

CHART: THREE APPLICATIONS OF SCRIPTURE

HISTORICAL, SPIRITUAL, DOCTRINAL

1. Begin with the Kingdom

- a. What Christian denies the scripture when it talks about the kingdom of Christ, a time of love, peace, joy, righteousness
- b. Bible says: Christ comes and sets up his kingdom.
- c. Bible says: Israel's rise and glory, perfect judgment/peace, etc. Isa 60
- d. Bible says: Israel is fallen in Rom 11:11, no Jew or Gentile, we live in mystery.
- e. How do we use the Bible when there is so little of it left? (5.5%)
- f. The choice has to be made whether to take this book literally, let it be true or not.
- g. If not, then none of it matters much, except what can be twisted to meet your needs.

2. Historically – Search for Truth – Rom 3:4

- a. A literal Bible means things really happened. We look for facts, true history.
- b. There was an Adam and Eve – Creator, male & female, marriage, sin
- c. Moses did walk up a mountain and God did write his laws on stone tablets to Israel
- d. Israel was healed by a brass snake on a stick – Num 21:4-9
- e. The waters were parted not once, twice, or three times but more times
- f. Jesus was born of a virgin without sin, lived and died without sin – Luke 2:33, Heb 4:15
- g. Jesus chose Twelve apostles and that matches the Twelve tribes of Israel – Matt 19:28

3. Spiritually – Search for Good

- a. A literal Bible means there really is good and bad. Virtue and vice. Spiritual judgment.
- b. This starts with God. God is good, and man is not – Gen 3
- c. The commandments have spiritual application – Rom 7:12, holy, just, and good.
- d. It is a good thing to serve the one true God; bad to serve other gods. See 1Cor10:6-11.
- e. 10:6 – Num 11:4-34 (quails); 10:7 – idolaters Exo 32:6; 10:8 – Nu 25; 10:10 – Nu 16:41

4. Doctrinally – Search for Right

- a. A literal Bible means God has purpose and will. What is he doing? What should we do?
- b. There is right doctrine and wrong doctrine – time matters – 1 Tim 4:1; Luke 9:3, 22:35
- c. Requires understanding right division, time, context - Heb 1:1, 2 Tim 2:15
- d. Is there forbidden fruit? Are we under the law? Where is our brass serpent?
- e. Can we walk on water? Are we supposed to follow Jesus pattern? Will God provide our daily bread? Are we supposed to sell everything we have?