

OIA METHOD

Observation – what does it say?

Interpretation – what does it mean (in context, time, author, receiver)?

Application – how does it apply to me?

OBSERVATION

1. Words
 - a. Key
 - b. Repeating
2. Grammar
 - a. Subject
 - b. Verb
3. Structure
 - a. The Flow of the Verse/Chapter/Story
4. Genre
 - a. Law
 - b. History
 - c. Poetry
 - d. Prophets (Major & Minor)
 - e. Gospels
 - f. Acts of the Apostles
 - g. Letters
 - h. Prophecy
5. Mood
 - a. a feeling put forth by the words and descriptions

INTERPRETATION

1. Who?
2. What?
3. When?
4. Where?
5. Why?
6. How?

APPLICATION

1. Inward – how does it relate to me?
2. Outward – how does it relate to others?