

**As we are studying eternity future, I am adding Bible study principles. We are now up to five!**

**Five Bible study principles:**

- 1. The Law of non-contradiction** – Two opposing doctrines, though true, cannot both be true at the same time. They are true for different groups at different times. (Contrast Acts 3:17-21 with Romans 16:25-27. Contrast Romans 4:1-5 with James 2:14-18. Contrast Romans 8:1-2 with James 2:10.) In all three examples, both statements are true, but not to the same group at the same time. Jesus fulfilled the Law (Matthew 5:17). We are not bound to the law because we are in the dispensation of the grace of God where all our trespasses are forgiven.
- 2. The Law of trans-dispensational truth** – Some truths are universal, in that they are true in more than one dispensation. Example: The definition of faith is the same regardless of the dispensation. Studying the Bible through the lens of the mystery of the dispensation of the grace of God helps us to understand what the writers of the Old Testament understood to be true, and how it impacts our understanding of the scriptures.  
Hebrews 11:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:7
- 3. Paul's letters are the commands of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 14:37  
Do we follow what Jesus said before the cross, or what Paul said after the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ? The truth of the matter is: What Paul wrote is what Jesus commanded after his ascension. Galatians 1:1-2:16
- 4. A change of dispensation brings a change of administration, and a change of administration brings a change of operation.** Ephesians 3:1-12, Colossians 1:25-29
- 5. The Law of double fulfillment.** Historical events that occurred in the Old Testament that have a prophetic implication will occur again either in the tribulation or the millennial kingdom depending on the context of the event.

The three basic applications of Bible study:

**Simple Treasure Historic Application (STHA):** The events we read in scripture really happened to real people at a particular time in history. Understanding the

historical context is vital to proper interpretation and to make the second application meaningful.

**Personal Treasure Devotional Application (PTDA):** We learn lessons from the the real events, situations, and experiences of those real people in the historical application that we can apply devotionally / inspirationally to our own lives as we face similar situations and circumstances.

**Deep Treasure Doctrinal Application (DTDA):** Also known as the prophetic application, identifies what an event or situation in history foreshadows or pictures prophetic events yet to be fulfilled. It is the real teaching of the passage. Doctrine = teaching! This Application employs strict rules of Bible study to make consistent prophetic applications. 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Titus 2:1

Remember, God's Prophetic Program is in "Time Out" as long as the Mystery Program of the dispensation of the grace of God / the Church Age is in operation. As soon as the mystery program finishes culminating in the Rapture of the Church Age Saints, the prophetic program will resume right where it left off offering the kingdom to the nation of Israel.

Of course, Israel will have to endure the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel, the last seven years of the rule of mankind upon the earth. The Antichrist will rise to power, sign a peace treaty with Israel, and violate that treaty in the midst of the week, three and a half years into power.

Matthew 24:13-15, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Daniel 9:27, Romans 11:25-29

Once the blindness of Israel has been removed, the Jews will begin looking at scripture completely different. They will be looking for the Messiah and the promise of his return all through their Old Testament, as well as books addressed to them in the New Testament like Matthew and Hebrews to Revelation. They sing the songs of the Psalms with a new fervor, focusing on the coming of Messiah King Jesus. "Selah" is a musical term that means to rest, or take a break. It appears 71 times in Psalms, and three times in Habakkuk 3. The doctrinal application is that these events described have a prophetic application concerning Israel's future. Two obvious illustrations are found in Psalms 46:1-11 and Psalms 50:1-6. They include prophetic language concerning the great tribulation, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent, the millennial kingdom, and things to happen after the millennial kingdom. There is incredible imagery given to help us understand future events after we are gone.

Over the next few weeks we will examine eternity future, the events of the two resurrections that are described, and much more. It will be quite the study!

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Micah 6:8