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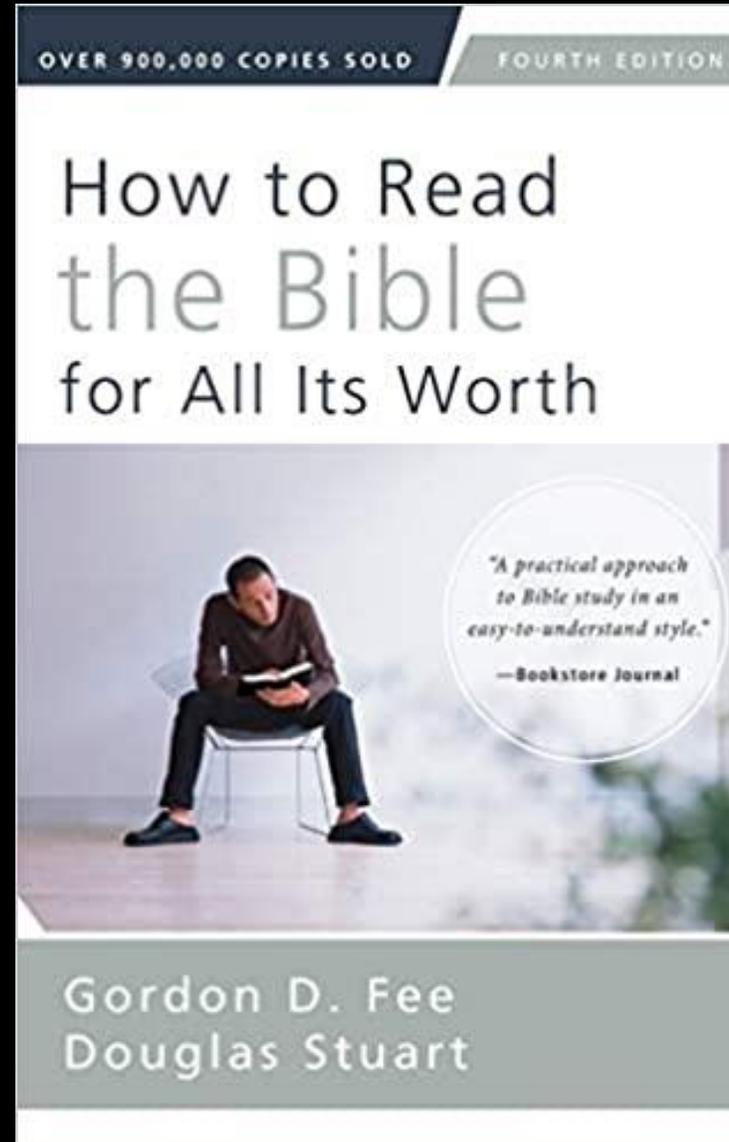
How to study the Bible

Session 1: The Basics



How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart



ground rules:

- be present
- be interactive
- be curious

agenda:

- getting to know the Word of God
- the need to interpret
- the basic tool - a good translation

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getting to know the Word of God

what's does the word "bible" mean?

book

the sacred scriptures of Christians comprising
the Old Testament and the New Testament

how many books are in the Bible?



how many books are in the Old Testament?

39

how many years did it take to write it?

~1,500

what's a "testament"?

covenant

or agreement, contract, or alliance

how did **you** do?



the need to interpret

“ I don't need to interpret the Bible,
I just need to read it.”

Do all things without
grumbling or disputing,

Philippians 2:14 (ESV)

The goal of good interpretation is to get to the plain meaning of the text.

Read to show thyself approved
unto God, a workman who
needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:14-16 (KJ21)

Study to show thyself approved
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Every reader is an interpreter.

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Catfish Hunter Wins Big Game!

A National Institute of Health researcher with better pharmaceutical firms helped test these new medications. Some scientists questioned the results of the studies.

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High food prices are pushing some drivers to the financial brink — and to the parking lot gas stations. Low-income workers are feeling the most pain.

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INSIDE

A Tough Line Against North Korea at U.N.
The Security Council has unanimously agreed to impose economic sanctions on North Korea for its nuclear activities.

Heart of a Champ
A young athlete's triumph over adversity is the focus of a new book.

Weather
Forecast for the week ahead shows a mix of sun and clouds.

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Iran helped the militant group launch its missile attack on a naval ship, but is an Iranian leader and the Arab League call on the U.N. to intervene.

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Devils rose from the wreckage of the civil war to become a formidable city. As the border war down again, residents are falling into despair.

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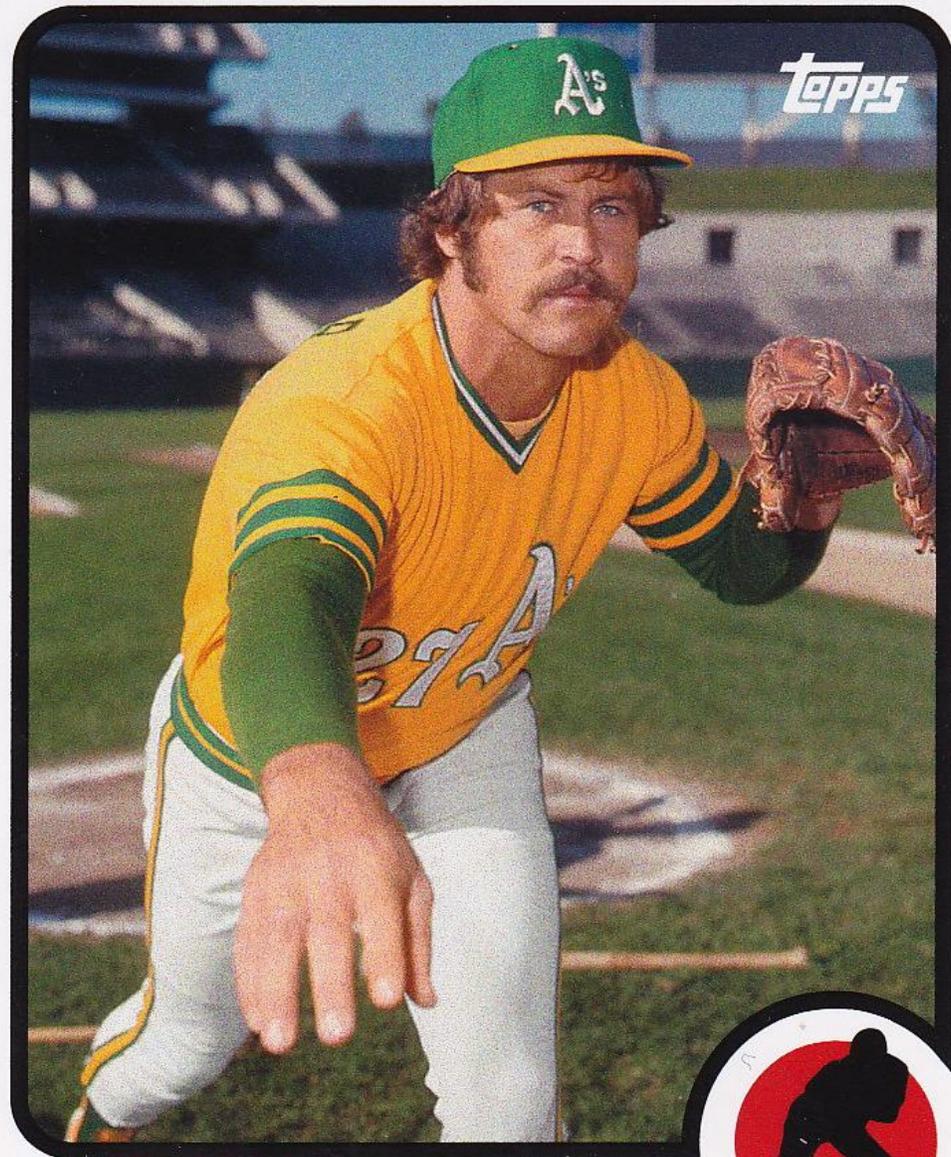
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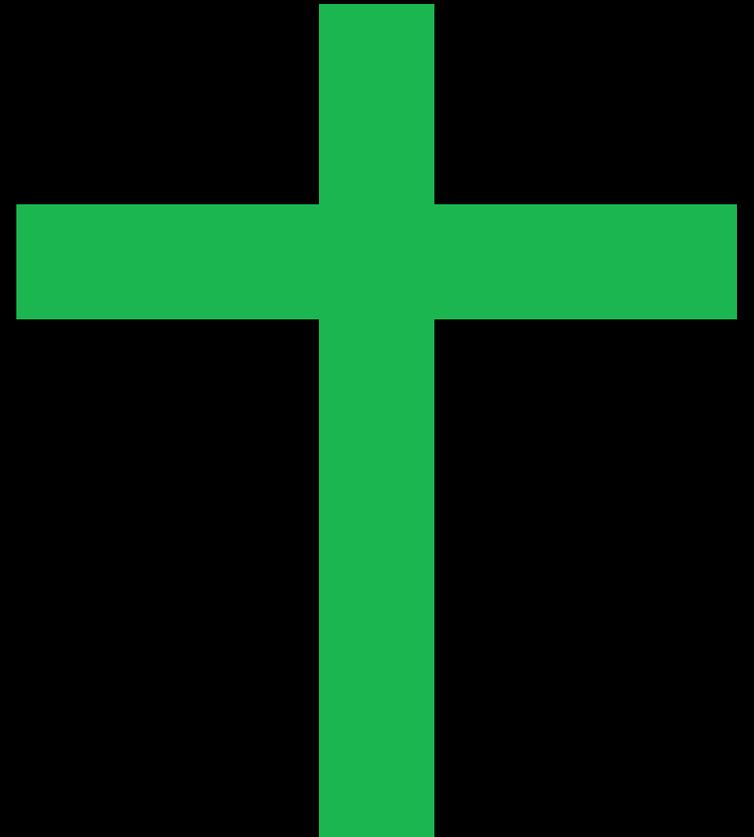
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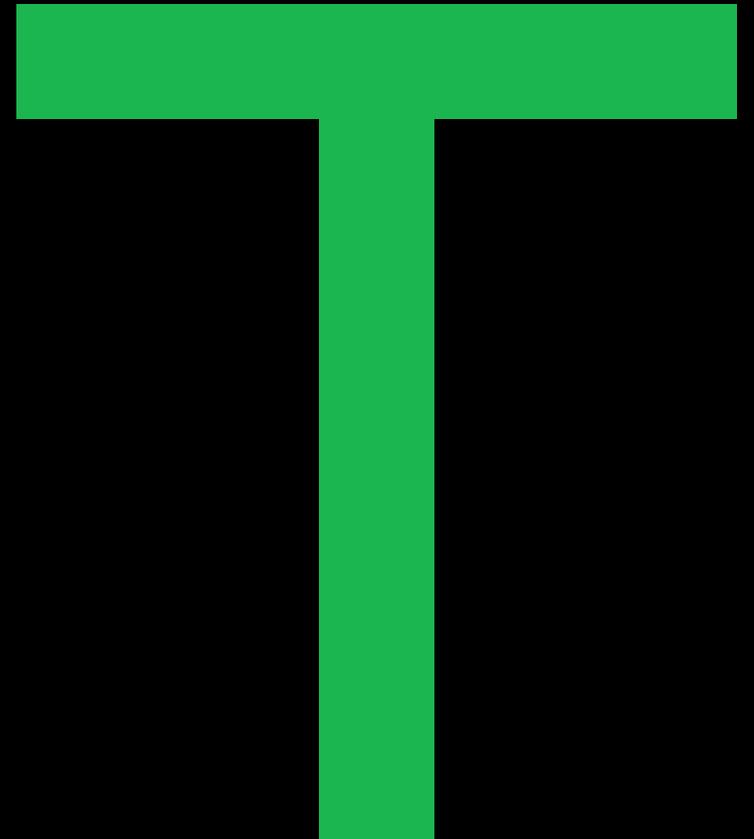


Pitcher

What does the **cross** look like?



What does the **cross** look like?



But put on the Lord Jesus
Christ, and make no provision
for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Romans 13:14 (NKJV)

You are already reading
someone else's interpretation.



But put on the Lord Jesus
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Romans 13:14 (NKJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that
thou mayest prosper and be in
health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 John 2 (KJV)

Human & Divine

“The Bible is the Word of God,
given in human words in history.”

Every verse has two authors:
the Holy Spirit and a person.

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It is easier for a camel to go
through the eye of a needle
than for a rich person to enter
the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:25 (ESV)

Don't just gaze at His Word,
graze in it.

What is the historical context?

What is the literary context?

The most important question of historical context is that of occasion and purpose of each of the books and their various parts.

Literary context:

words have meaning in sentences,
biblical sentences have meaning in
relation to the preceding and
succeeding verses

Never read a
Bible verse

What's the point?

Hermeneutics

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Hermeneutics

Seeking contemporary meaning in ancient texts.



the basic tool - a good translation

Hebrew - Most of the Old Testament

Aramaic - half of Daniel and 2 passages from Ezra

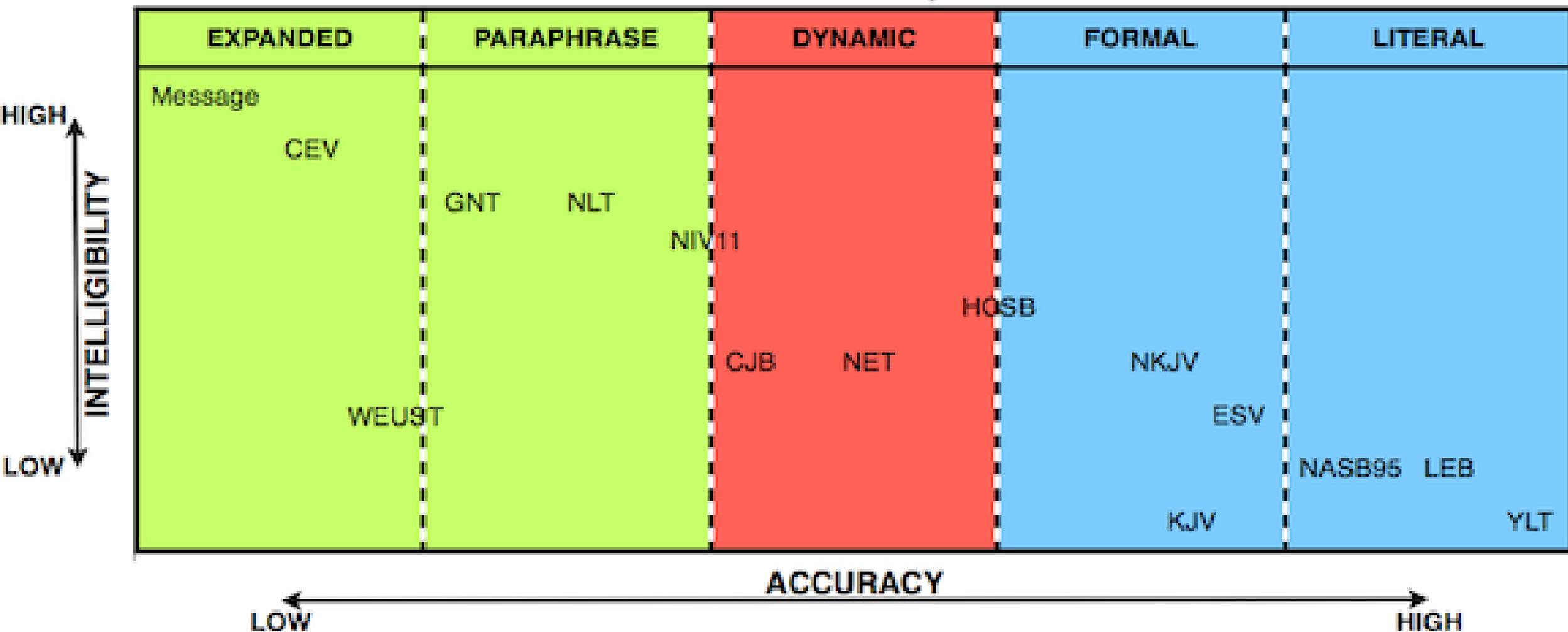
Greek - the New Testament

Formal Equivalence

Functional Equivalence

Free Translation

Bible Translation Comparison Chart

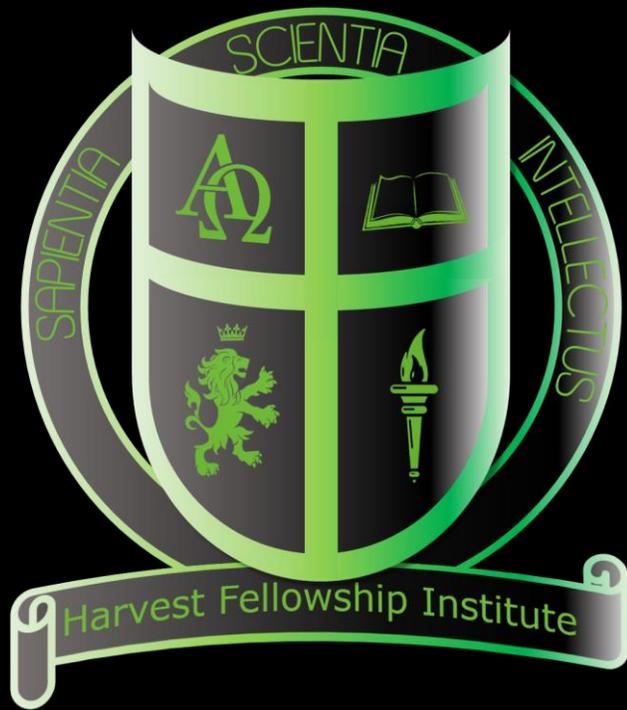


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- Study Translation
- Devotional Translation
- Supplemental Translation

ACCURACY: A function of translation philosophy which attempts to be as close to the original Greek/Hebrew as much as possible.

INTELLIGIBILITY: Reflects how easily the translation is understood by the average English language reader.



Questions?