

# UNDERSTANDING GOD'S COMMUNICATION TO US: THE BIBLE

**THE MESSAGE**  
in God's mind

**"INSPIRATION"**

[Related issues: Authority, Infallibility, Inerrancy, Recognizing God's Word, etc.]

God's thoughts



"Translated" into a message that people can understand



Human author's thoughts and vocabulary



The original manuscripts



Copies (and/or compilation)



Translation



Grammar, syntax, word definitions



Special word usage [idioms, figures of speech, etc.]



Immediate verse context

**TRANSMISSION**  
of the text, down through the centuries

**EXEGESIS** - "reading *out*" from the Word what is originally there in the Word  
[=Deduction]

"NOT going beyond what is written."

"What the Word says."

Hebrew & Greek comprehension



Exegesis 1a

Exegesis 1b

Exegesis 2

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GOAL: KEEP ABOVE THIS LINE!



Book background and misc. cultural

Eisegesis 1a



Other passages (applied to the passage being studied)

Eisegesis 1b



Interpretation schemes and principles; people's views

Eisegesis 2

**EISEGESIS**- "reading *into*" the Word what is *not* originally there in the Word  
[=Induction]

"Going beyond what is written."

"Adding to the Word."

Increasing danger of adding to the Scriptures.



**OUR NECESSARY GOAL:**

Eisegesis (what we add to Scripture) should have minimal impact on what is obtained by exegesis.