

Understanding the Theology of Individual Books of Scripture

Helpful Questions

Remember, you may not be able to answer all of these questions. That's ok. The goal is to enhance our study of Scripture through pulling together as much of the context as we can.

1. What type of literature is this book of Scripture? (Options: history, poetry, prophecy, Gospel, epistle, apocalyptic)

2. Who wrote this book? Is anyone else associated with it?

3. When was this book written (the **era** is usually more important than the actual year)?

4. From what place and situation was it written?

5. In what place and situation was the audience (if there is a clear audience)?

6. Why did the author write?

7. Are there any repeated elements in the book – narrative elements, symbols, quotations, theological emphases, etc.?
