



- 1. Hermeneutics in General
- 2. Scope
- 3. Purpose
- 4. Importance
- 5. Prerequisites
- 6. Nature of Scripture

NATURE OF SCRIPTURE



- **Unique**
- >Literary

LITERARY

- > Physical Preparation
- > Historical
- **Linguistic**
- > Contextual



NATURE OF SCRIPTURE



- **Unique**
- Literary
- Spiritual

SPIRITUAL

*Revelation



REVELATION

"God has revealed to the original authors the unknowable things He wants man to know about Himself."

SPIRITUAL

- *Revelation
- ***Inspiration**



INSPIRATION

"God superintended the human authors so that they recorded His message to man in the words of the original authors."

Ryrie

SPIRITUAL

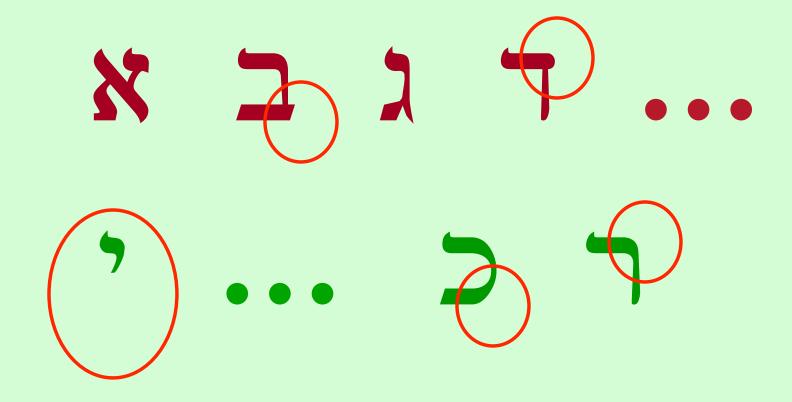
- *Revelation
- **Inspiration**
- ***Inerrancy**



INTERRANCY

"Scripture is infallible and without error or fault in all its parts and words."

Yod and Serif



SPIRITUAL

- *Revelation
- ***Inspiration**
- ***Inerrancy**
- **Canonicity**
- *****Transmission



TEXTUAL CRITICISM

- > Determining originals
- >"There is more abundant & accurate manuscript evidence for the NT than any other book from the ancient world."

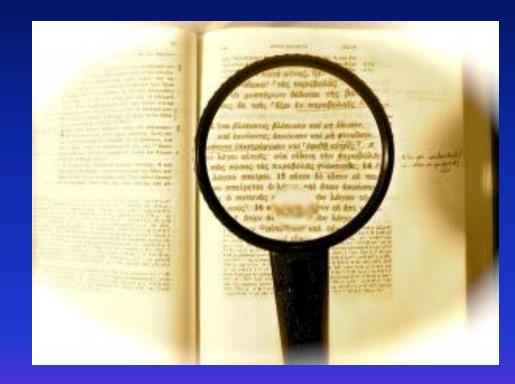
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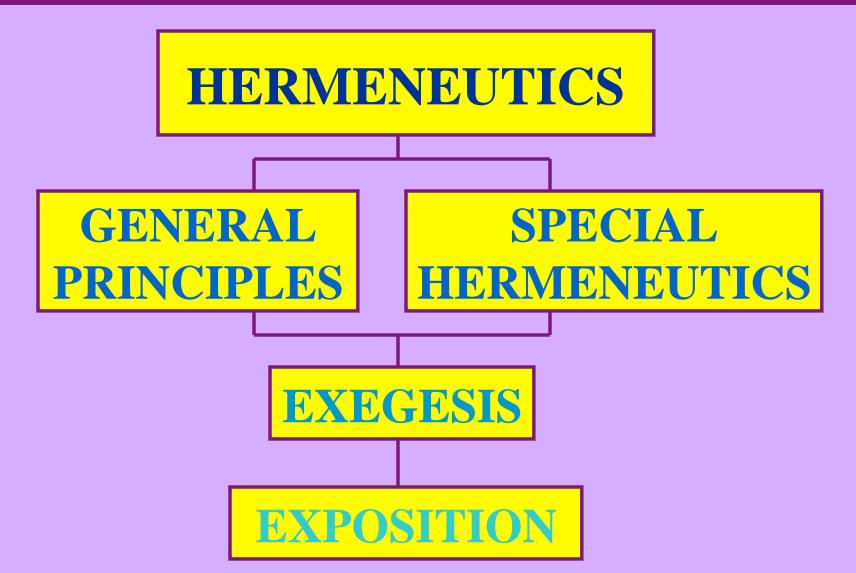


GENERAL HERMENEUTICS

A. Description



BIBLE HERMENEUTICS





BACKGROUND

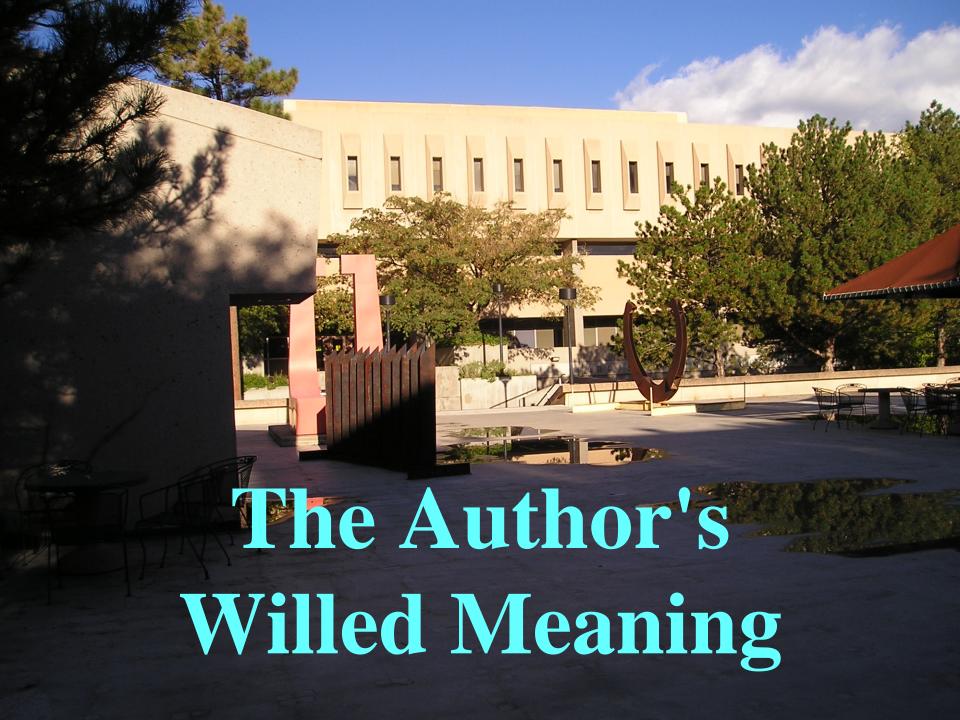
- >Greek Mythology
- ► Main god -
- >Interpreter -
- >Act 14:11-14

- Zeus
- Hermes



".... to find out the meaning of a statement for the author and for the 1st hearers or readers, and thereupon to transmit that meaning to modern readers."

Mickelsen



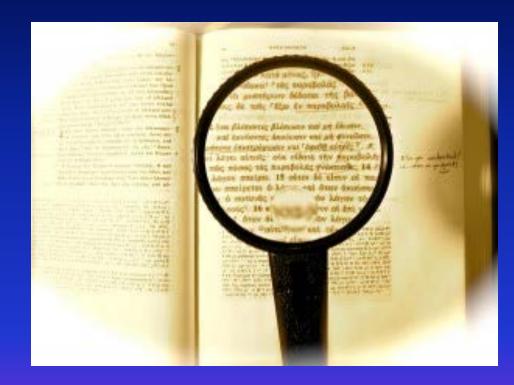
DETERMINE MEANING:

- Laws of Grammar
- > Facts of History
- > Framework of Context



GENERAL HERMENEUTICS

A. Description B. Need



NEED

>To Understand Accurately

COMMUNICATION





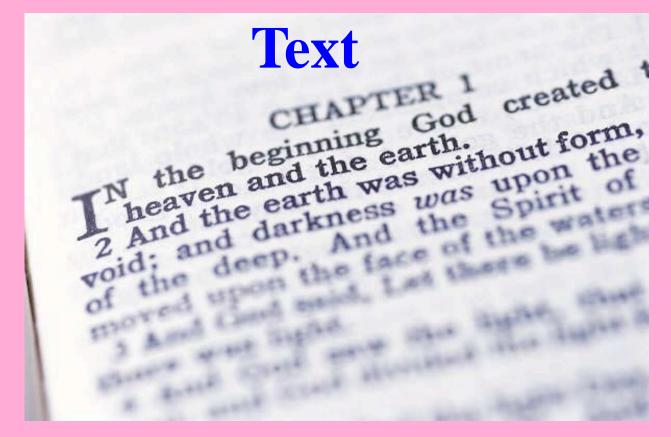
Communicator

Receptor

INTERPRETATION

Biblical Author

Ancient Audience



NEED

- >To Understand Accurately
- >To Bridge the Gaps

GAPS

- **√**Language
- **✓** History
- **✓** Culture
- **✓** Literary

- **✓** Chronological
- **✓** Geographical





GAPS

- **✓** Language
- **✓** History
- **✓** Culture
- **✓** Literary

- **✓** Chronological
- **✓** Geographical
- **✓** Supernatural
- **✓ Philosophical**

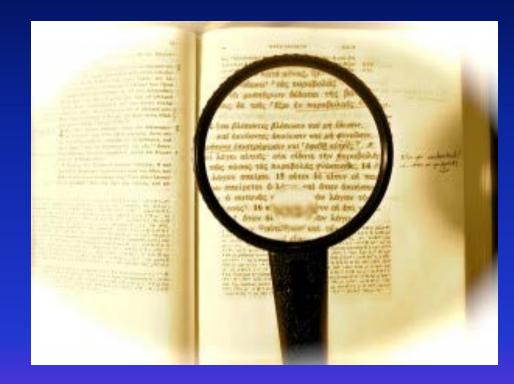


NED

- >To Understand Accurately
- >To Bridge the Gaps
- >To Overcome Subjectivity
- >To do effective Exegesis
- >To Apply Properly

GENERAL HERMENEUTICS

A. Description
B. Need
C. History



HISTORY

♦Jewish -

460 BC-550 AD

♦Patristic -

95-590

♦Middle Ages -

590-1500

♦Reformation -

16th

♦Post-Reformation -

17th-18th

♦Modern -

19th-21st

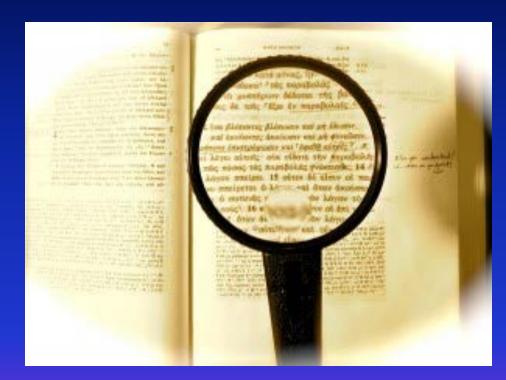
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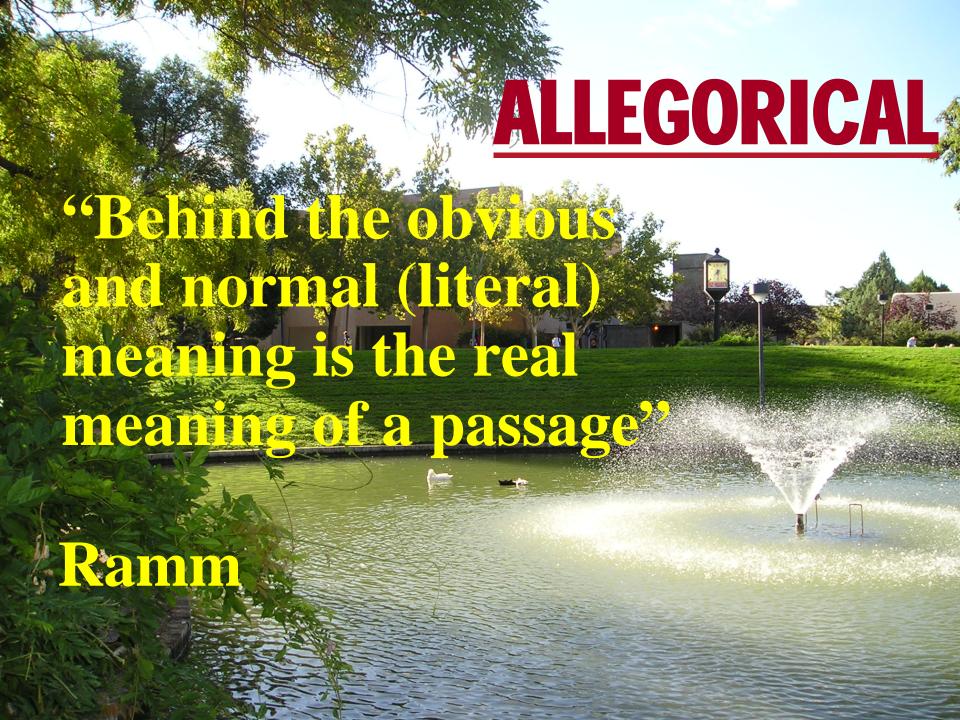
A. Description

B. Need

C. History

D. Approaches





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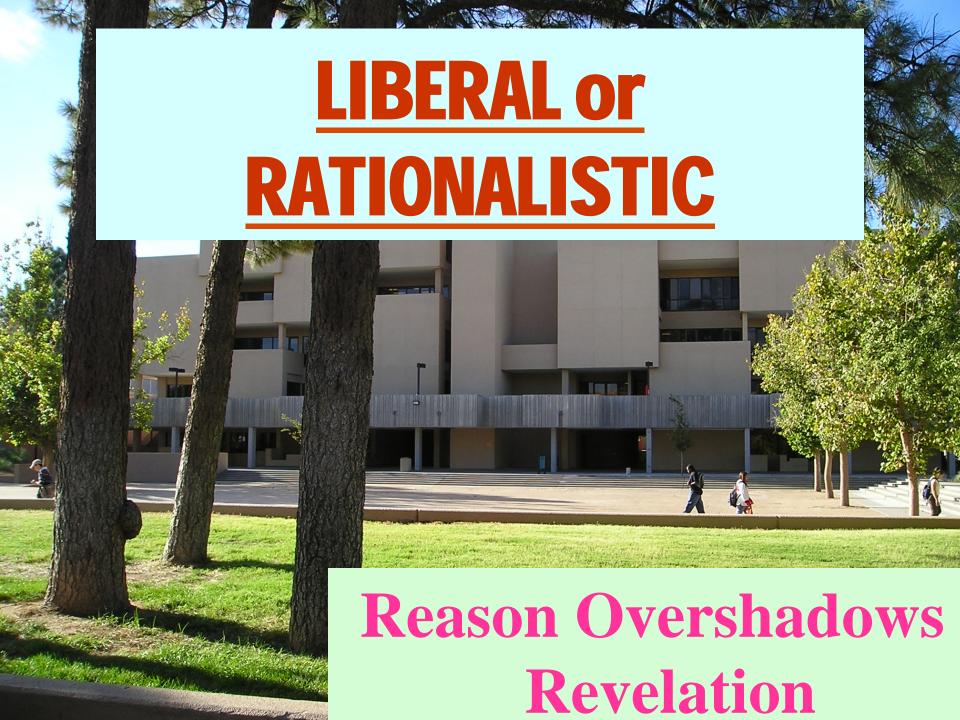
"An interpretation, esp. of Scripture that expresses the interpreter's own ideas, bias, or the like, rather than the meaning of the text."

Random House

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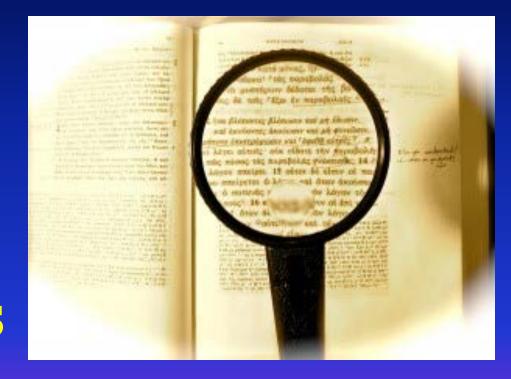
GENERAL HERMENEUTICS

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E. Essential Principles

GRAMMATICAL-HISTORICAL-CONTEXTUAL METHOD "Literal Method"

LITERAL

"Based on the actual words in their ordinary meaning, not figurative or symbolical"

Webster

"The basic, customary, socially designated meaning, normal according to the received laws of language."

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DETERMINE MEANING:

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DEFENSE

- 1. NT Practice Jesus/apostles
- 2. Usual Practice
- 3. Validation
- 4. Basis for metaphorical



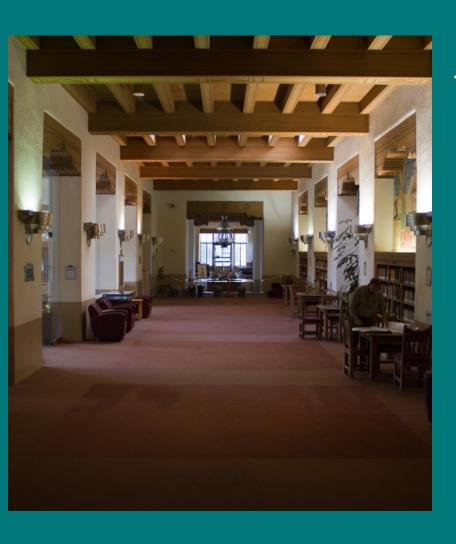
LINGUISTIC

Determine meaning by conventions of language

IMPORTANCE

- >Verbal Inspiration
- >Image of God & language
- >God communicates with language
- **≻**Goal of Exegesis

LINGUISTIC



√Language

LANGUAGES

- ➤ Hebrew הלל
 mainly of God's people
- ▶ Aramaic Dan 2:4-7:28
 dominant in 1550 -1200 BC
- >Greek Koine 3000 yrs - 1000 BC - present

LINGUISTIC



- ✓Language ✓Text



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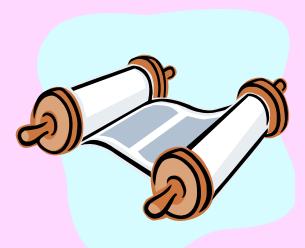
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"There are some 8,000 manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate and at least 1,000 for the other early versions. Add to that over 4,000 (now 6,000) Greek manuscript copies of portions of the NT. Besides all this, much of the NT can be reproduced from the quotations of the early Christian writers."

AT Robertson

LINGUISTIC



- **√Language**
- **√Text**
- **✓** Lexicography