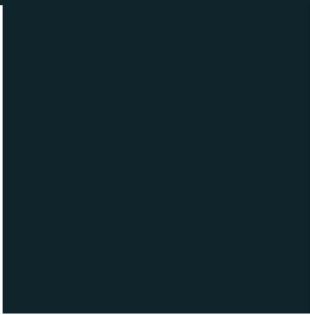


Bridging the **LITERATURE**



**“Language is the sheath in which the
sword of the Spirit is contained.”
– Martin Luther**

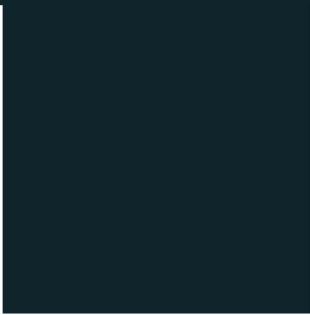
Bridging the **LITERATURE**

The Bible was written for us, but not to us.

The books of the Bible were written many centuries ago – **not** in our culture, **not** in our native language. For us to understand today what God was communicating we have to **bridge the gap** of literature and language.

The study of biblical languages not only helps us doctrinal error but also enables us to communicate biblical principles more accurately.

Bridging the **THEOLOGY**



**“And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”
– Genesis 3:15**

SURROUNDING BOOKS

How does this verse fit into the overarching flow of Scripture's large narrative?

SURROUNDING CHAPTERS

How does this verse fit into the flow of thought and purpose of the book?

SURROUNDING VERSES

What is the author talking about in the surrounding verses?

VERSE

Word Studies

Word Studies

- 1. Identify the right word**
 - 2. Look to a lexicon**
 - 3. Consult a concordance**
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Topical Studies

Topical Studies

With a word study you're focusing on specific words and learning their meaning, but a topical study is focusing on themes and ideas.

Compare Scripture with Scripture

RULE



Scripture Interprets Scripture

“... this is the way which the Savior Himself studied and discussed Scripture (Luke 24:27,44; John 1:45; 5:39). It is the way which the apostle Paul used to expound and explain the Bible (Acts 17:2,3). Reflections of this method of studying Scripture can be seen in the way the apostle Paul quotes a series of texts of Scripture in his epistles (see especially Romans 3:9-18). So while there are many other valuable methods of Bible study, the method of comparing Scripture with Scripture ... is certainly a valid, if not the best, method of Bible study.”

**Jerome H. Smith,
The New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge**

Confer with a Commentary

Confer Commentary

- **Increase our insight**
 - **Double check our doctrine**
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Errors to Avoid

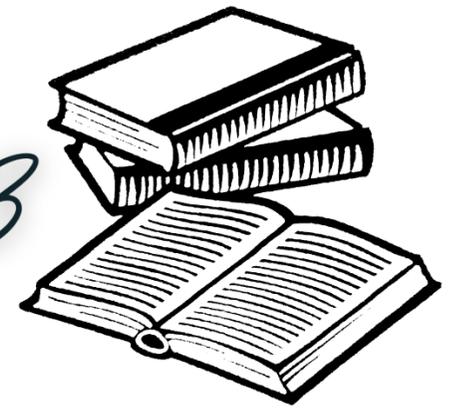
Making a point, missing the meaning

Avoid superficial interpretation

Avoid over-spiritualizing the text

Recommended Resources:

1 Timothy 4:13



- **The New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge**
- **Strong's Exhaustive Concordance**
- **Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words**
- **Halley's Bible Handbook**
- **The Wilkinson & Boa Bible Handbook**
- **Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps, & Timelines**
- **Believer's Bible Commentary (MacDonald, William)**
- **The MacArthur Bible Commentary**
- **Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown's Commentary On the Whole Bible**
- **The Bible Knowledge Commentary (Walvoord, John; Zuck B. Roy)**
- **The Moody Bible Commentary**