

# **Bereans Bible Institute Module IV**

## **Lesson 1, Review Principles of Interpretation**

I. Modern Judaism and Christianity have been gradually reshaped by the assimilation of foreign (pagan) ideas (after Moses & the Prophets, and after Jesus & the Apostles).

**Example:** "Until Then" (Bill & Gloria Gather)

II. Sound Rules of Biblical Interpretation (Refresher)

1. The Original Scriptures are infallible
2. Grammar cannot be violated
3. Interpret within the historical setting (historical context & culture)
4. Interpret Scripture progressively (new revelation compliments and builds on older revelation, never contradicting it).
5. Reject all doctrines that defy sound logic (reject mutually exclusive ideas)
6. Agreement with God's nature (God never acts contrary to His revealed nature)
7. Literal meaning has priority over non-literal interpretation (objective approach)
8. Trace the history of doctrines (see how, when, and why doctrines became polluted)