

# The Basics of Bible Interpretation

Lesson 3 – First Things First

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## Two Presuppositions

1. *The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book.*
2. *The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book.*

## 3 Elements of Communication

1. *The speaker or \_\_\_\_\_*
2. *The \_\_\_\_\_ of the message*
3. *The \_\_\_\_\_(s)*

## As a Human Book ...

1. *Every word, sentence, and book in the Bible was recorded in a written \_\_\_\_\_ that followed \_\_\_\_\_, grammatical rules and meanings.*
2. *Every biblical writing was written by someone, to a specific \_\_\_\_\_, in a specific real-world situation, for a specific \_\_\_\_\_. You must interpret everything based upon that information.*

3. **Anything recorded in the Bible must be interpreted in light of its \_\_\_\_\_.**

4. **The message of the Bible is recorded in a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ forms.**

Interpreting the Bible this way is called \_\_\_\_\_, which is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_. The first reads \_\_\_\_\_ of the text, and the second reads \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### **As a Divine Book ...**

1. **It is \_\_\_\_\_.**

2. **Therefore, it is \_\_\_\_\_.**

3. **Therefore, it has \_\_\_\_\_.**

4. **It has \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Regarding \_\_\_\_\_
- Regarding \_\_\_\_\_
- Regarding difficult \_\_\_\_\_

### **Homework**

- Read the article found at <http://www.albertmohler.com/2016/09/26/bible-tells-biblical-authority-denied/>. This article points out and corrects recent statements made by a popular evangelical preacher that questions the authority of the Bible.
- Complete the Revelation 3:15-16 Bible Study Worksheet and be prepared to discuss this assignment in class.