrant (in both intent and fact), sufficient, authoritative, and superior to *all* other writings and must be approached in humility and seeking God for His meaning expressed in His Words

A Simplified Example: To understand the context of Genesis through Deuteronomy and the Old Testament Law it is helpful to understand that it was given to a group of over 600,000 men (plus women and children that included both Hebrews and Egyptians – see Exodus 12:37-38) who were in the desert living in a tent community and these laws were needed to form this new community out of all these people (similarly we have city codes that tell us how to build, etc.), needing to separate them from the polytheistic pagan practices they had just experienced in Egypt (under which they had lived for an extended period of time), and needing to show the uniqueness of Yahweh God and how these laws would point to Yahweh God's promise of the fulfillment of them in Jesus Christ and to bring the good news of His Kingdom to the whole world (Luke 4:43, 24:27, 24:44; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 105:1-45; Psalm 136; Isaiah 53; Acts 2:14-47; Acts 6-7; Acts 13:16-47; Acts 26:6-7; Romans 4:13-14, etc.).

### Yahweh God Is a Personal Covenant Keeping God

Some important covenants to understand:

God's covenant with Adam

God's covenant with Noah

God's covenant with Abraham

God's covenant with Moses

Note: If you start in Genesis and read straight through to the end of Exodus chapter three you can see how Yahweh God was showing that He is the creator God and Yahweh is His name. And that He is orchestrating all the events to reveal who He is - the necessary, uncaused, personally-present, covenant keeping God, who "sees" the misery of His people, "hears" their cries, "enters into" their suffering, and delivers them from where they are to where He wants them to be.

God's covenant with David

God's promise of the New Covenant in the Old Testament

God's New Covenant with the Body of Christ

**There is so much more in God's Word than can be briefly summarized in this section. Therefore, deepen your relationship with Him by digging into God's Word, talking with Him about His Word, asking Him to reveal to you His Story as He revealed it in His Word, and reading it as He intended it—in relationship with Him.**

**THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY**

**Jesus is The Most Brilliant One, fully God & The Perfect Man. Whatever Jesus says is true, because Jesus is The Truth.**

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together . . . All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Him.” - Col. 1:15-17, 2:3

“I am The Way, and The Truth, and The Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” - Jesus, John 14:6; “The Truth is in Jesus” - Ephesians 4:21

“It is impossible for God to lie.” - Hebrews 6:18

**Jesus held to a verbal-plenary view of Scripture (that the very words of Scripture were inspired by God) and that all Scripture is inspired/absolutely truthful/inerrant (in both intent and in fact)/absolutely infallible/authoritative.**

“The Word of God” - Jesus, Mark 7:13

Jesus said, “It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.” - Luke 22:37

“Isaiah prophesied accurately about you hypocrites, as it is written.” - Jesus, Mark 7:6

“It is written: ‘Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” - Jesus, Matthew 4:4

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” - Jesus, Matthew 24:35

**The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is Superior to all other writings.**

“This above all you must understand that no prophecy comes from one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but moved by the Holy Spirit men spoke from God.” - 2 Peter 1:20-21

“For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself.” - Hebrews 6:13

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” - Hebrews 4:12

“The instruction of Yahweh is perfect, renewing one’s life; the testimony of Yahweh is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of Yahweh are right, making the heart glad; the command of Yahweh is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of Yahweh is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of Yahweh are reliable and altogether righteous. They are more desirable than gold – than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey, which comes from the honeycomb.” - Psalm 19:7-110

**The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is Sufficient.**

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” - 2 Timothy 3:16-18

“His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires.” - 2 Peter 1:3-4

**The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is to be obeyed.**

“Blessed . . . are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.” - Jesus, Luke 11:28

**THE WORD OF GOD IS ACCURATE & TRUE**

**Jesus taught that the Word of God is factually accurate and true.**

“Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.” - Luke 24:27

**Jesus referred to individuals and events in the historical sense. Meaning these people really lived and the events really happened.**

This includes: Adam & Eve (Matt 19:4-6), Abel (Luke 11:51), Noah & the Flood (Matt 24:37-39), Abraham (John 8:56), Sodom & Gomorrah (Matt 10:15), Lot (Luke 17:28-32), Isaac & Jacob (Matt 8:11), Moses (Matt 8:4), Manna from Heaven (John 6:31), David (Matt 22:43), Solomon (Matt 6:29), Elijah (Luke 4:25), Elisha (Luke 4:27), Jonah (Matt 12:39-41), Daniel (Matt 24:15), Isaiah (Matt 15:7), Zachariah (Luke 11:51), etc.

“All your words are true” - Psalm 119:60; “Every word of God proves true” - Proverbs 30:5

“For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.” - Romans 15:4; “For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.” - 2 Peter 1:16

**SCRIPTURE SUMMARIZES SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 105:1-45; Psalm 136; Isaiah 53; Luke 24:27; Luke 24:44-47; Acts 2:14-47; Acts 6-7; Acts 13:16-47; Acts 17:1-4, 16-34; etc.

**SCRIPTURE INTERPETS SCRIPTURE**

**Scripture informs us how to interpret it.**

**Pray for the illumination of the text of Scripture by the Holy Spirit.**

“Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your instruction.” - Psalm 119:18

Then He told them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, “This is what is written: The Christ would suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” - Luke 24:44-47

## BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION / BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS – continued

### Read the inspired Word of God with the Holy Spirit.

“They read out of the book of instruction of God, translating to give the sense so that the people could understand what was read.” - Nehemiah 8:8

### Examine, with the Holy Spirit, the text of Scripture to find the meaning (the intention expressed in the words in the text) put there by Holy Spirit and use the rest of Scripture to interpret it.

“They received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.” - Acts 17:11

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” - 2 Tim 2:15

### Pay attention to the Scriptures for they are the very Words of God.

“So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” - 2 Peter 1:19

“For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the instruction of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances” - Ezra 7:10

### Submit to the Holy Spirit sanctifying you by the Word of God.

“That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’ Submit yourselves, then, to God.” - James 4:4c-7a

“I have chosen the way of Truth” - Psalm 119:30

“Sanctify them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.” - Jesus, John 17:17

## Important Terminology

**Meaning:** the intention (the grammatical-historical sense) expressed in the words within the text

A more detailed explanation:

“We affirm the necessity of interpreting the Bible according to its literal, or normal, sense. The literal sense is the grammatical-historical sense, that is, the meaning which the writer expressed. Interpretation according to the literal sense will take account of all figures of speech and literary forms found in the text. We deny the legitimacy of any approach to Scripture that attributes to it meaning which the literal sense does not support.” - Article XV from ICBI-2 - The Chicago Statement on Biblical Hermeneutics

“We affirm that the meaning expressed in each biblical text is single, definite and fixed. We deny that the recognition of this single meaning eliminates the variety of its application.” - Article VII from ICBI-2 - The Chicago Statement on Biblical Hermeneutics

**Purpose:** the *why* it was written and can be different then the meaning. For example: if I wrote the statement “Don’t walk on the grass” you can understand the meaning of this statement even if you don’t understand the purpose of why it was written (i.e.: was it because of new grass seed, was it because of pesticides sprayed, etc.) In addition, there can be multiple purposes for why something was written.

**Significance:** “the various valid repercussions, inferences, or implications stemming from the author’s meaning.”<sup>1</sup> (See James 1:23-25).

A more detailed explanation:

“The ‘significance’ of a literary work indicates a relationship between the ‘meaning’ intended by the author in his use of a certain sequence of words and some person, idea, or situation . . . It is wrong, therefore, to confuse meaning and significance.”<sup>2</sup>

“The distinction between meaning and significance, however, must be rigidly followed. There can be little doubt, according to both biblical example and declaration, that, while not all Scripture is addressed directly to us personally, all Scripture is given for our instruction.”<sup>3</sup>

**Application:** this deals with significance, it is how we take the meaning (the intention expressed in the words within the text) and how it was applied in the past or how we apply it today.

**Intertextuality:** All of the Scriptures are interconnected. God is the ultimate author of Scripture and thus Scripture is unified by the Holy Spirit’s incredibly brilliant intended intertextuality.

**Inspiration:** The Scriptures come from God. Thus, “moved by the Holy Spirit men spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:21) and “All Scripture is inspired by God” (2 Timothy 3:16).

**Infallibility:** “signifies the quality of neither misleading nor being misled and so safeguards in categorical terms the truth that Holy Scripture is a sure, safe, and reliable rule and guide in all matters.”<sup>4</sup>

**Inerrancy:** The Scriptures are without error in both intent and in fact.

**Necessity of the Scriptures:** without the Scriptures “it is impossible to live the Christian life”<sup>5</sup>

**Sufficiency of the Scriptures:** The Scriptures by the power of the Holy Spirit contain “all we need to know God’s will and live a life pleasing to him.”<sup>6</sup>

**Exegesis:** pulling out the authorial meaning that is within the text (this is the correct way of interpreting)

**Eisegesis:** reading your own ideas or the ideas of someone else into the text (this a wrong way of interpreting)

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<sup>1</sup> Abner Chou, *The Hermeneutics of the Biblical Writers: Learning to Interpret Scripture from the Prophets and Apostles* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2018), 32.

<sup>2</sup> Norman L. Geisler (editor), *Inerrancy* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1980), 122.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, 141.

<sup>4</sup> From the *Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy* (available at [https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI\\_1.pdf](https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_1.pdf))

<sup>5</sup> Heath Lambert, *A Theology of Biblical Counseling: The Doctrinal Foundations of Counseling Ministry* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016), 37.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, 37.

**Several Important Statements on the Bible**

“The International Council on Biblical Inerrancy (ICBI) was founded in 1977 to clarify and defend the doctrine of biblical inerrancy. The Council sponsored three major ‘summits,’ each producing an important statement.

Summit I met in Chicago on October 26–28, 1978. Over 300 Christian leaders, theologians and pastors attended and adopted the **Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy**, consisting of nineteen articles with brief exposition . . . Papers delivered at the conference were published as Norman L. Geisler, ed., *Inerrancy* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980). Dr. Jay Grimstead, one of the organizers of the ICBI, describes the statement as “a landmark church document” created “by the then largest, broadest, group of evangelical protestant scholars that ever came together to create a common, theological document in the 20th century. It is probably the first systematically comprehensive, broadly based, scholarly, creed-like statement on the inspiration and authority of Scripture in the history of the church.”

The ICBI convened Summit II on November 10–13, 1982, in Chicago to discuss guidelines for principles of interpreting the Bible. Approximately one hundred people attended and adopted the **Chicago Statement on Biblical Hermeneutics**, comprising twenty-five articles and a brief exposition. Papers read at the conference were published as Earl D. Radmacher and Robert D. Preus, eds., *Hermeneutics, Inerrancy, and the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984).

The final ICBI conference, Summit III, met on December 10–13, 1986 in Chicago. The participants adopted the **Chicago Statement on Biblical Application**, composed of sixteen articles with a separate introduction. Papers read at the conference were published as Kenneth S. Kantzer, ed., *Applying The Scriptures* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987).” – from <https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI.shtml>

**From the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy:**

A SHORT STATEMENT

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms; obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.
5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.

**Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy** can be accessed online ([https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI\\_1.pdf](https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_1.pdf)).

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*The Concept of Truth in the Inerrancy Debate* by Norman L. Geisler  
From *Biblioteca Sacra*, October-December, 1980

Available at: <https://normangeisler.com/category/theories-of/>

This is an important article to read and understand for it explains how “truth is ‘that which corresponds to the actual state of affairs,’ to the way things really are” and how those who reject real inerrancy try to do this by redefining what truth is (quote from NormanGeisler.com).

*Defending Inerrancy: Affirming the Accuracy of Scripture for a New Generation* by Norman L. Geisler and William C. Roach  
Baker Books/2011/Paperback  
ISBN-13: 9780801014345

“In response to 21st-century challenges to the faithfulness of God's Word, esteemed apologist Geisler and his co-author, Roach, provide an up-to-date treatment of the history of the doctrine of biblical inerrancy; an analysis of what it does and doesn't mean; and a reasoned response to recent attacks against it from Pinnock, Ehrman, Vanhoozer, Enns, and others.” - comments from ChristianBook.com

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Academie Books of Zondervan/1984/Paperback  
ISBN-13: 978-0310370819

**Chicago Statement on Biblical Application** can be accessed online ([https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI\\_3.pdf](https://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_3.pdf)).

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*The Hermeneutics of the Biblical Writers: Learning to Interpret Scripture from the Prophets and Apostles* by Abner Chou

Kregel Academic/2018/Paperback

ISBN-13: 978-0825443244

**"Hermeneutic is indispensable for understanding Scripture, constructing theology, and living the Christian life, but most contemporary hermeneutical systems fail to acknowledge the principles and practices of the biblical writers themselves.** Christians today cannot employ a truly biblical view of the Bible unless they understand why the prophets and apostles interpreted Scripture the way they did. To this end, Abner Chou proposes a hermeneutic of obedience, in which believers learn to interpret Scripture the way the biblical authors did – including understanding the New Testament's use of the Old Testament. Chou first unfolds the "prophetic hermeneutic" of the Old Testament authors, and demonstrates the continuity of this approach with the apostolic hermeneutic of the New Testament authors. **This forms the foundation upon which believers today must build their own interpretive practices.**" - comments from ChristianBook.com (bold emphasis added)

*Invitation to Biblical Interpretation: Exploring the Hermeneutical Triad of History, Literature & Theology* by Andreas J. Kostenberger, Richard D. Patterson

Kregel Publications/2011/Hardcover

ISBN-13: 9780825430473

*"Invitation to Biblical Interpretation* provides seminarians and upper-level collegians a textbook utilizing the "hermeneutical triad" method. This approach to interpretation is based on giving due consideration to both the historical setting and the literary context, as well the theological message." - comments from ChristianBook.com

*Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament: Exegesis and Interpretation* by G. K. Beale

Baker Academic/2012/Paperback

ISBN-13: 978-0801038969

*"In the tradition of exegetical handbooks, Beale's Handbook on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* lays out the basic principles one needs to be an effective and faithful interpreter of the New Testament's appropriation of the Old Testament." - comments from ChristianBook.com

*Living By the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible* by Howard G. Hendricks and William D. Hendricks, Charles Swindoll (Foreword)

Moody/2007/Paperback

ISBN: 978-0802408235

*"Howard and Bill Hendricks offer a practical 3-step process that will help you master simple yet effective inductive methods of **observation, interpretation, and application**"* - comments from ChristianBook.com (bold emphasis added)

*Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics: The Search for Meaning* by Walter C. Kaiser Jr. and Moisés Silva

Zondervan Academic/2007/Hardcover

ISBN-13: 9780310279518

*"Since its publication in 1994, An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics* has become a standard text for a generation of students, pastors, and serious lay readers. This second edition has been substantially updated and expanded, allowing the authors to fine-tune and enrich their discussions on fundamental interpretive topics." - comments from ChristianBook.com

*The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* by Grant R. Osborne

Intervarsity Press/2006/Paperback

ISBN-13: 9780830828265

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Archer Jr., Gleason L. "The Linguistic Evidence for the Date of Ecclesiastes," Journal of Evangelical Theological Society 12 (Summer 1969)167-81.

DeRouchie, Jason S. "Shepherding Wind and One Wise Shepherd: Grasping for Breath in Ecclesiastes," SBJT 15.3 (2011): 4-25.

Gleason L. Archer, Jr., "Exodus", in *The Complete Biblical Library, Vol. 2*

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An easy to read commentary directly on the text. Includes the Hebrew with all of the parsing for each Hebrew word and a transliteration of each word.

Gleason L. Archer, Jr., "Daniel", in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 7: Daniel and the Minor Prophets* edited by Frank E. Gaebelein

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