

COMA: A Method to Teaching & Reading the Bible

Context

Observation

Meaning

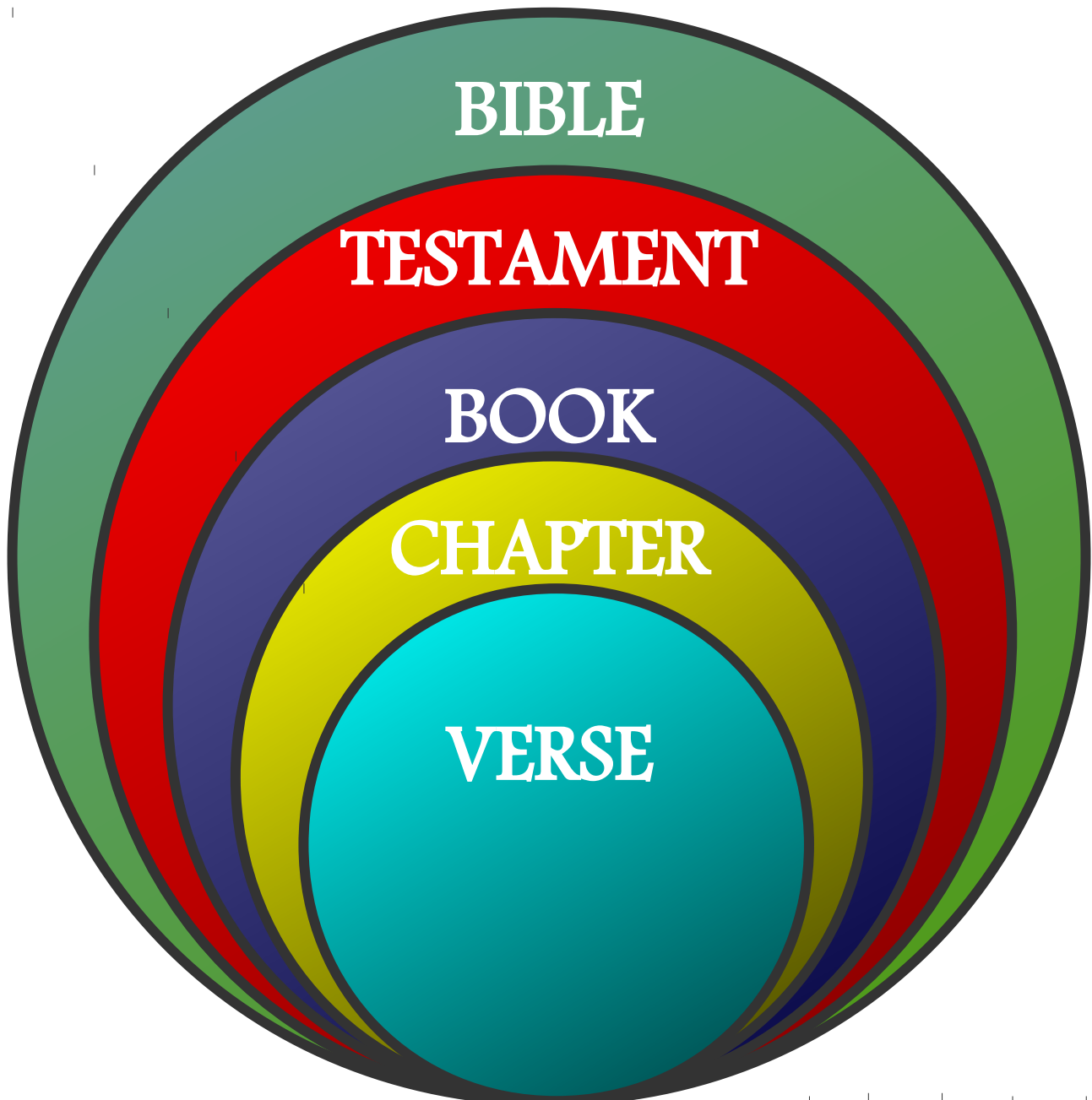
Application

Context:

What type of writing is this? (Poetry, Narrative, Discourse, etc)

What is the theme of the book?

What comes before and after the passage?



Two Examples:

Revelation 3:20 – Who is Jesus talking to?
John 10:10 – Who is the thief?

Observation:

Who, What, Where, When, Why, How?
What Words are repeated?
What is the relationship between phrases and prepositions?

Example:

John 1:4-14 – What word is repeated?
Eph. 2:8-9 – What are the phrases and how do they connect to each other?

Meaning:

What is the author's meaning?
What do we learn about the Father, Son, and Spirit?
What do we learn about people?

Example:

I Samuel 17

What do we learn about God?

Despised, rejected, mocked, esteemed him not, defeats the enemy of God's people, represents the people....David is a picture of Jesus.

What do we learn about people?

There are Unbelievers that: Hate God, Hate his people,
There are Believers that: Lack faith, need someone to fight for us, we can be representatives of Jesus on earth.

Application:

Is it a:

- command to obey,
- promise to believe,
- truth to praise,
- sin to repent?

What is one thing I will do because of what I read today?

Resources:

Biblical Genres: Gordon Fee's book "How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth" See a summary with the different types of genre here:

<https://gsethdunn.wordpress.com/2015/02/07/fee-and-stuarts-how-to-read-the-bible-for-all-its-worth-a-review/>

Book Themes: <http://overviewbible.com/books-of-the-bible/> or <http://andynaselli.com/what-is-the-message-of-each-book-of-the-bible>

Phrasing: <http://doxa.billmounce.com/Phrasing-1.pdf>

Arcing: <http://cdn.desiringgod.org/pdf/booklets/BTBX.pdf> or <https://www.biblearc.com/>

Questions to ask: <http://www.ligonier.org/blog/5-questions-ask-when-reading-bible/> or <https://www.crossway.org/blog/2011/07/dont-miss-the-point-questions-to-ask-while-reading-scripture/>