

# THE CHICAGO STATEMENT ON BIBLICAL INERRANCY

## A SHORT STATEMENT

1. God, who is Himself Truth and speaks truth only, has inspired Holy Scripture in order thereby to reveal Himself to lost mankind through Jesus Christ as Creator and Lord, Redeemer and Judge. Holy Scripture is God's witness to Himself.
2. Holy Scripture, being God's own Word, written by men prepared and superintended by His Spirit, is of infallible divine authority in all matters upon which it touches: it is to be believed, as God's instruction, in all that it affirms, obeyed, as God's command, in all that it requires; embraced, as God's pledge, in all that it promises.
3. The Holy Spirit, Scripture's divine Author, both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to understand its meaning.
4. Being wholly and verbally God-given, Scripture is without error or fault in all its teaching, no less in what it states about God's acts in creation, about the events of world history, and about its own literary origins under God, than in its witness to God's saving grace in individual lives.
5. The authority of Scripture is inescapably impaired if this total divine inerrancy is in any way limited or disregarded, or made relative to a view of truth contrary to the Bible's own; and such lapses bring serious loss to both the individual and the Church.



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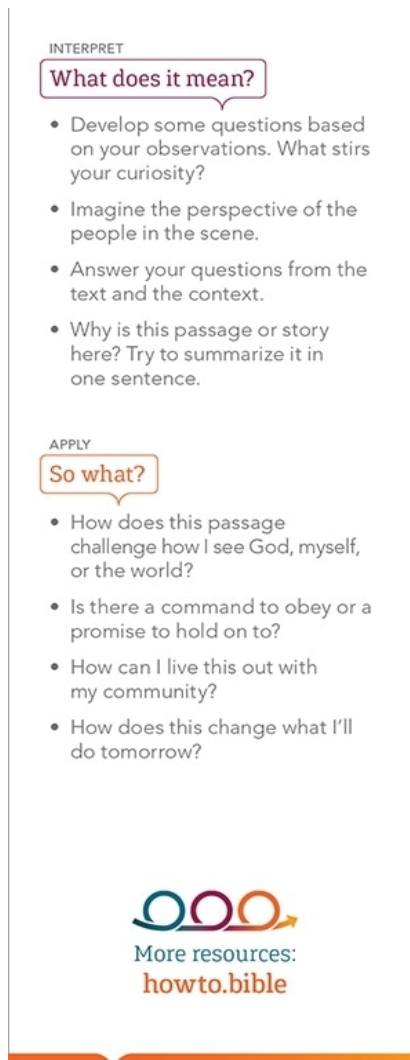
**OBSERVE** **INTERPRET** **APPLY**

**PRAY**  
Ask the Spirit to guide your study

**OBSERVE**  
**What's there?**

- What comes immediately before and after the passage?
- What is the cultural context of the original readers?
- Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.
- Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?
- Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, cause and effect.

**More resources:**  
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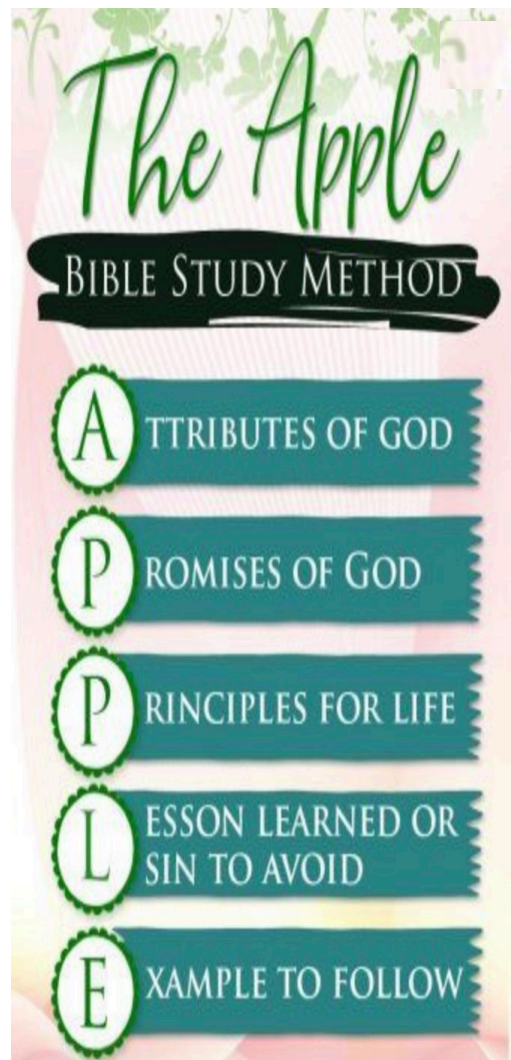
**INTERPRET**  
**What does it mean?**

- Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?
- Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.
- Answer your questions from the text and the context.
- Why is this passage or story here? Try to summarize it in one sentence.

**APPLY**  
**So what?**

- How does this passage challenge how I see God, myself, or the world?
- Is there a command to obey or a promise to hold on to?
- How can I live this out with my community?
- How does this change what I'll do tomorrow?

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- A**TTIBUTES OF GOD
- P**ROMISES OF GOD
- P**RINCIPLES FOR LIFE
- L**ESSON LEARNED OR SIN TO AVOID
- E**XAMPLE TO FOLLOW

# THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE BIBLE

Number
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Name
Chapters

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

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## THE NEW TESTAMENT

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<b>Pl</b> PHILEMON 1 57	<b>Hb</b> HEBREWS 13 58	<b>Js</b> JAMES 5 59	<b>1Pt</b> 1 PETER 5 60	<b>2Pt</b> 2 PETER 3 61	<b>3Jn</b> 3 JOHN 1 64	<b>Jd</b> JUDE 1 65	<b>Rv</b> REVELATION 22 66		

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