

How to Read the Bible

Historical Narrative

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it – not as the word of men, but as it actually is – the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”
1 Thessalonians 2:13

Goals:

Practice reading the Bible a few minutes every day...

Discover some of the effects that Bible stories have on how you think about God...

Day One:

Read Genesis 4:1-26

What or where is the main authorial comment in this story?

Day Two:

Read Genesis 15:1-20

Is there authorial comment in this story? If so, where?

Why do you think the author included this story?

Day Three:

Read Luke 4:1-13

Why do you think the author included this story?

Is there authorial comment in this story?

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Day Four:

Read Matthew 7:24-29

What is the point of this story? Is there any authorial comment here?

Verse 29 is where background material is helpful...

Day Five:

Read Matthew 28

What had happened to Jesus on the first day of the week (the third day in the tomb)?

What excuse did the chief priest and elders come up with to explain away what happened?

What instructions (and promise) did Jesus give to His disciples?

Day Six:

Read Mark 4:1-20

A 'parable' is a fictional story with a main point to it.

Parables were used to reveal and conceal truth...

"We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard Him."

Hebrews 2:1-3

Application