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# HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

APPLICATION GUIDE

7 Gesú gli disse: «Tu l'hai già visto; 37 m Gr 426 colui che parla con te, è lui». Egli disse: «Signore, io credo». E

Gesu disse: «lo sono venuto in uesto mondo per fare un giudizio, hé quelli che non vedono e quelli che vedono diven-

Alcuni farisei, che erano con lui, dirono queste cose e gli dissero: d de Grate anche noi?» ispose loro: «Se foste cie- 40 % cf. Mt non avreste alcun peccato; ma 41.5 ch Ge ccome dite: "Noi vediamo", il se vel 80 3 21.

9:24-38; Ez 34:1-19; 1 P 5:1-4; Eb 13:20

In verità, in verità vi dico 1 la vi Ge che chi non entra per la metrovita orta nell'ovile delle pe<mark>core, ma vi</mark> le da un'altra parte, è un ladro e

la colui che entra per <mark>la porta è il</mark>

lui apre il portinaio, e le pecore 3 4. 6v 1027 coltano la sua voce, ed egli chiale proprie pecore per nome e le

)uando ha messo fuon tutte le sue " core, va davanti a loro, e le pecore seguono, perche conoscono la

da un estraneo non lo seguiran-; anzi, fuggiranno via da lui peré non conoscono la voce degli 🝰

Questa similitudine disse loro 6 a lett. questo sú; ma essi non capirono quali sero le cose che diceva loro.

14:6 (Is 40:11; SI 23) 1 P 2:24, 25;

erciò Gesú di nuovo disse loro; 7 mulo verità, in verità vi dico: io sono la!

atti quelli che sono venuti prima ne, sono stati ladri e briganti; ma ecore non li hanno ascoltati? sono la porta; se uno entra per sara salvato, entrera e uscira, e

dire essere messo al bando dalla società.

Je 3:20, 17 11:39, notal pr. Mt 8:2; c Gv 30:15-17, 26-28 e 3:15; At gr. ko-r, vd. Mr

cfr. Ez 12-2

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co. cfr. Gv 9:34

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# A WORD FROM OUR PASTORS

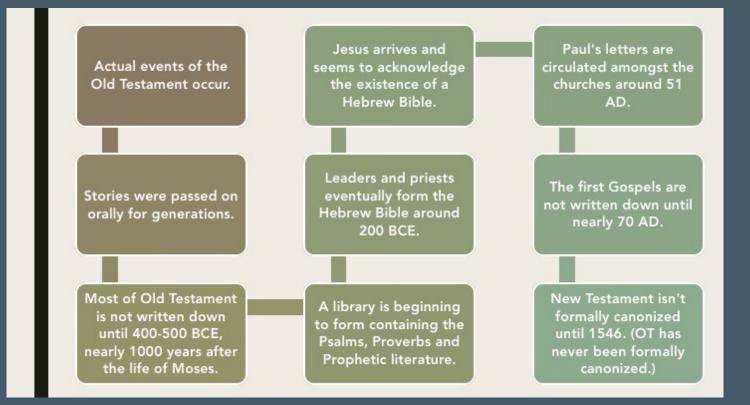
Thank you for signing up for "How to Read the Bible!" We are so excited that you are taking this course. We cannot wait for you to discover many of the things that made us fall in love with this deeply complex book. We've found that when you approach the scriptures with the right expectations and with the right tools, these words will come to life and transform the way you think, believe and live in the world! Which is precisely why we wanted to provide those tools to you via this course.

As you go along, please know we are here to support you and answer any questions you might have. Just remember to be patient with yourself. The theologian, Karl Barth, once said that you are entering into a "strange new world" when you read the Bible. If you get lost, know that is normal and the Spirit will not abandon you. Keep pressing on!

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### TIMELINE



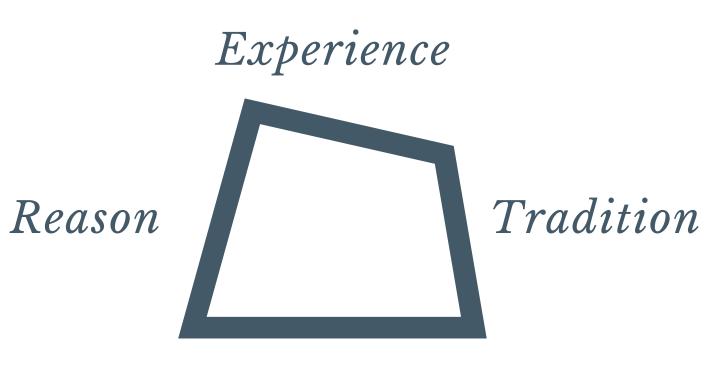
# 1:WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

Def: The work of God's people, who are located within very specific historical, cultural, geographic, and political contexts, to grasp the movement and message of God.

# **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Growing up, how were you taught to read the Bible?
- 2. How does it feel learning about the "human side" of the Bible?

ADDTL TOOL



Scripture

# THE QUAD

Another tool created by the Methodist Christians is what is called the "Quadrilateral." In attempts to read the Bible accurately, they encourage reading scripture alongside the voices of reason (science), tradition (history), and your own personal experience.

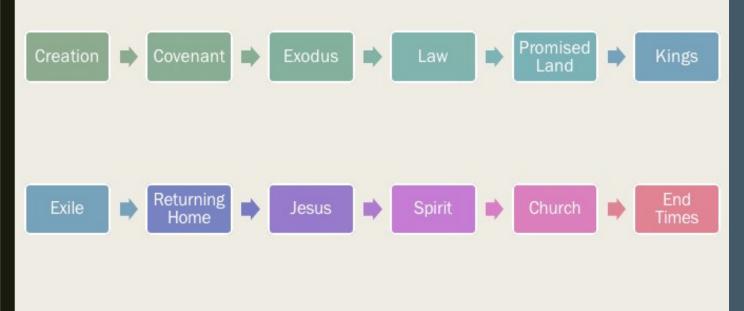
# 2:WHERE ARE WE IN THE STORY?

The very first question to ask yourself when reading the Bible is: *where does this passage occur in the larger story*? Where does it occur within the larger narrative?

# Exercise:

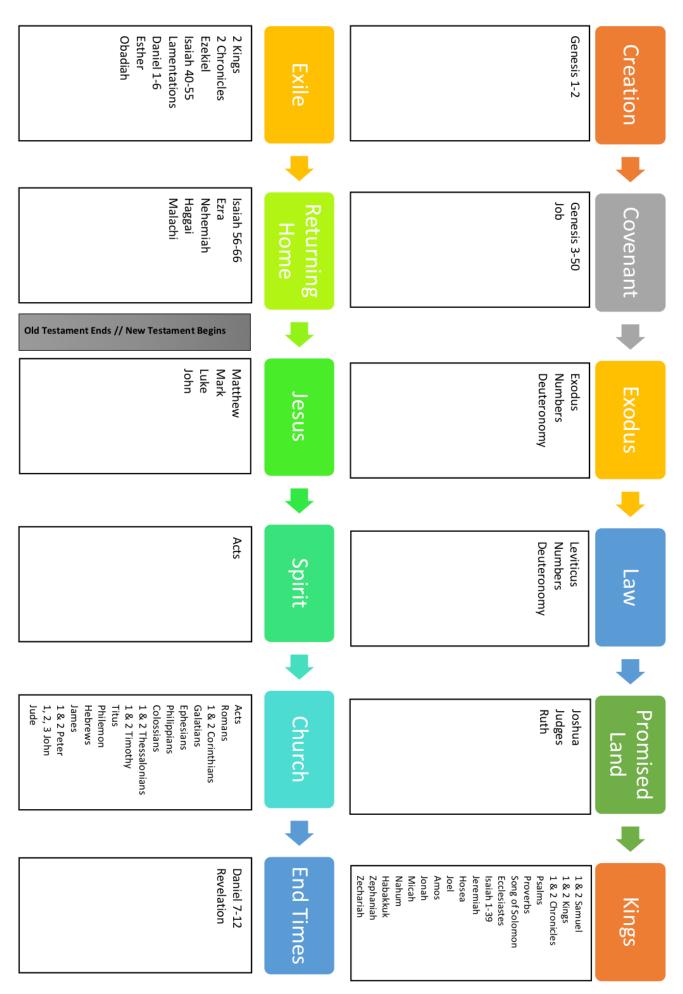
- 1. Read 1 Samuel 8:4-18. Now, read John 12:12-15.
- 2. Knowing the history of kings in the Bible and the type of king that Jesus was, does God's hesitancy in 1 Samuel make more sense now?

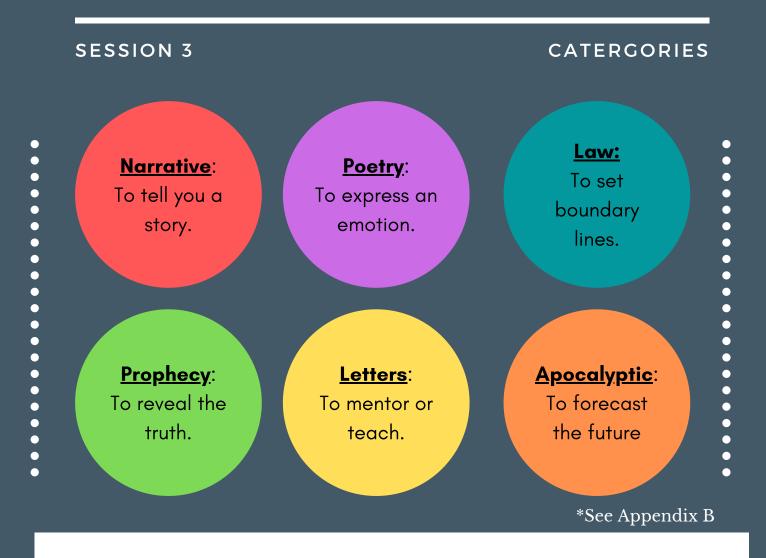
# 12 Major Plot Points



\*See Appendix A

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# **3:WHAT GENRE IS THIS?**

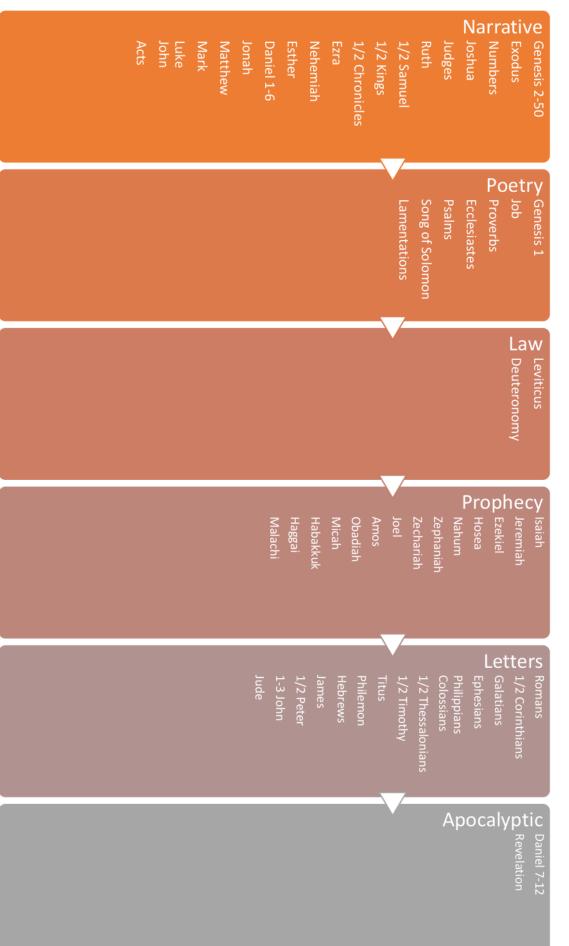
Just like movies, TV shows, music, and artwork, there are several different genres of writing within the Bible. The key is figuring out which genre it is so you can better understand the author's goals and expectations for the reader.

# Exercise:

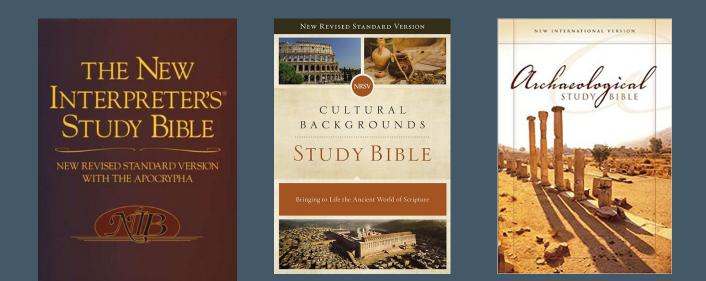
- 1. Read Psalm 139 while pretending the author is a scientist or biologist. What conclusions do you reach?
- 2. Now, read it again acknowledging that the author is a poet. How did your interpretation change?

# Genre List for Books in the Bible





# Here are a couple Study Bibles we recommend!



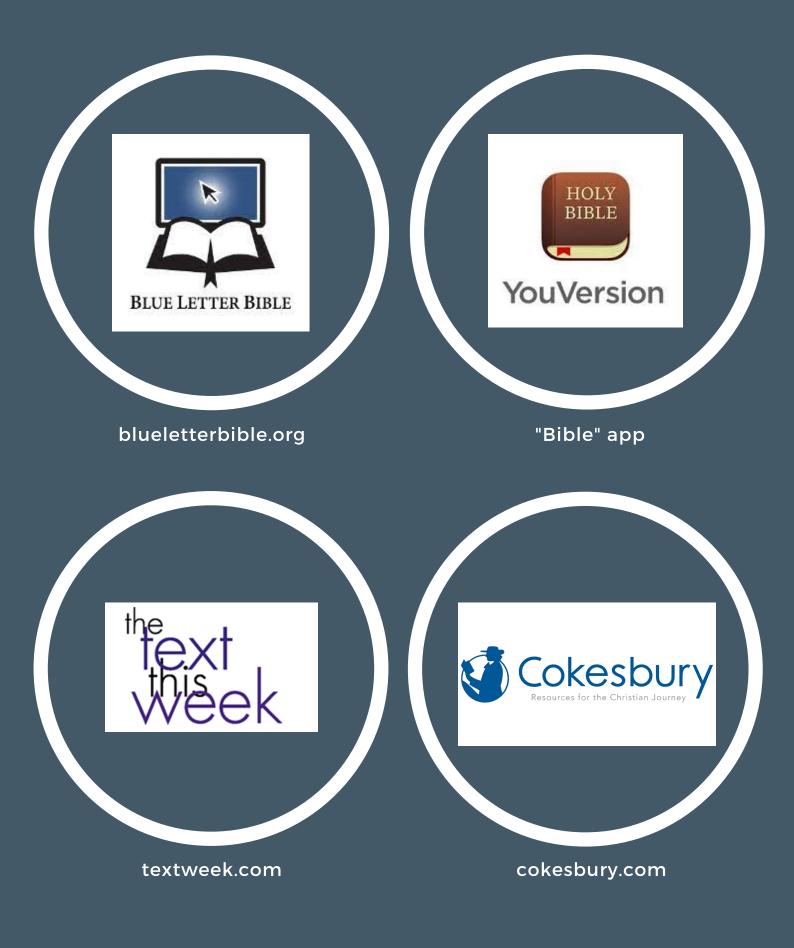
# 4: CONTEXT

- WHO: Who is the <u>author</u> and who is their <u>target audience</u>.
- WHAT: What is their message. Are there <u>themes</u> that keep showing up? What larger story or message are they trying to convey?
- WHEN; When did these events take place? And moreover, when did someone actually write them down?
- WHERE: What city, region, or country did this occur? Place plays a very important role in understanding the significance of each passage.
- WHY: Why is the author making sure to include this story or message? What <u>effect</u> were they hoping to have on their audience?

### Discussion:

Share about a time when learning the history behind the Bible changed your understanding of a particular story.

### ADDTL RESOURCES



# The Jesus Filter



# **5. WOULD JESUS AGREE?**

In John 5:39, Jesus criticizes the religious leaders for searching the scriptures for eternal life, but they failed to realize they point to him. In other words, he was teaching us that Jesus gets the final Word on whether or not it comes from God.

**Discussion**:

A couple of references to this were made in the video. What are some other examples of scriptures that don't align with what Jesus taught or did?

APPLICATION

# TIPS:



1) Identify who YOU are in the story. Remember that sometimes you'll be the person scripture is critiquing.

> Quality over quantity. Focus on <u>one</u> word or phrase that speaks to you.





3) Don't get discouraged if the application lesson isn't obvious. It might be for a later use.

# 6:HOW DO I APPLY THE BIBLE TO MY LIFE?

Think of the Bible as a pastor or mentor in your life. A voice that offers comfort, challenge, and wisdom on how to approach our lives.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Have you ever experienced a time when it felt like the Bible was speaking directly to you?
- 2. Have you ever experienced a time when the application lesson wasn't for that day, but a couple of weeks or months later?

# BIBLIOGRAPHY

# WHO ELSE CAN YOU Learn From?

New York Times Bestseller

# What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of Love Wins

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