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See The Setting – Reconnaissance (Context)

- Content immediately surrounding the text significant to the meaning
- One of the most important rules even more than original language/grammar.
- Writer's frame of mind a full thought
 - Writers (and readers) are influenced by their social settings
- Relate to the historical and cultural setting
 - Lose the tendency to look at everything through a western 21th century mindset.
 - Application is timeless but often truth is hidden in history.
 - Bible dictionaries, Edersheims "Life and times of Jesus the Messiah"

Consider the Literary Mold

- History Narrative of actual events
- **Prophecy** Mystery, Symbols, Human author unclear
- **Prose** Straightforward information
- Narrative First person account, perspective
- Poetry Rhythm, Acrostics
- **Didactic** Teaching principles, lessons, doctrine

Observe Authors Scope and Plan

- What is the occasion for his writing?
- Whom is he addressing?
- Every book doesn't cover every subject.
- Every book has a plan with an ordinary progression of thought
- Some intents are easier than others
 - Jn. 20:31 That we may believe
 - Romans A detailed explanation of the Gospel
 - Peter Suffering as Christians ... dealing with what life throws at us
 - Sometimes outlining a book helps to show Haley's

Compare Scripture with Scripture

- Many passages complement each other and shed light on each other
- Doctrine Categories. Line upon line...
- Finding God's mind by building categories.
- Be sure to check OT references

Consider the message of the entire Bible

- God: "I want my family back"
- The Scarlet Thread... Jesus

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Full Biblical

Historical

Larger

Local Context

Context

Cultural

Revelational





