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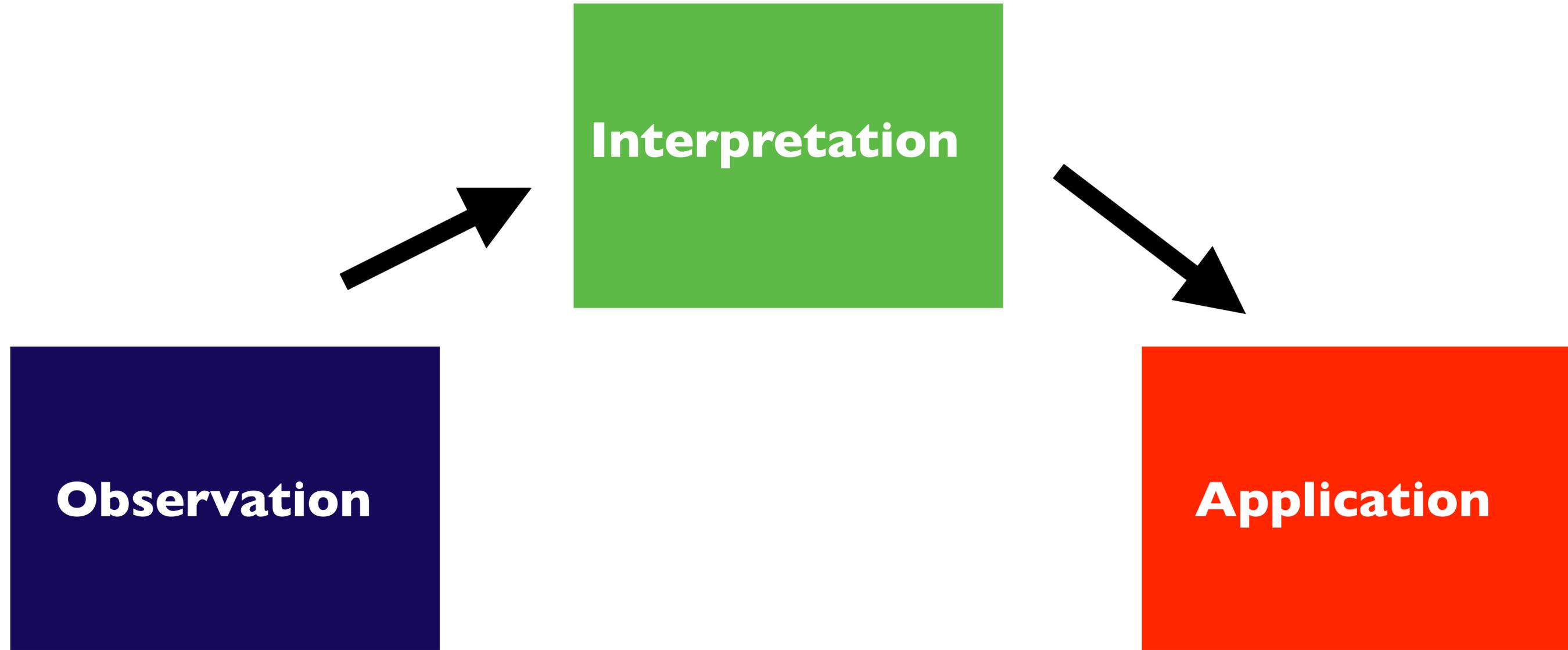
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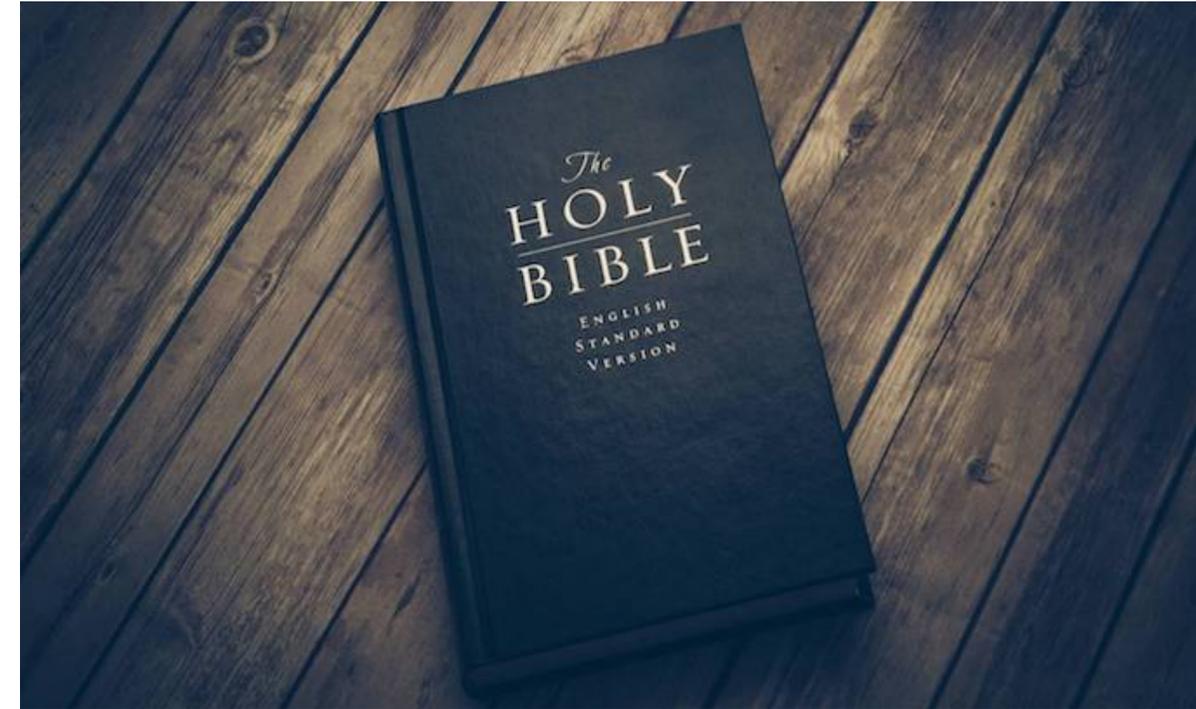
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# Grasping God's Word



# Interpretation

*What does it mean?*



*“... having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe...”*

*- Ephesians 1:18-19*

# How do I know what to look up?

- **Ask questions**
- **Form a hypothesis**
- **Check it out**

# 5 Keys to Interpretation

- **Content**
- **Context**
- **Comparison**
- **Culture**
- **Consultation**

# Content

*“The more time you spend in Observation, the less time you will have to spend in Interpretation, and the more accurate will be your result. The less time you spend in Observation, the more time you will have to spend in Interpretation, and the less accurate will be your result.”*

*- Howard Hendricks*

# Context

- **In the book**
- **In time**
- **In culture**
- **In place**
- **In theological history**

*“You very rarely have to go outside the Bible to explain anything in the Bible.”*

*- Donald Grey Barnhouse*

# Comparison

*“Private interpretation never meant that individuals have the right to distort the Scriptures. With the right of private interpretation comes the sober responsibility of accurate interpretation. Private interpretation gives us license to interpret, not to distort.”*

*- R.C. Sproul*

# Culture

*Not our culture, but theirs*

# Consultation

- **Choices: Free vs. Paid ... Digital vs. Physical**
  - **Free - Online ; Paid - Books**
  - **Digital - Olive Tree or Logos**

# Consultation

- **Free Resources on Internet**
  - **ESV Bible App or Website**
  - **You Version Bible App**
  - **Dr. Tom Constable's Study Notes**
  - **John Piper's Sermon Archive**
  - **Richard Strauss Sermons**
  - **Wildwood Sermons**
  - **Blue Letter Bible**
  - **NET Bible**

# Consultation

- **A Few Paid Resources**

- **“Bible Knowledge Commentary” or “Tony Evans Bible Commentary”**
- **“New International Dictionary of the Bible”**
- **Strong’s Concordance**
  
- **“Talk Thru the Bible” by Wilkinson & Boa**
- **“IVP Bible Background Commentary”**
- **Full Commentary Sets**
- **Holman Bible Atlas**
- **Study Bible**

# Revelation Chart

*What Questions Do You Have of this passage?*

	2:1-7	2:8-11	2:12-17	2:18-29	3:1-6	3:7-13	3:14-22
<b>To Whom?</b>	angel of church in Ephesus						
<b>From Whom?</b>	Him who holds the seven stars and walks among 7 lamp stands						
<b>Things to be commended</b>	patient endurance, tested false Apost., beared up & not grown weary, hate Nicolaitans						
<b>Points of contention</b>	abandoned first love						
<b>Something to do?</b>	Remember where you fell from, repent & do works like at first						
<b>Warning?</b>	Remove lampstand if you don't repent						
<b>Reward?</b>	to the one who conquers, grant to eat at the Tree of Life in paradise						