

Meditations in Revelation

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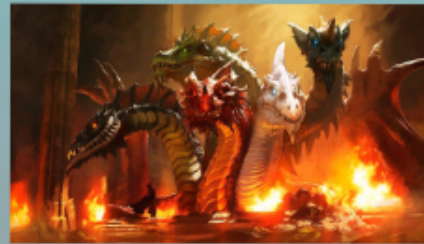
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Difficult

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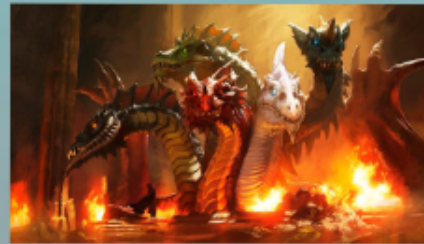
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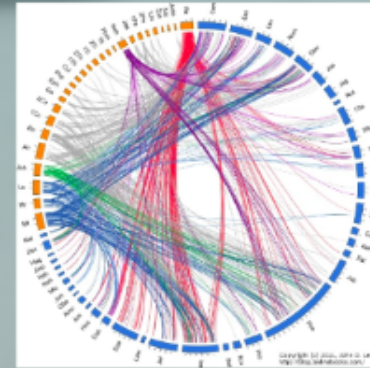
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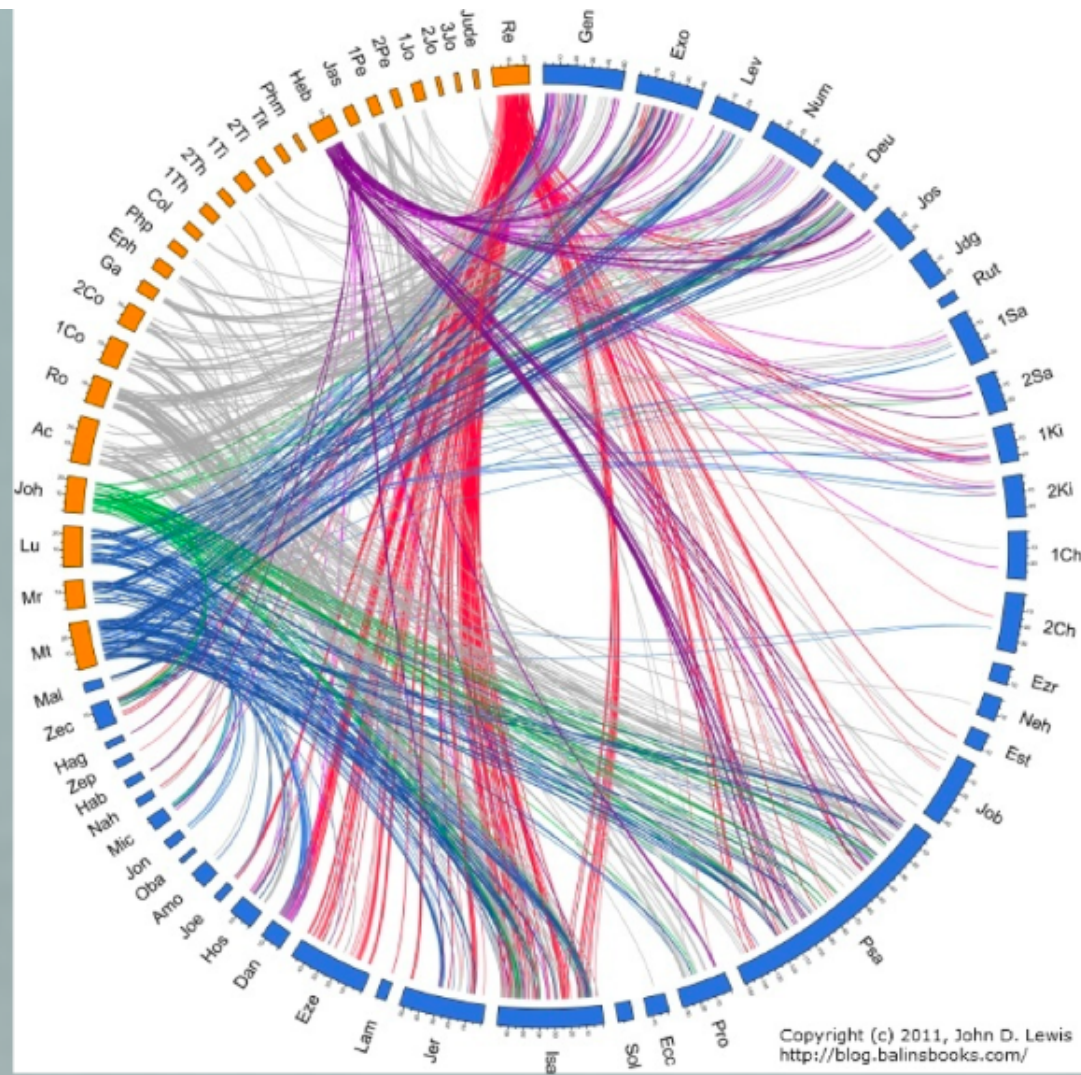


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- Over 500 allusions to OT





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- Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

- "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

- "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, and who will remain forever."

• Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me.

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Why do we find Revelation Difficult?

Symbols
&
Metaphors

Poems
&
Parables

Difficult
Chronology

Apocalyptic
Style

Prophecy
or
Parable



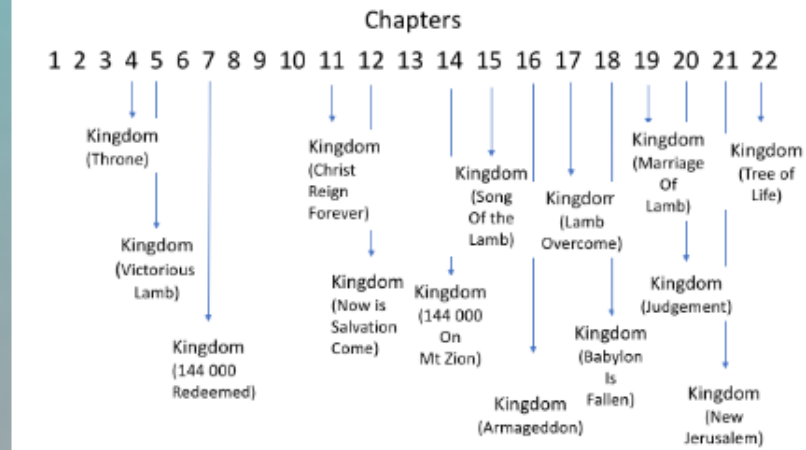
Poetry & Parables

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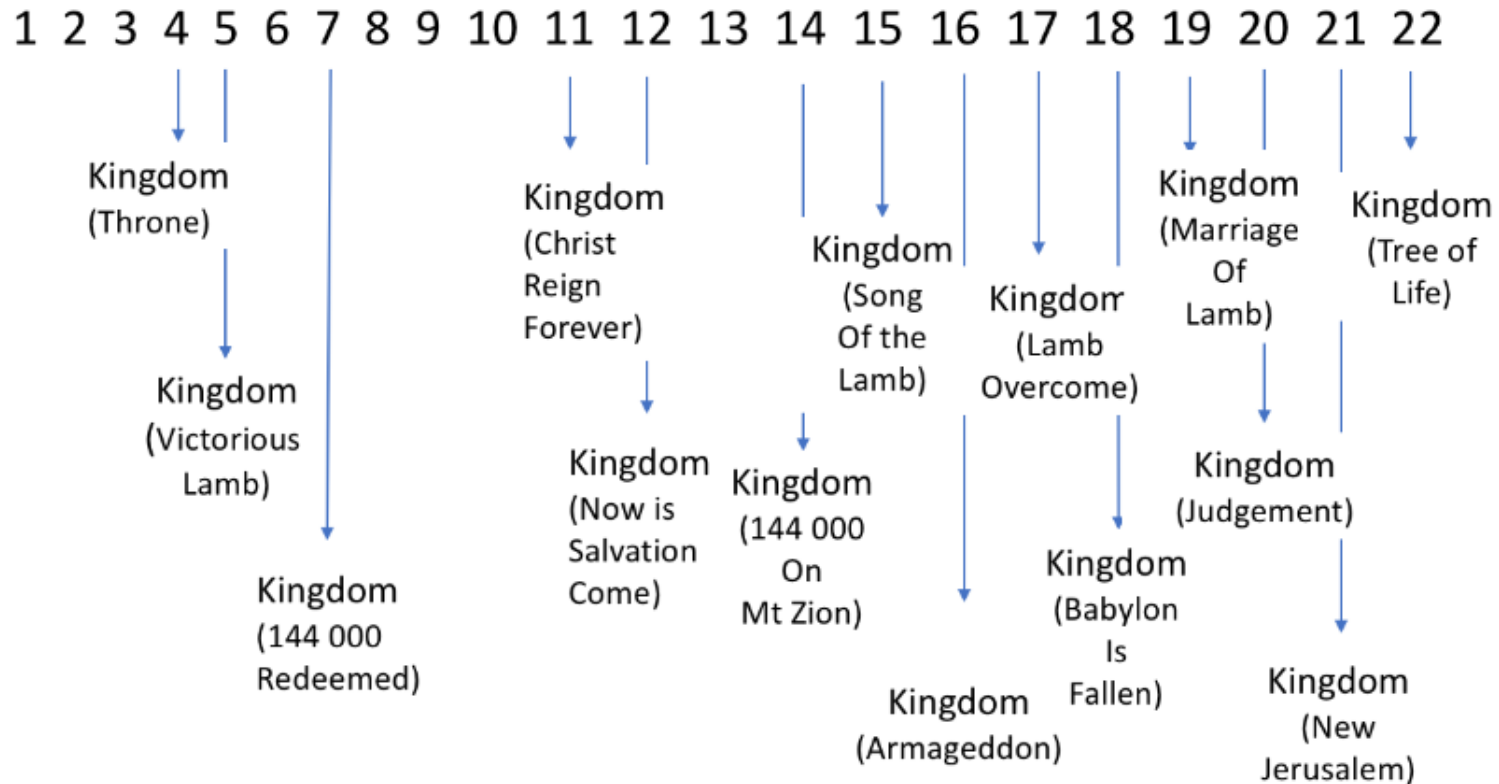
Difficult Chronology

Revelation Chronology



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Chapters



Apocalyptic Style

Greek *Apokalypso* - Thayer's Greek Lexicon

1. properly, to **uncover, lay open** what has been veiled or covered up; to disclose, make bare...
2. metaphorically, to make known, make manifest, **disclose, what before was unknown;**

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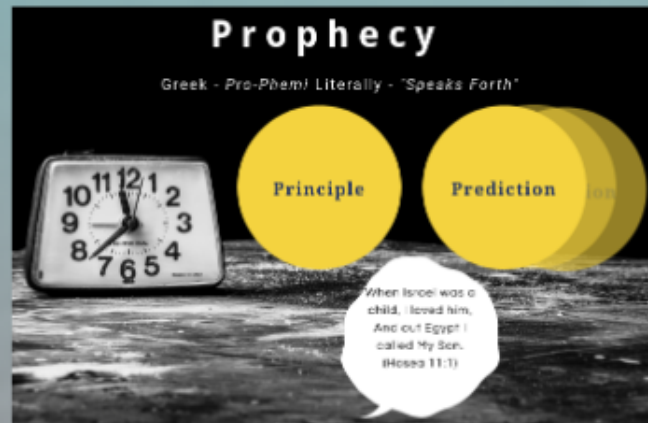
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Principle

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Though much of Old Testament prophecy was purely predictive... prophecy is not necessarily, nor even primarily, fore-telling. It is the declaration of that which cannot be known by natural means, (Matthew 26:68) it is the forth-telling of the will of God, whether with reference to the past, the present, or the future.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of
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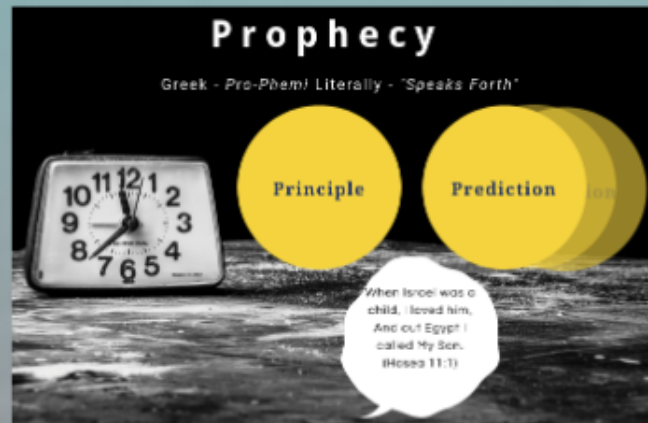
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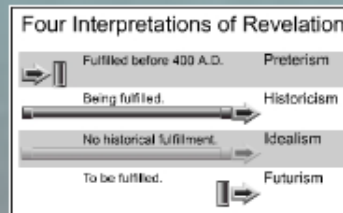
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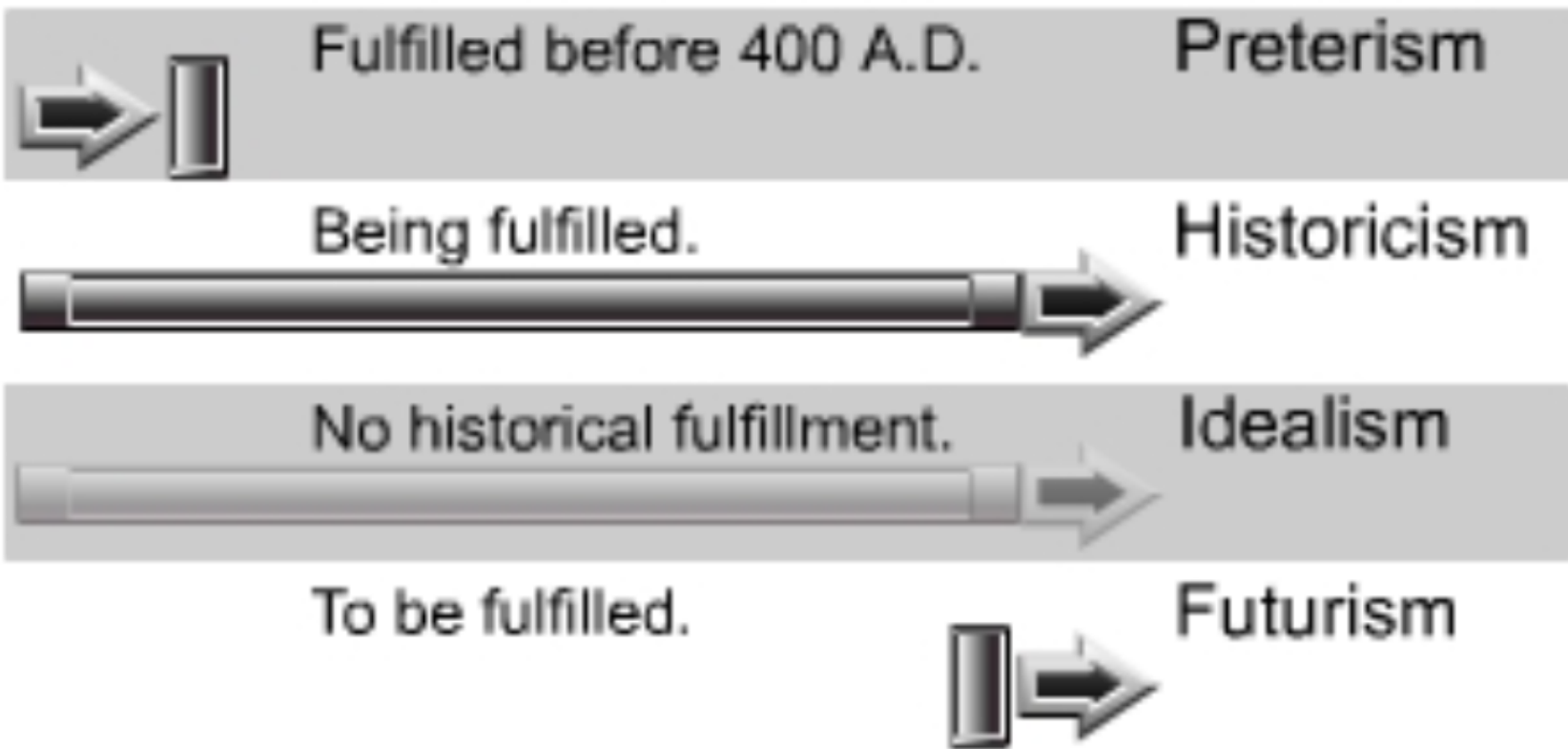
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A Meditation Approach vs Interpretation Framework



Four Interpretations of Revelation



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A Meditation Approach

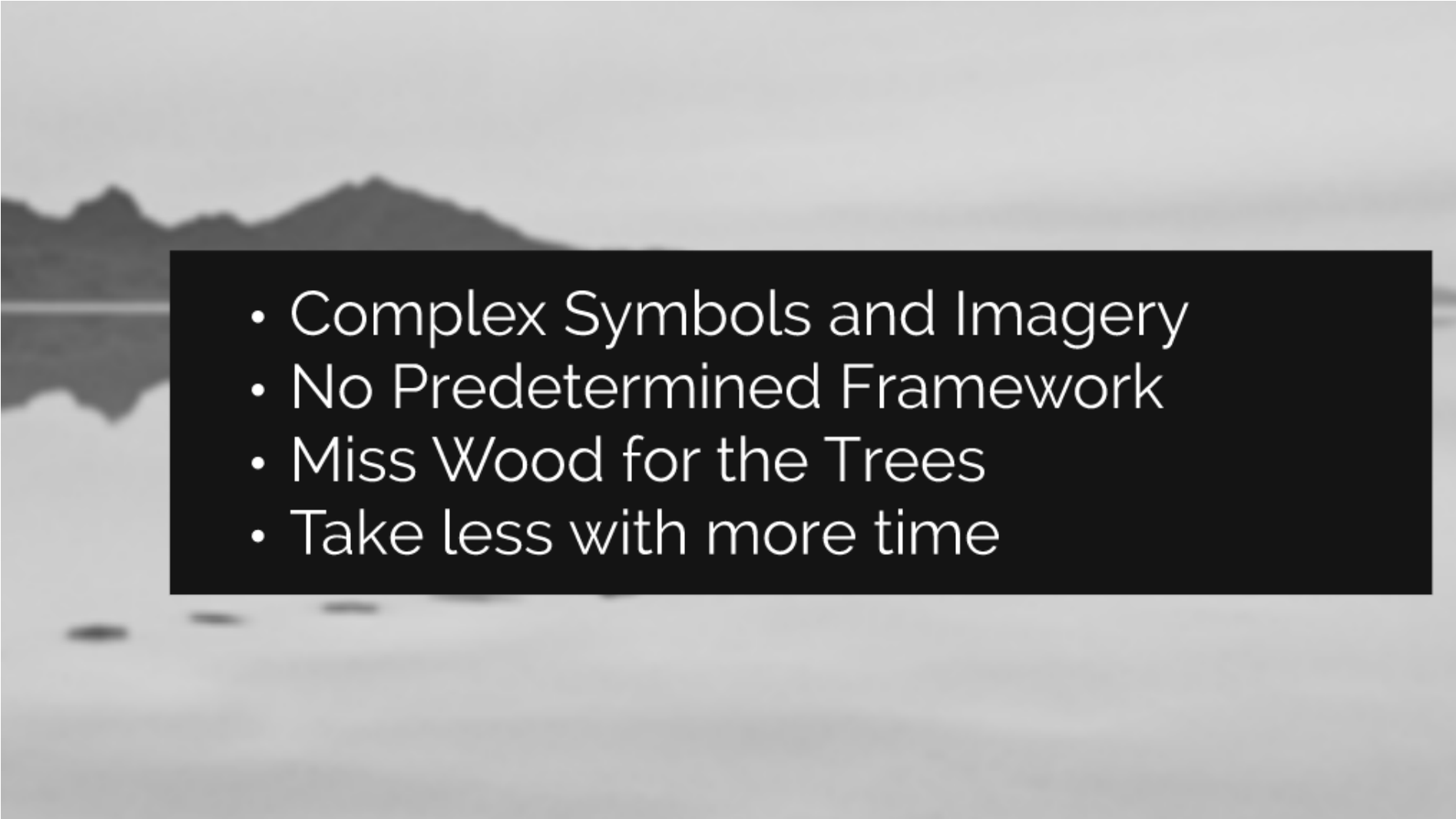
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Biblical
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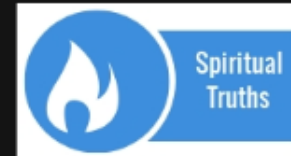
Meditation
Techniques

- 
- Complex Symbols and Imagery
 - No Predetermined Framework
 - Miss Wood for the Trees
 - Take less with more time

Biblical Meditation

Studying and deeply contemplating a portion of God's word for personal guidance and edification

Form of Prayer or Worship



Seeking Spiritual Truths

Meditation Steps



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Meditation Steps



**1****Focus**

Take the Passage "off the page" and carefully think about its message and what "grabs your attention."

[Psa 119:15 ESV] 15 I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.



Meditation Steps



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[Psa 143:5 NIV] 5 I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

Remember

Think more deeply about your focus thought or idea and try to link to echoes from other parts of the Bible



[Psa 1:2 NKJV] 2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Worship

Any Spiritual Insights should bring us to prayer and worship with greater consciousness of His presence



[2Sa 12:7 NKJV] 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You [are] the man!"

Apply

The meditations are to be taken into our daily living - how does the Spiritual Truth impact you Today?



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Spiritual Truths



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