

Digging Deeper in Scripture



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General Process of Digging Deeper



- Prayer
- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application

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The screenshot shows the Bible Map.org interface. On the left, a text window displays a Bible passage in the ESV translation. The passage is from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 19, verses 10-12. The text is as follows:

10:1 And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the [Jordan](#), and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

2 And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" 3 He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." 5 And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God

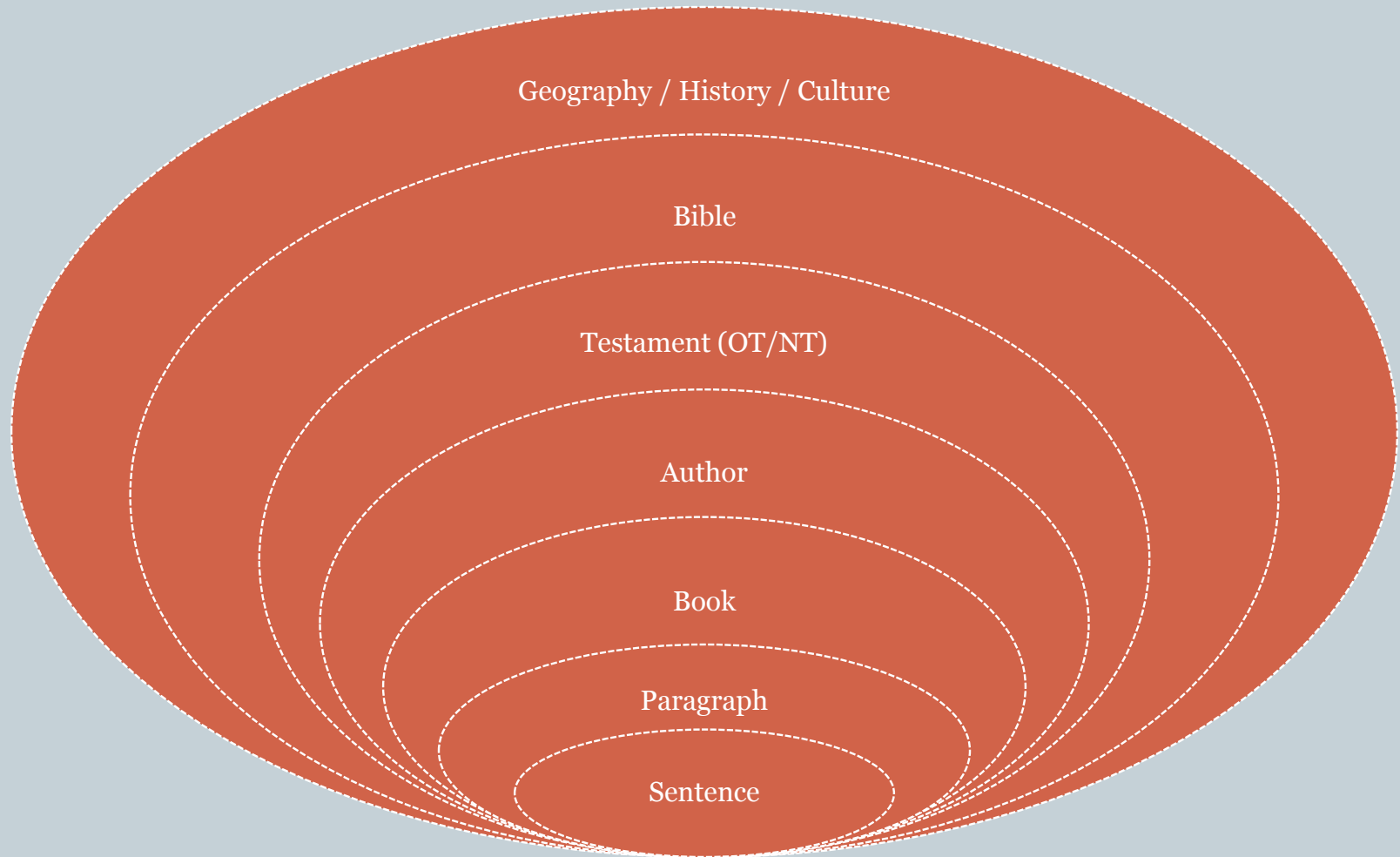
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Circles of Context in Interpretation



Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus



46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” 50 And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” 52 And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)



Acts 1:8 (ESV) ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

1. Prayer

2. Observation

Translation = Word for word
version

Read it lots of different ways

Ask questions, make observations

Repeated words Form = Prose

Observations?

Questions?

3. Interpretation

Key words

Basic Outline

Context

4. Application

3 questions

What did it mean then?

What does it mean for all
people of all places of all times?

How does it apply to me?

Compare to others (commentaries)