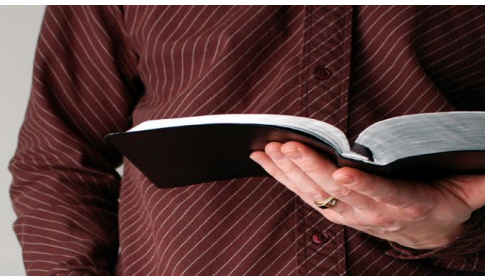


How to Interpret the Bible and How to Study the Bible for Yourself



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