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This is a class that will teach all the principles that you need to properly interpret, understand, and explain all parts of the Bible as well as misunderstood / misquoted / misused passages (there are a lot). This approach recognizes that the Bible may convey truths and insights that are based in literalism, as well as those that are not explicitly stated, but are instead suggested through symbolism, imagery, and narrative structures.

Some of what you will learn in this class is how to:

- Properly study, understand and correctly interpret the scriptures.
- Correctly interpret misunderstood / misused / misquoted scriptures.
- Understand the history, context, culture, language and intent of the passages examined.
- Categorize all scripture into literary types of text: Historical Narratives, Law, Poetry, Prophecy, Wisdom Literature, Gospels, Letters, and Apocalyptic Literature – so that you know where to begin when interpreting.

You will also learn the fourfold Interpretation principles of hermeneutics which comprise the following:

- **Literal:** The basic, surface-level meaning of the text.
- **Allegorical:** Interpreting the text to find symbolic meaning.
- **Moral:** Applying the text's teachings to moral principles and conduct.
- **Anagogical:** Seeking the text's ultimate spiritual meaning and eschatological implications.

In a nutshell, this class will give you the tools necessary to never have to wonder what a passage “actually means” again.