

Lesson 3:  
**Introduction to  
Biblical Interpretation**

# Effective Bible Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Read It, Explain It, Apply It

Interpreting the Bible answers the question: What does the Bible mean by what it says?

## Six Pitfalls of Interpretation:

*To come to the true meaning of the text, we must avoid the following.*

1. Misreading the text
2. Distorting the text
3. Contradicting the text
4. Subjectivism
5. Relativism
6. Overconfidence

## Sources of Interpretation:

*To interpret the Bible means closing and bridging some gaps.*

1. Language gap

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2. Cultural gap

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3. Geography gaps

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4. History gap

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## Principles of Interpretation:

*Having bridged the gaps, we must also remember several principles, or rules, of interpretation:*

1. The literal principle

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2. The historical principle

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3. The grammatical principle

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4. The synthesis principle

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