

# Take the Guesswork Out of Biblical Interpretation – Part 5

## “The Correct Starting Point”

Here is the principle that conventional, and even centuries-old, Christian confession does not yet understand: Understanding what the Bible says and means cannot be accurately discerned with certainty by trying to put together all the many diverse and random parts (see [Part 4](#)). That is the wrong starting point. The unified whole that is sought for cannot be realized and articulated by starting with the parts of the Bible. So, what is the starting point that will help us determine the unified whole?

### It's Simple

This is not difficult. It's so easy that an average intelligent 10-year-old can understand it. **The Bible is a story.** It is the historic, unfolding record of the Creator-God to establish His Kingdom order on earth as it is in heaven.

So, what's the simple method to understand what the Bible says and means? **Read it as a story from the beginning.** As you do, piece together all the key people, events, and covenants. You will see all the pieces of the Bible puzzle fall into place. As a result, you will be able to more accurately interpret what the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus or the Galatians or Rome, for example. Unless the whole story is understood, the parts will not make any sense and will often be wrongfully understood.

### A Biblical Pearl

To get you started right and most effectively, we suggest you begin with the story of God's call to Abram in Genesis 12. In our experience, this is the fastest way to see the biblical story unfold before your eyes.

Why don't we suggest starting in Genesis 1 with the creation of Adam? It's because there are so many diverse **opinions** about the “creation story” (Genesis 1-4), Noah's Flood (Genesis 5-10), and the Tower of Babel event (Genesis 11:1-9) that make it more confusing. In our opinion, Genesis 1-11 is often not understood because the diverse viewpoints come from interpreting these chapters in an isolated context, apart from the whole context of Genesis 12 through Revelation. Once you understand the wider context of the biblical story, you can more accurately understand Genesis 1-11.

You can know what the Bible says and means for yourself. Follow the story. That's what we offer you in the book, [\*Discover the Story of Your Biblical Heritage\*](#), or if you prefer

the video teaching and training series, the Bible Mastery Boot Camp, Module One, "[\*\*Laying the Foundation.\*\*](#)"

You will be able to explain what the Bible says and means for yourself. You will be able to discern if what others are teaching is accurate. You will be able to ask pastors questions to see if they know the correct answers. (Ask respectfully.) Best of all, you will own your own faith!

Are you ready to get started? Choose to read [\*\*Discover the Story of Your Biblical Heritage\*\*](#) or watch Module One of the Bible Mastery Boot Camp, "[\*\*Laying the Foundation\*\*](#)" or both! We recommend both.

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