

EXEGESIS / EISEGESIS

Two words that determine how
you view the Bible.

Important

All language must be understood

- The purpose of language (spoken or written) is to communicate your thoughts to another person
- You must interpret the words you hear or read
- This includes the meaning of words and phrases
- It must include the context of the statement

Definitions

Ex = out

- Exegesis = to draw out the meaning from the text

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- Eis = in, into, toward

- Eisegesis = to read into the text what you want it to say

Exegesis-

When you start with the text and draw out its meaning, only after study & analysis, do you formulate interpretations of, or reactions to what you read.

Acts 13:48

Eisegesis-

When you take things out of context to support just about any presuppositions and/or prejudices you already had.

Exegesis

Ex = out

- **Exegesis – is the drawing out of the text the message and understanding of the writer / speaker**
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- **Text – any passage, verse, statement in the Bible**

Exegesis

Context – that which surrounds the text

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▫ **Pretext – to conceal the real or true motive**

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▫ **Proof text – passage that proves a claim or doctrine**

Exegesis

- **Exegesis means that you will:**
- **Study the Bible**
- **Bring no preconceived notions**
- **Begin with an empty slate**
- **Seek to draw out of the text what God is saying**

Eisegegesis

- **Eis – for, in, into, toward**
- **Acts 2:38 – For (eis) the remission of sins**
- **Romans 10:10 confession unto (eis) salvation**

Eisegesis

Eis – for, in, into, toward

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▫ **Eisegesis – bringing into the text your own views, ideas, theory**

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▫ **Many twist the scriptures**

Eisegeisis

- **2 Peter 3:16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**

Eisegeesis

A passage or word can not mean what it never meant.

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- **Many quote a passage out of its context or give the words new meanings.**

Eisegeisis

- **Genesis 24:64 – When she saw Isaac she lighted off the camel**
- **This approves of women smoking?**
- **Matthew 24:17 – top not come down**
- **Preacher did not like women with hair in a bun on top of their head**

Eisegeisis

- **Ecclesiastes 9:4-5a 4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing**
- **They stop in middle of sentence.**
- **Entire passage teaches no connection with the earth after death.**

Eisegesis

Eisegesis creates a straw man

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▫ **It is a wrong justification for error**

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▫ **It results in an unfair appeal to authority**

Exegesis / Eisegesis

- **Which is your approach to a study of the Bible?**
- **Draw out of the text what God said?**
- **Put in the text what you wish it said?**
- **Come to God with a clean slate and let God give you instruction!**