

## Method 8 - The Book Background Method of Bible Study (P. Rhebergen)

### 8.1 - Tools

- 8.1.1 - Bible dictionary and / or bible encyclopedia
- 8.1.2 - Bible handbook
- 8.1.3 - Bible atlas
- 8.1.4 - Various tools that allow you to experience in your time the environment of the Biblical cultures

### 8.2 - Steps

Step 1 - Choose the subject or book of the Bible.

Step 2 - List your reference tools so that at the end of the study you can see which were of the greatest help in your study.

Step 3 - Discover what you are able of the following:

- 8.2.3.1 - Who is the writer of the book?
- 8.2.3.2 - What is the date of the book?
- 8.2.3.3 - Where was the book written?
- 8.2.3.4 - For whom was the book written?
- 8.2.3.5 - Why was the book written?
- 8.2.3.6 - How does the book fit into the Bible overall? In addition, what light can be shed on the study when the book is evaluated in the following contexts:
  - Geographical setting?
  - Historical events, prior, occurring, or expected?
  - Culture of the day?
  - Political situation?
  - Anticipation of coming events or personage(s)?

Step 4 - Summarize your research.

Step 5 - Write out your personal application.

Step 5 - Assess your application in the weeks that follow for success or failure.

### Reference:

1. Warren, Richard, with William A. Shell, 12 Dynamic Bible Study Methods, Victor Books, Wheaton, Illinois, 1987.

**Method 8 - The Book Background Method of Bible Study (Chart)**

1. Subject:	
2a. Reference Works Used:	2b. Usefulness:
3. Context / Background Information:	
4. Insights:	
5. Application / Evaluation:	