

HERMENEUTICS and CREATION SCIENCE

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I. The Introduction

II. The Basic Hermeneutical Principles

A. The Grammatical-Historical-Contextual Approach

B. The Essential Principles

1. The Linguistic Principle - determine meaning by the conventions of language

2. The Contextual Principle - context is the final determiner of meaning

3. The Historical & Cultural Principle - historical & cultural setting contributes to meaning

4. The Metaphorical Principle - interpret according to appropriate metaphorical conventions

C. The Other Important Principles

III. The Creation Science Hermeneutical Issues

A. The Departures from the Literal Approach

1. The Creation Narratives - old earth vs. young universe
 - a. The Departures from G-H-C

 - b. The Misuse of Genre

2. The Flood Narratives - local vs. universal Flood

B. The Misuse of Genre in Interpretation - issue of poetic literature

IV. The Conclusion