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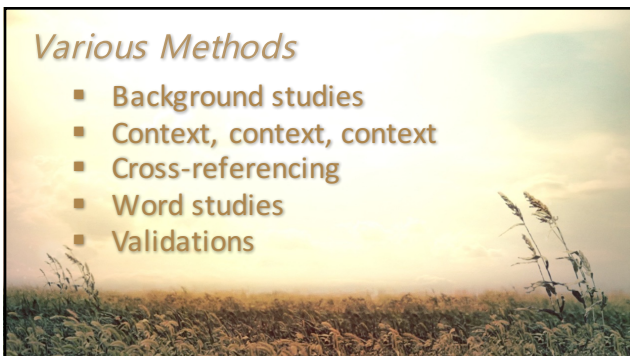
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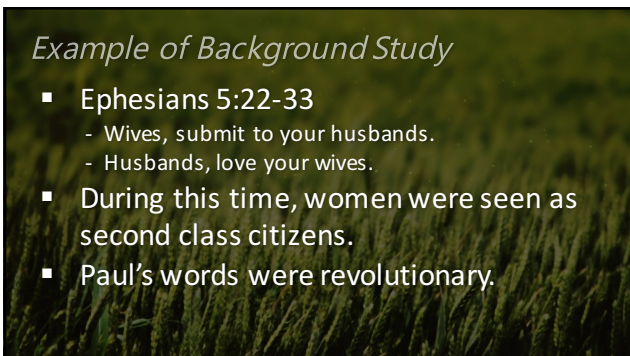
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### Example of Background Study

#### John 6:14-15

"And it will happen at that time that the treasury of manna will come down again from on high, and they will eat of it in those years because these are they who will have arrived at the consummation of time."

2 Baruch 29.8 (2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC)

"As the former redeemer cause a manna to descend, as it is stated, *Behold I will cause to rain bread from heaven for you* (Ex. 16:4), so will the latter Redeemer cause manna to descend, as it is stated. *May he be as a rich cornfield in the land* (Ps. 72:16)."

Ecclesiastes Rabbah 1.9

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### Background Study Resources

- Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook
- Zondervan Handbook to the Bible
- Holman Bible Handbook
- Handbook of Life in Bible Times
- Encountering the OT
- An Introduction to the NT, Carson and Moo
- An Introduction to the OT, Raymond and Longman

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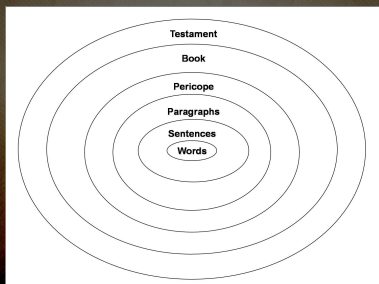
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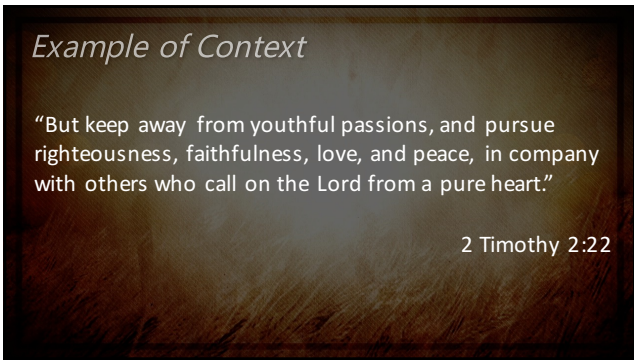
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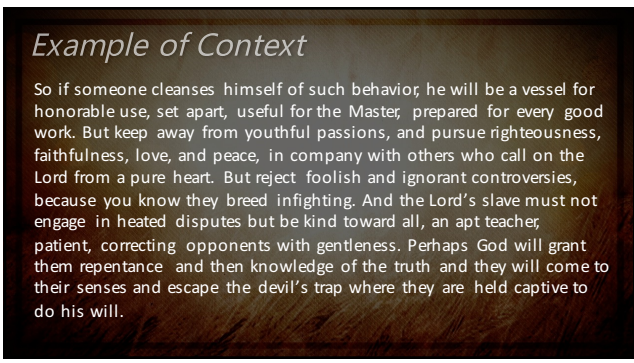
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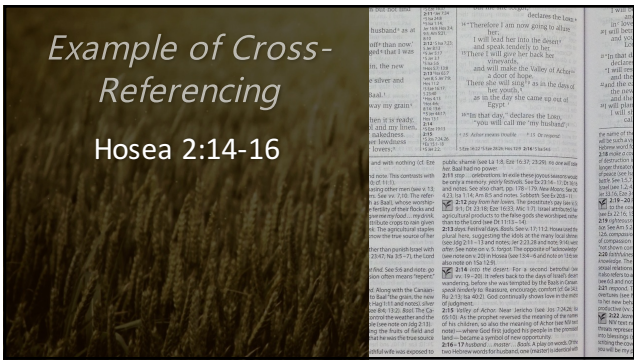
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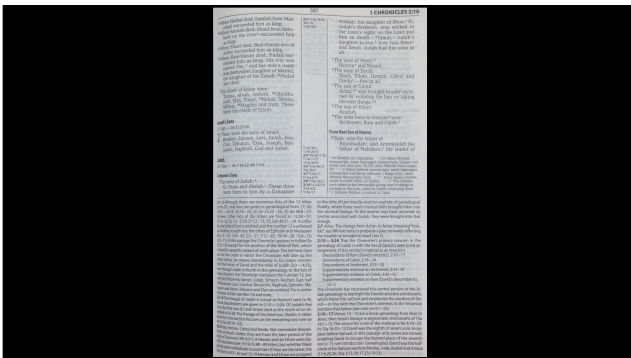
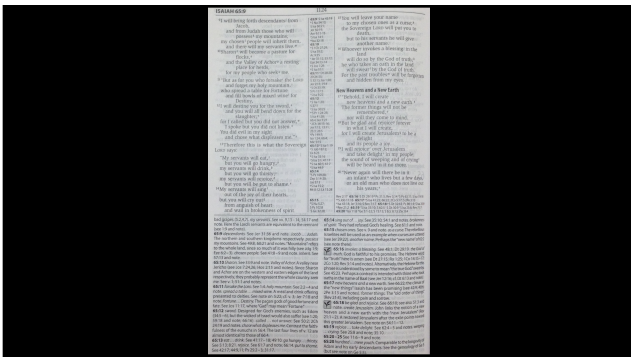
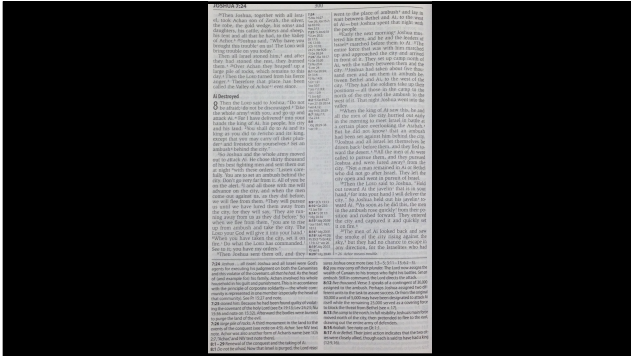
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### *Cross-Referencing Resources*

- Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- The Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible
- The Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy and the End Times
- New Bible Dictionary
- The IVP Dictionary of the NT

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### *Word Studies*

1. Use Concordances to see where else the word is used
2. How does the author use it in the book?
3. How else does the author use the word?
4. How else does the rest of the Bible use the word?

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### *Word Study Tools*

- Blue Letter Bible: [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org).
- Study and translator notes in the NET Bible: [net.bible.org](http://net.bible.org)
- Dr. Constable's Expository Notes: [www.soniclight.com/constable/notes.htm](http://www.soniclight.com/constable/notes.htm)
- The Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon
- The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament
- A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature

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*Validations*

1. Identify the interpretive problem.
2. Find a solid commentary.
3. Read all the various options for the interpretive problem.
4. Choose the option that makes the most sense, but be sure to know and define objections.

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*Validation Example*

What is the "eye of a needle"?

- Matthew 19:24
- Mark 10:25
- Luke 18:25

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*Validations*

Best Commentaries: [www.bestcommentaries.com](http://www.bestcommentaries.com)

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| ▪ Baker Exegetical Commentary                    | ▪ New International Commentary on the OT (NICOT) |
| ▪ Bible Speaks Today                             | ▪ NIV Application Commentary                     |
| ▪ Expositor's Bible Commentary                   | ▪ Pillar NT Commentaries                         |
| ▪ IVP New Testament Commentary                   | ▪ Tyndale NT Commentaries                        |
| ▪ New American Commentary                        | ▪ Tyndale OT Commentaries                        |
| ▪ New International Commentary on the NT (NICNT) |  |

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