

INTRODUCTION – SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

- 1) 2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17
- 2) 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13
- 3) 2 PETER 1:21
- 4) 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:

- 1) THE DEFINITION OF HERMENEUTICS
- 2) THE NEED FOR HERMENEUTICS
- 3) THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A BIBLICAL INTERPRETER

THREE EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO TWISTED THE BIBLE:

Judges 17:6 — In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Q 1) WHY WERE THESE SOME OF THE DARKEST DAYS IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY?

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- 1) IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, SOME FOLLOWERS SET OUT TO TAKE BACK THE LANDS THAT THE MUSLIMS TOOK FROM THEM. A SOLDIER MURDERED THE BABY OF AN UNBELIEVER. TO JUSTIFY THIS KILLING HE QUOTED FROM PSALM 137:8–9 “HAPPY IS HE WHO . . . SEIZES YOUR INFANTS AND DASHES THEM AGAINST THE ROCKS.”
- 2) IN AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICA, PEOPLE FROM EUROPE SEIZED THE LAND OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE. TO JUSTIFY THIS THEFT THEY QUOTED GOD'S ORDER TO JOSHUA TO KILL THE CANAANITES AND SEIZE THEIR LAND.
- 3) IN GERMANY, AN EVIL REGIME SAID IT WAS GOD'S WILL TO KILL ALL THE JEWS. TO JUSTIFY ITS SINS, THE REGIME REFERRED TO MATTHEW 27:25, WHERE THE JEWS SAID, “LET HIS BLOOD BE ON US AND ON OUR CHILDREN.”

Q 2) WHY DO YOU NEED TO LEARN THE PRINCIPLES AND SKILLS TO CORRECTLY HANDLE THE WORD OF TRUTH?

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LESSON TWO. INTRODUCTION TO HERMENEUTICS - HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

| Scripture | Explanation of how the Spirit led a biblical writer |
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| a) Exodus 17:14 | The Lord said to Moses to write the account on a scroll... |
| b) Jeremiah 30:1–2 | The word came to Jeremiah directly from the Lord to write in a book the words that the lord had spoken to him... |
| c) Ecclesiastes 12:9–10 | The teacher pondered many proverbs, he searched to find the right words; he wrote what was upright and true... |
| d) Luke 1:1–4 | He carefully investigated everything from the beginning and he wrote and orderly account... |
| e) Revelation 1:9–11 | He was in the Spirit, and he heard a loud voice telling him to write what he saw... |

Q 7) WHAT DOES “VERBALLY INSPIRED” MEAN?

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Q 8) WHAT DOES “PLENARY INSPIRATION” MEAN?

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Q 9) WHAT DOES “REVELATION OF GOD” MEAN?

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Q 10) WHAT DOES “INFALLIBLE AND INERRANT” MEAN?

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Q 11) WHAT DOES "AUTHORITATIVE" MEAN?

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Q 12) WHAT ARE THE TWO PRINCIPLES RELATED TO OBEDIENCE?

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PART 4 – WRAPPING UP:

Q 13) WHO SHOULD CHRISTIANS DEPEND ON TO HELP INTERPRET THE BIBLE?

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