

# How to Read and Study Your Bible

## Lesson 7 – October 23, 2011

### **Step 1: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?**

a. Read seriously and observe the text. What does the text say?

b. Break the passage into manageable parts.

c. Determine the context of the passage.

#### 1) Historical-Cultural Context

a) Biblical author

b) Biblical audience

c) Other elements: geography, social customs, religion, economy, politics, etc.

### **Historical-Cultural Context**

1) The entire book

2) The particular passage

### **Tools**

1) Bible Handbooks

2) Old and New Testament Introductions and Surveys

3) Commentaries

4) Bible Atlases

5) Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

6) Background Commentaries

7) Software and Internet Resources