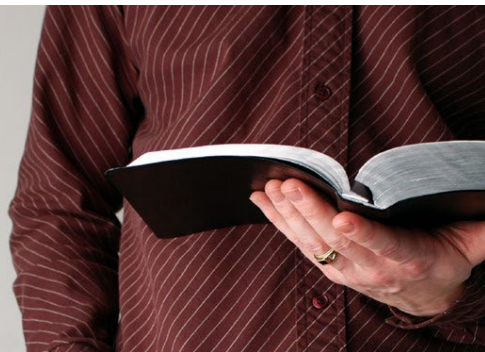


# How to Interpret the Bible and How to Study the Bible for Yourself



**Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

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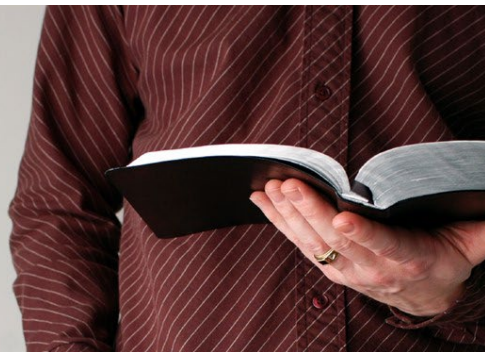
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