

Hebrews 12:25 – 29

New American Standard Bible 1995

As you read the passage, write down every question that comes to mind. The general questions on the back of this page may help stir your thinking.

1 ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the
2 living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of
3 angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the
4 firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the
5 Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made
6 perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,
7 and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the*
8 *blood* of Abel.

9 ²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking.
10 For if those did not escape when they refused him who
11 warned *them* on earth, much less *will* we *escape* who turn
12 away from Him who *warns* from heaven. ²⁶ And His voice
13 shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying,
14 “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the
15 heaven.” ²⁷ This *expression*, “Yet once more,” denotes the
16 removing of those things which can be shaken, as of
17 created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken
18 may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom
19 which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which
20 we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence
21 and awe; ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

For additional thought and discussion:

- ⁵ ‘As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!’ ⁶ For thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts. ⁸ ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the Lord of hosts. ⁹ ‘The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘and in this place I will give peace,’ declares the Lord of hosts.” Haggai 2:5-9

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Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer’s thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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