

Session Six: Interpretation, Pt. 2

1. Revisiting Occasion, Purpose, and Interpretation

1.1. Which verse supplies the occasion of Jude's letter?

1.2. Which verse most succinctly highlights Jude's purpose?

1.3. The observation phase of an inductive study allowed us to learn _____ the text says. Turning our attention to interpretation, we want to focus on what the text _____.

1.4. 4 guidelines to aid in arriving at an accurate interpretation:

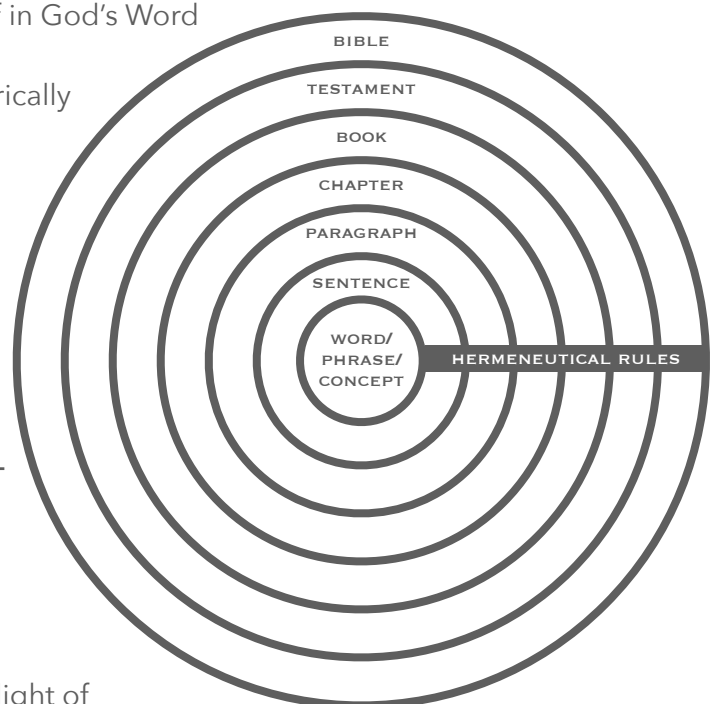
1.4.1. Guideline #1: _____ Yourself in God's Word

1.4.2. Guideline #2: _____ Concentrically

1.4.3. Guideline #3: _____ to
Scripture's Own Interpretation

1.4.4. Guideline #4: _____
Interpretational Findings with
Commentary Sources

1.5. We do not use commentary to _____
our interpretation, but rather to check and
_____ it.



2. Practicing Interpretation, Cont'd.

2.1. The overarching prompt for each group: In light of Jude's occasion and purpose, verse(s) _____ mean(s) _____.

2.2. Keep an eye toward _____.

Reminder of Groups

Group #1 - v4: *For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Group #2 - v5: *Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.*

Group #3 - v9: *But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you."*

Group #4 - v11: *Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.*

Group #5 - vv14-15: *It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*

Group #6 - v24: *Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,*

JUDE (English Standard Version)

Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion. These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage. But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Ongoing Questions/Themes:

STUDYING CONCENTRICALLY (sample)

Group #1 - v4: *For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Circle #1 (Word/Phrase/Concept)

- certain people

Circle #2 (Sentence)

- have crept in unnoticed
- long ago destined for condemnation
- ungodly people
- pervert the grace of God into sensuality
- deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ

Circle #3 (Paragraph/Section)

- my chosen section = vv3-4
- there is a need to contend for the faith (v3) because of these "certain people" (v4)

Circle #4 (Chapter/Surrounding Sections)

- section #1 = vv1-2
 - "certain people" contrasted with those called, beloved, and kept (v1b)
- section #2 = vv3-4
 - see circle #3
- section #3 = vv5-16
 - **examples of ungodly people from the past, "certain people" (vv5-7)**
 - "certain people" = "these people" (v8)
 - rely on dreams
 - defile flesh
 - reject authority
 - **blaspheme glorious ones**
 - blaspheme all that they do not understand (v10)
 - destroyed by what they understand instinctively (v10)
 - **walked in the way of Cain (v11)**
 - **abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error (v11)**
 - **perished in Korah's rebellion (v11)**
 - feast with you without fear (v12)
 - shepherds feeding themselves...(v12)
 - shameful people (v13)
 - for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever (v13)
 - **about these Enoch prophesied...the Lord comes...to execute judgment" (vv14-15)**
 - "certain people" = ungodly sinners (v15)

- grumblers (v16)
- malcontents (v16)
- follow their own sinful desire (v16)
- loud-mouthed boasters (v16)
- show favoritism to gain advantage (v16)
- section #4 = vv17-23
 - **"certain people" predicted to come by apostles of Jesus (v17)**
 - **scoffers, following their own passions (v18)**
 - **cause divisions (v19)**
 - **worldly people, devoid of the Spirit (v19)**
- section #5 = vv24-25
 - N/A

Circle #5 (Book)

- see circle #4

Circle #6 (Testament)

- v17 - *But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit.*
 - 2 Peter 1-3 - *But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.*

Circle #7 (Bible)

New Testament: Matthew 7:15-20 - *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.*

Old Testament:

- v11 (walked in the way of Cain) - see Genesis 4:3-8
- v11 (Balaam's error) - see 2 Pt 2:15-16 and Numbers 22:22-41
- v11 (Korah's rebellion) - see Numbers 16:1-35

Extra Circle, #8 (Helpful Outside Information)

- **archangel Michael...disputing about the body of Moses...(v9) - see *The Testament of Moses***
- **Enoch prophesied...(vv14-15) - see *1 Enoch***