

Important Considerations in Any Bible Text

BEAR IN MIND WHO THE AUTHOR OF THE TEXT WAS

- Who wrote it?
- Who is speaking in the text?
- Is the speaker inspired or uninspired?
- Is he speaking by inspiration or merely offering his own personal judgment?

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE WRITING OF THE TEXT?

- Is it law?
- Is it Prophecy?
- Is it a vision?
- Is it a command of God?
- Is it a proverb?
- Is it a parable?
- Is it a command?



KNOW TO WHOM IS THE TEXT IS ADDRESSED

- What is their relation to God?
- How were they serving Him?
- What were their weaknesses?
- What were their problems?



WHEN WAS THE TEXT WRITTEN?

- Under what law was the text applicable?
- Is the text applicable to today?

KNOW OF WHOM THE TEXT SPEAKS

- Acts 8:34
- What is their background?



FROM WHERE WAS THE TEXT WRITTEN?

- Surroundings & atmosphere of a text often contribute to its meaning.
- Example: Some prophecies were made in Babylon and refer to Israel's return from there to Judah.
- Example: Some writings of Paul are better understood when one knows they were written while he was in prison.

