

Read It in Context

Six questions to ask of any verse

- 1 **What comes before and after?**
Read the whole paragraph, then the chapter. What is the verse answering?
- 2 **Who first heard it, and what was happening?**
Who wrote, to whom, when and why? Is "you" one person or a whole people?
- 3 **What kind of writing is it?**
Story, law, song, proverb, prophecy, Gospel, parable, letter or vision?
- 4 **Where does it sit in God's story?**
Who was the promise made to, and under which covenant?
- 5 **How does the rest of the Bible use it?**
Is it quoted or answered somewhere else in Scripture?
- 6 **Where else do these words appear?**
Follow the cross-references. Read each one in its own setting.

"They received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."

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