

Observation

What does the text say?

- * What events are happening?
- * Who is mentioned?
- * Are any comparisons made?
- * Are any figures of speech used?
- * Are any Command given?
- * Are any promises made?

**Historical
Background**

**Is the Bridge to
Interpretation**

Interpretation

The Meaning to the original audience.

- * Why did the author write this?
- * What was the desired effect on the original audience?
- * Does this parallel any other passages in this book?
- * What is the significance of this in the historical context of the audience?

Timeless Truth...

**Is the Bridge to
Application**

Application

The Meaning for Today.

- * What Timeless Truthes are contained in this passage?
- * How do they apply today?
Personally
Culturally
In the Church

Do Not!

- *Ask what it means
- *Draw conclusions
- *Compare with other books of the Bible.
- *Ask why

Do Not!

- *Ask what it means today
- *Ask what it means to you

Observation:

Discovering what the text says.

Interpretation:

Discovering what the text meant to the original audience in its proper historical context.

Application:

Discovering the timeless truthes of the text and applying them today.