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OBSERVATION - *What does it say?*

Details to observe:

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why (if explicitly stated)
- How

Literary connections:

- Repetition (same term)
- Continuity (similar term)
- Contrast - *but, however*
- Comparison - *like, as*
- Cause to Effect - *when, so, after*
- Effect to Cause - *because, since*
- Means to End - *so that, in order that*
- Logical Conclusion - *if, then, therefore*
- General to Particular
- Particular to General
- Climax
- Preparation or Introduction
- Explanation or Illustration
- Interrogation (question and answer)

Also:

- Know the genre of the passage (poetry, history, prophecy, etc.)
- Look up the author and intended recipients
- Look up any geographical or cultural references
- Look up any direct cross references
- Note any stated purpose behind events
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INTERPRETATION - *What does it mean?*

Ask interpretive questions:

- Why did the author/character do...?
- What is the significance of...?
- What is the implication of...?
- Why was this event included here?
- How did people react? Why?

Answer interpretive questions:

- Look for clues in the passage
- Look at the context of the passage
- Look for other clear passages that help answer the question

Find the central meaning:

- The author's *main point* is...
- The implications for the original hearer/reader were...
- The implications for today are... (personal, family, campus, church,...)

APPLICATION - *What will I do?*

Meditate on:

- Sin for me to repent of?
- Promise for me to claim?
- Example for me to follow?
- Error for me to avoid?
- Command for me to obey?
- Knowledge of God to believe?
- Something to pray about?

How will I change?

- "By God's help I will..." (be very *practical*, be specific)
- I will do it _____ (when, where, how, with whom)
- I will ask _____ to hold me accountable
- I will act in faith, based on these promises from God: _____

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