



**HERMENEUTIC
TOOL #4**
THE CLEAR INTERPRETS THE UNCLEAR

Definition: In seeking harmony within the scriptures, always interpret unclear passages in light of clear passages.

Why should we do this?

1. All Scripture is inspired and therefore without error.
2. God cannot contradict Himself.
3. God's Word then must present consistent ideas and never contradict.
4. Readers of Scripture should seek harmony in interpretation.

Example:

Are we saved by faith or by works?

Compare Ephesians 2:8-9 and James 2:24.

GOD'S COVENANT IN ACTION

Read Exodus 6:1-8

The Abrahamic Covenant is remembered and reiterated to Moses.

God Keeps the Abrahamic Covenant

"I will make you a great nation" - people / land / government

People - _____ Exodus 12:37-38

"I will bless you" - wealth

As the Hebrews leave Egypt, they take an enormous amount of wealth from Egypt.

God promised them this would happen: Exodus 3:22

It actually happens: Exodus 12:33-36



"I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse..." - protection

NOTES:

1) _____ in Egypt for 400 years.

2) Supernatural protection from the _____ against Egypt.

God demonstrates His divine sovereignty over nature:

- _____
Matthew 10:29; Jonah 1:17, 2:10, 4:6

- _____
Amos 3:6; Lamentations 3:37-38

- _____
Luke 4:40; Exodus 4:11; 2 Kings 15:5

- _____
Psalms 147:15-18; Jonah 1:4; Mark 4:37-41

God demonstrates His divine sovereignty over people:

- God _____ Pharaoh's heart:
Ex. 7:3; 9:12; 10:1; 10:20; 10:27; 11:10; 14:4; 14:8

- Why? **Read Exodus 9:13-17, Romans 9:14-24**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1) What questions does Paul anticipate in Romans 9? Do these questions parallel our common questions about God's sovereignty?

2) How does Paul answer those questions? Do his answers help to make sense of this difficult teaching?

3) The _____ - protection from the _____.

4) The _____ Crossing.
Exodus 14:21-31

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