

How to Read the Bible
Session 3 – The Art of Interpretation
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The Need for Interpretation

Some parts of the Bible are easy to understand. The problem is not _____, it is _____ (Ex. Deut 6:5, Mat 5:44, Phil 2:14).

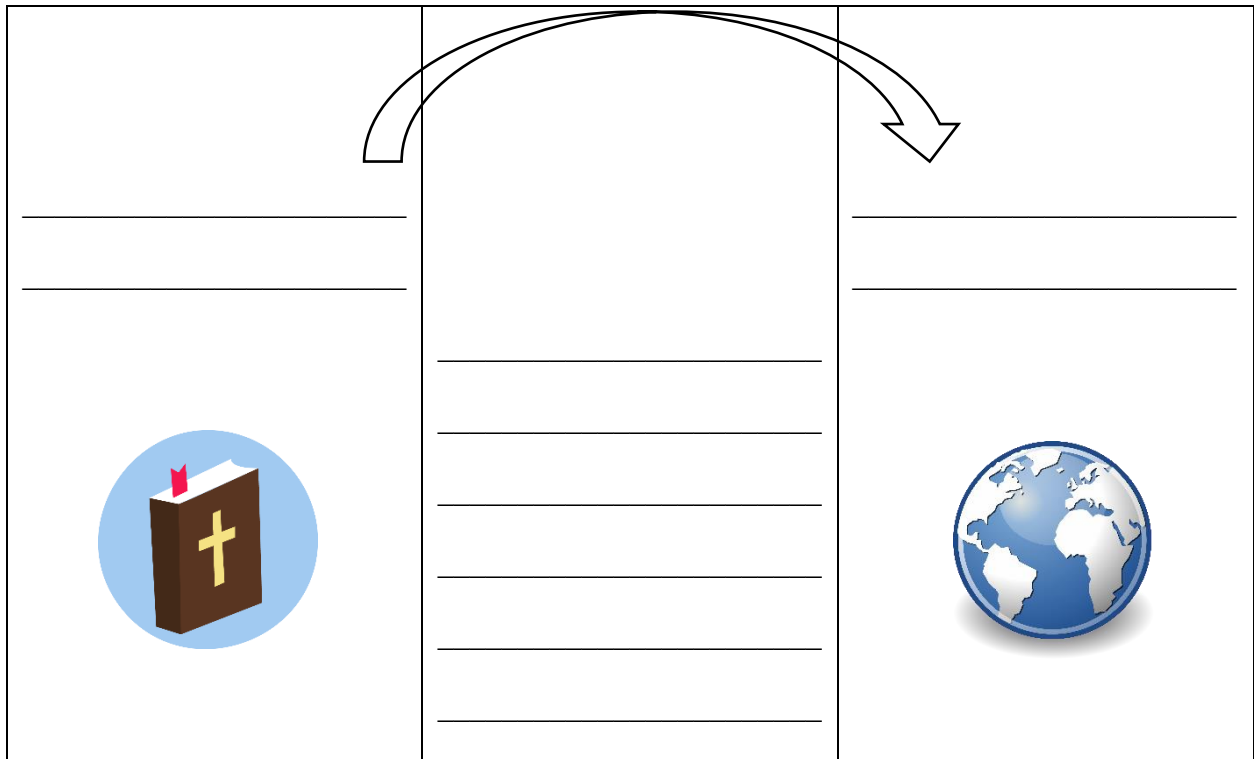
Some parts of the Bible are hard to understand. _____ is the art of moving from what the Bible _____ to what the Bible _____ for the here and now.

Everyone is an _____. Our understanding of the Bible is shaped by our:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The goal of interpretation is to _____ the _____ of the passage.

Interpretation Seeks to Bridge Two Worlds



_____ is reading out of the text the original, intended meaning.

_____ is reading into the text our own assumptions and desires.

2 Timothy 2:15 – “Present yourself to God as one approved...who correctly handles the Word of Truth.”

Five Steps for Biblical Interpretation

1.

2.

3.

4.

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