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I counsel thee to  
buy of me gold  
tried in the fire...  
Revelation 3:18





# House of David School of Biblical Studies

Overview of Resources  
for In-Depth Scriptural Study

Part 1



But first, a brief public service announcement regarding

# **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

# What is Situational Awareness?

- It involves being aware of what is happening in your environment so you can understand how information, events, and your own actions impact an organization's goals and objectives, both immediately and in the future
- For our purposes, it's knowing why you're here and how that impacts the group's mission



## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

This tank didn't have it

DEPT OF DEFENSE

**OOPS!**

Lacking situational awareness is a primary factor in accidents attributed to human error

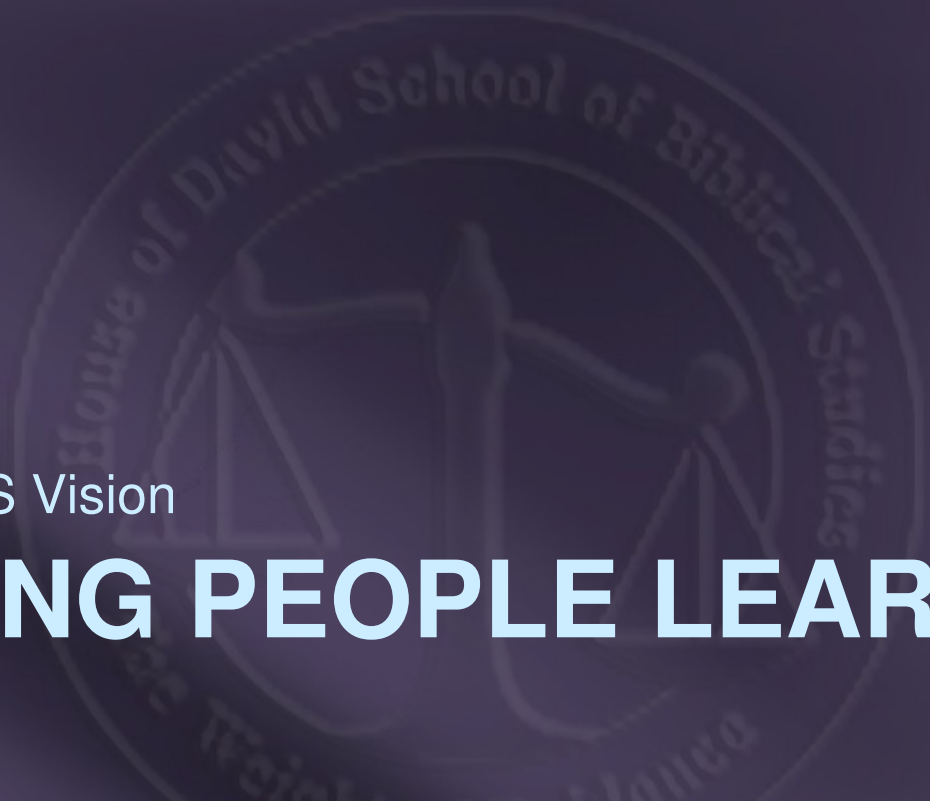


Why should you care about

# **SITUATIONAL AWARENESS?**

# Are You Aware ...

- That there is a relationship between the House of David Fellowship and the House of David School of Biblical Studies?
- That by your presence here you are associated with the work of HODSBS?
- That when you do your homework, for example, that you are potentially a contributor to the work of HODSBS?

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The HODSBS Vision

**HELPING PEOPLE LEARN  
HOW  
TO STUDY MORE  
EFFICIENTLY**



# Vision Statement

- One thing we have seen in the body of believers is a lack of study skills when it comes to examining the Scriptures
- It appears in many cases people tend to believe what they hear or read without first evaluating the evidence presented
  - Or, it could be that their method for evaluating evidence is flawed

# Vision Statement (cont.)

- If people learn how to study more efficiently, everyone involved stands to profit
- When Rav Shaul exhorted Timothy “Study to show thyself approved, a workman,” he was not implying a lack of effort on Timothy’s part

# Vision Statement (cont.)

- On the contrary, Rav Shaul instructed Timothy to endeavor to acquire proper study skills and to implement them, so the body could be equipped for every good work
- Our vision is to be able to help those who desire it to become more efficient at studying the Scriptures than you used to be

# Why Study?

- The discipline of study is central to the process of renewing the mind so that we can respond in appropriate ways to the truths of God's Word (Romans 12:2)
- "All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living; thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## Why Study? (cont.)

- “Thus said יהוה, ‘Let not the wise boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty boast in his might, nor let the rich boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am יהוה, doing kindness, right-ruling, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,’ declares יהוה.”(Jeremiah 9:23-24)

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Proverbs 1:1-7 (CJB)

- (1) The proverbs of Shlomo the son of David, king of Isra'el
- (2) are for learning about wisdom and discipline; for understanding words expressing deep insight;
- (3) for gaining an intelligently disciplined life, doing what is right, just and fair;
- (4) for endowing with caution those who don't think and the young person with knowledge and discretion.
- (5) Someone who is already wise will hear and learn still more; someone who already understands will gain the ability to counsel well;
- (6) he will understand proverbs, obscure expressions, the sayings and riddles of the wise.
- (7) The fear of Adonai is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

## Why Study? (cont.)

- All but three verses in Psalm 119 contain a reference to our Father's laws, decrees, precepts, promises, testimonies, statutes, judgments, ordinances, commands, and words
- If you're still doubting whether studying scripture is valuable, read Psalm 119 and record your observations of its beneficial effects in cultivating a relationship with our Father



# The Mission of HODSBS

- If the vision is to help people learn how to study more efficiently, how do we do this?
  - By establishing the meaning the Almighty originally intended for listeners/readers when He ‘breathed’ His word into the human author
- The Almighty created speech and language, and He knows our limitations, so none of this should be beyond our ability

# The Mission of HODSBS (cont.)

- Frequently, our Father gives instruction, and the narrative that follows demonstrates how that instruction was understood and applied
- To comprehend what we need to understand is definitely not out of our grasp
- In everyday life we read books, newspapers, magazines, and engage in conversation as well as listen to others speak such as on the radio, television, and movies

# The Mission of HODSBS (cont.)

- In all these things we have no trouble acquiring the meaning of what is communicated. Why?
- We use a methodology, even if we're not precisely aware of it
- We need to understand what it is we are doing when we are acquiring meaning, and apply these same principles when we examine the Scriptures

# The Mission of HODSBS (cont.)

- This is not as hard as it seems
- However, one of the biggest problems we face in understanding His words is our inclination to 'read into the text' *what we want it to say* (aka **Eisogesis**)
- Instead, we need to learn how to 'read out of the text' *what it is saying* (aka **Exegesis**)
- How do we do this?

# 2 Peter 1:1-8

From: Shim`on Kefa, a slave and emissary of Yeshua the Messiah

To: Those who, through the righteousness of our Elohiym and of our Deliverer Yeshua the Messiah, have been given the same kind of trust as ours

May grace and shalom be yours in full measure, as you come to a full knowledge of Elohiym and Yeshua our Master.

Elohiym's power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through our knowing the One who called us to his own glory and goodness.

## 2 Peter 1:1-8

By these he has given us valuable and superlatively great promises, so that through them you might come to share in Elohiym's nature and escape the corruption which evil desires have brought into the world.

For this very reason, try your hardest to furnish your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with perseverance, perseverance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

For if you have these qualities in abundance, they keep you from being barren and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Master Yeshua the Messiah.

# The Mission of HODSBS (cont.)

- We need a way, a proper methodology, to help us extract the meaning from the text
- HODSBS has created a working methodology
- In order to properly understand scripture, we need to learn how to allow words to have their meaning within the context of what we are reading and the Scriptures over all

# The Mission of HODSBS (cont.)

- I have great faith in the body of believers
- By working together we can learn how to hold each other accountable as well as help each other arrive at the true meaning of what the Almighty desires for us to know, understand, and walk in
- You are invited to join with us in this endeavor



# For Next Time

- If you haven't already done so, please familiarize yourself with the House of David School of Biblical Studies website
- In particular
  - Review the Core Library page and plan to strengthen your library
  - Review Hebrew Q16 and Greek Q16 and be prepared to go through that method