



GRASPING GOD'S WORD

A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible

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- **Different Levels of Meaning**
 - **Spiritualizing the text**
 - **Literary meaning – refers to the meaning the authors have placed in the text**
 - **Allegory – is a story that uses an extensive amount of symbolism**
 - **Like a parable**

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- **Levels of meaning**
- **Typology** – Biblical typology is a hermeneutical method that interprets certain events, persons, or institutions in the Old Testament as prefigurations or "types" of corresponding realities in the New Testament. This interpretive approach is rooted in the belief that the Bible, as the inspired Word of God, contains a unified and coherent message that unfolds progressively through history. Typology is not merely an allegorical or symbolic reading but is grounded in the historical and theological continuity between the two Testaments.

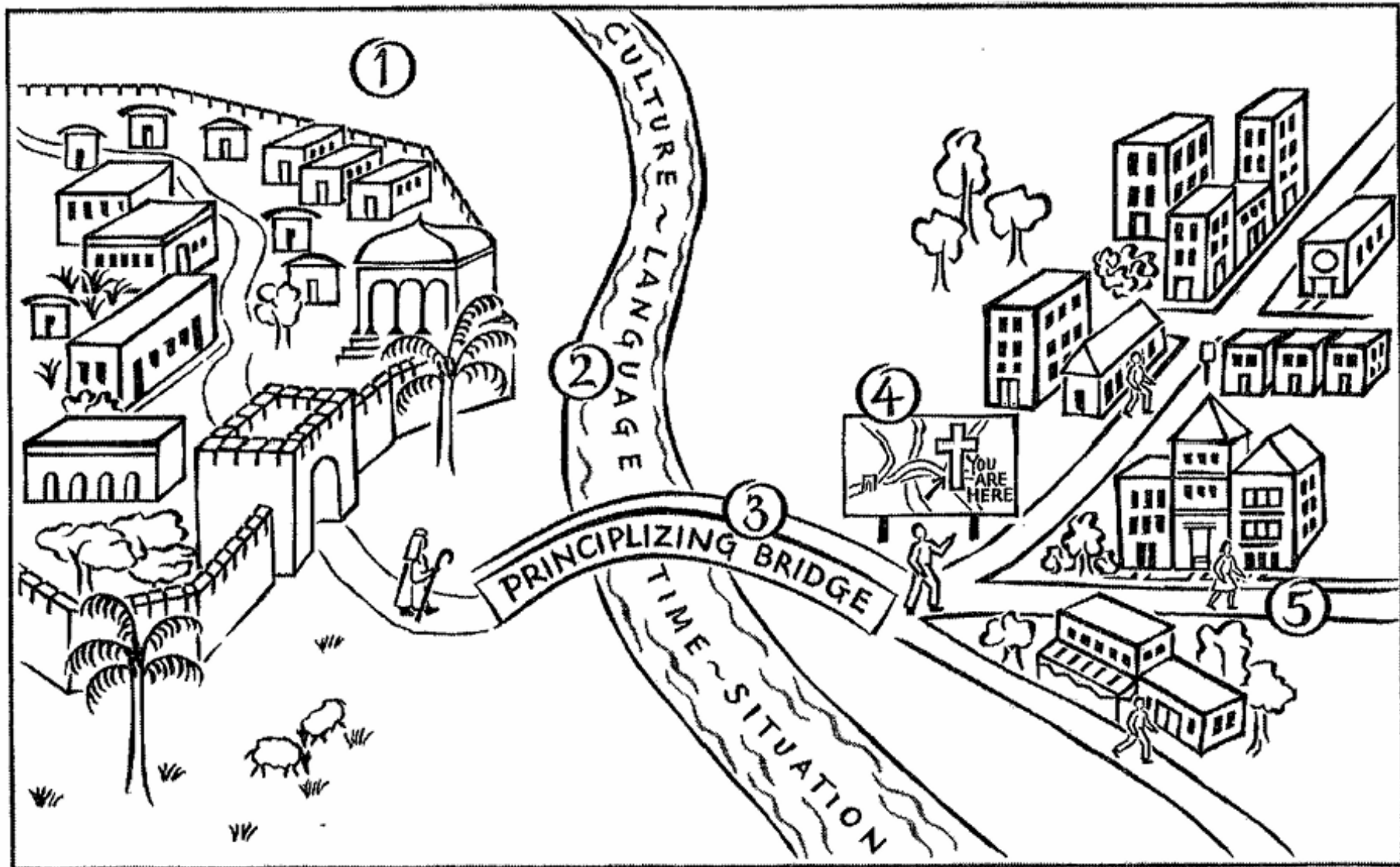
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- Levels of Meaning
 - Bible Codes
 - Where you look for secret meanings hidden in the Hebrew alphabet.

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 - **Gematria** - a Kabbalistic method of interpreting the Hebrew scriptures by computing the numerical value of words, based on those of their constituent letters.
 - **Equidistant Letter Sequencing** - (ELS), are words and phrases that can be found in the text of the Jewish Bible (the Christian Old Testament) by taking letters that are separated by an arbitrarily defined distance from each other within the Hebrew text.

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**NEXT WEEK
THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

