

ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

C.O.M.A. questions for Apocalyptic Literature

Context

Are there any clues about the historical circumstances the literature is addressing?

Are other bits of the Bible mentioned or hinted at in the passage? What part do these 'memories' play?

Observation

What images are used in the passage? What effect do they have?

What emotions does the passage arouse (e.g. fear, expectation, awe)?

How does the passage seek to reveal what God is like? Where in this passage might we find hope?

Is there a crisis in the passage? What is the tension/conflict about, and how does it relate to readers?

Meaning

Are there specific instructions/commands given to the reader? Does this passage mention any consequences for not following God's commands?

Does the text have a sense of expectation about something happening in the future? What is to be expected and when? How should this motivate action in the present?

Does the passage point to Jesus? Is the gospel foreshadowed or looked back upon in some way?

Application

How is your situation similar to or different from those being addressed?

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

How does this passage lead you to trust God and his promises in Jesus?

How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?
