
CHAPTER ANALYSIS STUDY

Item to Observe

INTRODUCTION

Listed here in brief form are 30 items to look for in your observation part of the Chapter Analysis Method of Bible Study.

1. Ask the six vital observation questions: What? Why? When? How? Where? Who?
2. Look for key words.
3. Look for repeated words and phrases.
4. Look for questions being asked.
5. Look for answers being given.
6. Look for commands.
7. Look for warnings.
8. Look for comparisons – things that are alike.
9. Look for contrasts – things that are different.
10. Look for illustrations.
11. Look for causes and effects and reasons for doing things..
12. Look for promises and their conditions for fulfillment.
13. Look for progression from the general to the specific.
14. Look for progression from the specific to the general.
15. Look for steps of progression in a narrative or biography.
16. Look for lists of things.
17. Look for results.
18. Look for advice, admonitions, and attitudes.
19. Look for the tone of the passage – emotional atmosphere.
20. Look for connectives, articles, and prepositions.
21. Look for explanations.
22. Look for Old Testament quotes in the New Testament.
23. Look for the literary form.
24. Look for paradoxes.
25. Look for emphasis through the use of space – proportion.
26. Look for planned exaggerations and hyperboles.
27. Look at the grammatical construction of each sentence.
28. Look for the use of the current events of the times.
29. Look for the force of the verbs.
30. Look for anything unusual or unexpected.

The above are just few of the things you can look for in the observation step of your Bible study. Don't let this long list discourage you. You shouldn't try to do each one of the suggested item. It will take time for you to get in the habit of seeing more and more things in the text. The more you practice observing, the more alert you will become. So remember: Look, search, observe, then write your findings down!