

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth.** – 2 Timothy 2:15

Review: Herm & Knute's Toolkit (Five Hermeneutical Tools)

Tool #1: **What does the Bible actually say?** (Be a Berean)

Tool #2: **Context, Context, Context**

- a. Scripture interprets Scripture
- b. Clearer passages interpret less clear passages
- c. The NT interprets the OT
- d. The OT **informs** the NT (its historical references, analogies, prophecies & prophetic language, biblical theology, figures of speech, etc.)

Tool #3: **One Meaning; Many possible Applications**

An indispensable rule in Bible interpretation is understanding a text in terms of its original setting and audience, always asking the question, "How would those who first picked up copies of the gospels and epistles have understood what they were reading?"

Tool #4: **A Biblically-literal interpretation recognizes Figures of Speech**

The sense and meaning *as intended by the author*. This is Normal and Natural use of language.

- **Comparison:** Metaphor & Simile (is; is like)
- **Association:** Metonymy & Synecdoche (a characteristic for whole; a part for whole)
- Rhetorical **Over** Statement (Hyperbole)
- Rhetorical **Opposite** Statement (Irony)
- **Substitution** (Euphemism)

Tool #5: **Look for the Time Clues** → example: 1 John 2:18

(Special Prophecy Tool) **WHEN** does a prophetic event take place?

Greatest Prophet in Bible = _____

- **#1 Greatest Prophecy:**
- **#2 Greatest Prophecy:**

"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." **Mark 13:2**

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, **when will these things happen?** And what will be **the sign** that they are about to be fulfilled?" **Mark 13:3-4**



Jesus describes "these things"

(Matt. 24, Mark 13, Luke 21)

I tell **you** the truth, **this generation** will certainly not pass away until **all these things** have happened. **Matthew 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32**

What do YOU think?

Tool #1: What does the Text Actually say? First use favorite **English** translation(s)

Tool #2: Context, Context, Context

“I tell **you** [plural] the truth...”

- **Immediate Context:** the verse itself and its discourse (pericope)
 - Who asked Jesus the questions about “these things”?
 - To whom did Jesus just describe “all these things”?
 - To whom is Jesus “telling the truth”?
 - How often does “you” appear? Mt: _____, Mk: _____, Lk: _____

“...**this generation** will certainly not pass away...”

- **Intermediate Context:** Gospels & NT
 - How does **Jesus** use “this generation” elsewhere?
 - Matthew 12:39-42, Luke 11:29-32; cf. Mt 16:4, Mk 8:12
 - Matthew 12:45
 - Matthew 11:16-19, Luke 7:31-34
 - Matthew 17:17, Mark 9:19, Luke 9:41
 - Mark 8:38
 - Luke 17:22,25
 - Luke 11:47-51, Matthew 23:35-36
 - How does the **NT** use “this generation”?
 - Acts 2:22-24, 40
 - Philippians 2:14-16
 - What can we learn from Jesus’ use elsewhere (75x) of the phrase “I tell you the truth”?
 - In the rest of the sentence that follows, does Jesus use **clear** language to **conclude** and **clarify**? Or, does he intend to **obscure**?
 - If Jesus wanted his disciples to understand **the generation then living**, what could he possibly have said to make it clearer? (γενεά)
 - If Jesus meant “**race**,” why didn’t he use a Greek word that clearly means race? (γένος or even ἔθνος)
 - If Jesus meant a **future generation**, why didn’t he say “**that**” generation instead of “**this**” generation?

Tool #1: What does the Text Actually say? (<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/matthew/24-34.htm>)

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Your assignment:

- Read Matthew 24:1-34 (“all these things”)
- List everything Jesus describes that did **not** take place during the generation then living (A.D. 30-70)
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