

PRINCIPLES OF BIBLE STUDY #6 - THE PEOPLE PRINCIPLE

2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:32, 33

Illustration: Letter of Inheritance

- How much of the Bible is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness? _____
- Are there certain portions of the Bible that I should not read? _____

All of the Bible is written _____ you, but not all of the Bible is written _____ you.

cf. Romans 15:4

- No matter where you are reading in the Bible, there is always something for you to _____.

Illustration: The life of Abraham - **cf. Genesis 12:1-3**

Things God promised to Abraham, NOT the church!

- _____ (v. 1)
- A great _____ (v. 2) and a great _____ (v. 2)
- A _____ to those who blessed Abraham and a _____ to those who cursed Abraham (v. 3)

According to 1 Corinthians 10:32, there are 3 main groups of people that the Bible is written TO:

When reading and studying the Bible, you must take into account to _____ the passage was primarily written. Part of understanding the context is taking into account the primary group of _____ to whom the passage was written.

I. PASSAGES WRITTEN TO JEWS

- Virtually all of the _____ is addressed to the nation of Israel (Jews).
 - Example #1: **cf. Leviticus 1:1-4**
 - You do not need an animal _____ today, but the Jew in the Old Testament most certainly did!

- Example #2: **cf. Numbers 15:1, 2**
 - The Old Testament Jew was promised a certain _____
- This principle goes hand in hand with the principle of context. Always look at the context to determine who is _____ and who is being _____.
- Example #3: **cf. Matthew 24:1-3**
 - The context is the _____ of Christ. Remember that _____ are for the Jew (cf. Exodus 4:29-31 and 1 Cor. 1:22)

Always ask the question: Whose _____ am I reading?

II. PASSAGES WRITTEN TO GENTILES

- When reading the Old Testament, keep in mind that a Gentile is anyone who is NOT of the seed of _____, _____, _____, and the _____ tribes.
 - Example #1: cf. Daniel 2:1-4 - God revealed His truth through a dream to a _____ king (Nebuchadnezzar)
 - Example #2: Jeremiah 46:1, 2 - Jeremiah's prophecy was aimed at the _____.
 - Example #3: cf. Matthew 10:1-6 - Notice the division between _____ and the _____.

III. PASSAGES WRITTEN TO THE CHURCH

- Remember that the church of Jesus Christ _____ in the Old Testament and through most of the gospels.
- **cf. Ephesians 3:1-8** - God gave the apostle _____ specific revelation for the _____ of Jesus Christ. (cf. Rom. 1:1, Gal. 1:1, Eph. 1:1, etc.)

WARNING: Even though specific doctrine for the church of Jesus Christ is found primarily in Paul's letters - you should still read _____ of the Bible!!!

cf. Romans 16:25, 26

- Reading ALL of the Bible will help you _____ God's plan from the beginning to the end! The Old Testament _____ on the New Testament and vice versa.