

# ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

C.O.M.A. questions for Old Testament Narrative

## Context

What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?

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What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

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## Observation

What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?

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Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?

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Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?

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Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?

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What surprises are there?

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## Meaning

Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?

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Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?

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How does the passage point forward to what God is going to do in the future? Does it prophesy or anticipate Jesus Christ in some way?

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How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

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## Application

How does this passage challenge your understanding about who God is and what he is like?

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Is there some attitude or behavior you need to change?

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