

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success." [Joshua 1:8]

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." [II Timothy 2:15]

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[Craig Blomberg—New Testament Scholar, Denver Seminary]

THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

"It just doesn't matter how you look at this. The New Testament, far and away, is the best attested ancient document from the Greco-Roman world."

— DANIEL WALLACE

2,600,000+
PAGES OF GREEK NT MANUSCRIPTS

"In no other case is the interval of time between the composition of the book and the date of the earliest manuscripts so short as in that of the New Testament."

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5,800+
GREEK NT MANUSCRIPTS

"There is no body of ancient literature in the world which enjoys such a wealth of good textual attestation as the New Testament."

— F. F. BRUCE

"Do we have an embarrassment of riches? Oh, we sure do. In fact, on the basis of manuscript evidence we can say that we have 1,000 times more evidence that Jesus Christ existed than we do that Alexander the Great existed."

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— CRAIG BLOMBERG

23,000+
TOTAL NT MANUSCRIPTS

"The quantity of New Testament material is almost embarrassing in comparison with other works of antiquity."

— BRUCE METZGER

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me in the dust of death.
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and gloat over me
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my clothing they cast lots.
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ar the Lord, praise him!
offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
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How to Study It

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Translation

The best translation is the one you will read!

NIV

[= word-for-word + meaning-based]

GNT

[meaning-based: focused on clarity and readability]

CSB

[word-for-word when possible; meaning-based when needed]

NASB

[prioritizes precision and closeness to the original language]

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Exegesis Not Eisegesis

Exegesis seeks to draw the author's intended or original meaning *out of* the text

Eisegesis erroneously reads bias or meaning *into* the text.

Through exegesis, then, we draw conclusions about:

1. What was written
2. Who wrote it
3. To whom was it written
4. Why it was written
5. What it means for us to day [timeless, transferrable truths]

Hermeneutics

A philosophy or theory governing one's approach to exegesis
[how conclusions are drawn from the biblical text]

Literal

[plain meaning of the text]

Allegorical

[seeks deeper symbolic meaning]

Red Letters

[prioritizes the words of Jesus]

Historical-Grammatical

[author's intended meaning in context]

Historical-Grammatical

1. **Cultural Context**—author, date, intended audience, purpose, geographic location, socio-political times.
2. **Linguistic Construction**—literary form, language, grammar, outline or flow of the writing, syntax or construction of sentences in order to discover the author's original meaning and intent.
3. **Critical Assessment**
 - a. Scripture interprets Scripture
 - b. How have others interpreted the text throughout time?
 - c. Interpret the unclear in light of the clear
 - d. Guided by and dependent upon the Holy Spirit

Hermeneutics

Once understood, we look for timeless truths
(truths not otherwise bound to a particular historical period or cultural)
for their meaning and application for us today.

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18 Consider my affliction and
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19 Consider how many are my enemies
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20 Oh guard my soul and do not
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Genres of the Bible

- The Bible is not one book but a collection of writings.
 - History — Events and narrative
 - Law — Commands and covenants (nation of Israel)
 - Poetry — Imagery and emotion
 - Wisdom — General principles for wise living
 - Prophecy — God's message for the present and the future
 - Gospels — Biographical life and the teachings of Jesus
 - Epistles — Letters written to churches and believers
 - Apocalyptic — Symbolic writing and visions of God's victory

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- Wisdom — Proverbs, Ecclesiastes
- Prophecy — Isaiah–Daniel; Hosea–Malach
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- Apocalyptic — Daniel, Revelation

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Inductive Method

Observation

[pray • read • reflect]

- Words
- Repetition
- Commands
- Questions
- Connecting words (therefore; but; because; so that...)
- People
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- Circumstances
- Flow of thought

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Application

[transcendent truths • what does this mean for us/me • how should I respond]

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Resources

1. **Devotionals**

Reading for reflection and application

2. **Commentaries**

Reading for explanation and interpretation

3. **Concordance**

Words, meanings, and themes at-a-glance

4. **Cross-references**

Scripture interpreting Scripture

5. **Lexicons**

Greek and Hebrew word meanings, usage, and context

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He was in the beginning with God.

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Cross-Refs

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him ^[fn]not even one thing came into being that
as come into being.

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Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind.

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nd the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ^[fn]grasp it.

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Let's Connect

Daily Devotionals

Blue Letter Bible offers several daily devotional readings in order to help you refocus on Christ and the Gospel of His peace and righteousness.

- BLB Daily Promises
- Day by Day by Grace
- Morning and Evening
- Faith's Checkbook
- Daily Bible Reading

Daily Bible Reading Plans

Recognizing the value of consistent reflection upon the Word of God in order to refocus one's mind and heart upon Christ and His Gospel of peace, we provide several reading plans designed to cover the entire Bible in a year.

One-Year Plans

- Canonical
- Blended
- Chronological
- Historical
- Old Testament and New Testament Together

Practice: Read

"As in all the churches of the saints,³⁴ the women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.³⁵ If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church." [I Corinthians 14:33b-35, NASB]

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Practice: Observe

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- Paul is addressing conduct in the gathering (the church)
- *The women (Gr., gyne)* — can mean woman or wife
- Context determines: it should be wives [husbands, 35]
 - Paul assumes women pray and prophesy [11:5]
 - Tongues: keep silent when there is no interpreter [14:28]
 - Prophets: keep silent when another receives revelation [14:30]
 - God is a God of order [14:33]
 - Everything should be done decently and in order [14:40]

Practice: Interpret

"As in all the churches of the saints,³⁴ the women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.³⁵ If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church." [I Corinthians 14:33b-35]

- Paul is not prohibiting women from ever speaking in the church
- He is addressing wives and the potential for disorderly conduct
- The issue is orderly speech and clarity in the church
- The gathering should center Jesus, not confusion or distraction

Practice: Application

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- Our worship service should be peaceful and orderly
- We should not embarrass, undermine, or challenge one another
- Everything said and done should build up the body
- Our practices should not confuse non-believers or seekers
- We must point people to God, not to ourselves