

## 2 Timothy 3v14-15

...continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15** and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

- 66 Books
- 40+ authors
- 1400+ years

## Why study it?

- Relevant to life now
- All of it is full of riches bless us
- All help us know and love God more
- All helps us to live God's way as we live our lives on this earth.

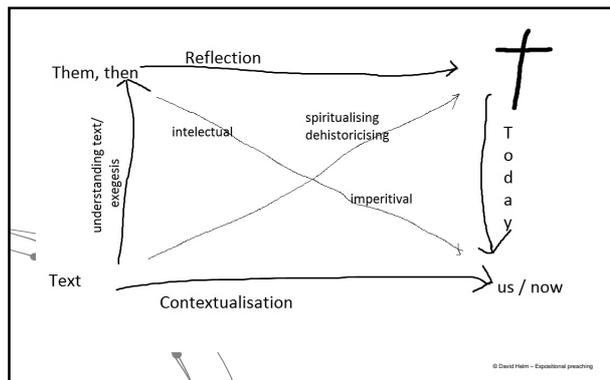
- poems,
- songs,
- biographies,
- letters,
- stories,
- parables,
- historical events,
- names,
- places,
- quotations,
- visions, dreams and prophecies

## Noah's ark

- Jeremiah 29v11  
For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

## Jeremiah 29v1

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.



- Phil 4v13 - I can do all things through christ who strengthens me.

- Psalm 38v7.....

- What's at stake if it is not true?
- 1 Cor 15 v 12-14
- **12** But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **13** If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. **14** And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

- I love you my wife. I love you because you are faithful, because you stand up for what is right, because you teach our children with diligence and discipline them with love and wisdom. I adore you because your a great cook. I dote on you because of the way you speak with gentle hushed tones. I long for you because of the feel of your hair, the touch of your hands, the kisses from your lips and the looks you give me from your eyes, the and so on and so on.

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- What does this teach us about the purpose/importance of studying scripture?
- What do we learn about the speakers' view of the value/status of scripture?
- How does this apply to us?

- Inspiration of Scripture
- The bible is inspired in that whilst written by fallen people in many literary styles over many centuries, they wrote inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim and reveal the Lord and his message as He intended.

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- It is inerrant in that every truth that it intends to reveal about God, his plan for salvation, doctrine and humankind is without error. Some term this limited inerrancy.
- (i.e. it does not mean that it does not have spelling mistakes or explain away some facts of history that appear to be difficult to reconcile)

- Sufficiency of scripture
- The Bible contains all teaching and truth necessary to obtain salvation and to live a godly Christian life. There are no deficiencies in Scripture that need to be filled from other sources (e.g. tradition, papal declaration or experience.)

- Prima Scriptura
- God does speak in other ways, for example through general revelation (creation) prophecy, dreams, conscience, common sense, pastors, teachers, friends, traditions, reason, experience. All can be helpful in understanding the bible's teachings and giving guidance in life, but all of these are secondary to scripture and should be tested/corrected by scripture.

