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92. Trying to discover the **intent** of the author is called "**Exegesis**".

93. One of the dangers of interpreting the Bible, even for those who say they are using the **literal** method, is to practice "**Eisegesis**" instead of **Exegesis**.

94. "**Eisegesis**" is reading into the text our own **presuppositions** and **assumptions**.

95. Staying **true** to the text requires a great deal of **honesty**, openness, and a **teachable** spirit.

96. The Bible is the **only** infallible **rule** of faith and **practice** for the church, and for our individual lives, there are no **addendums**.

97. There is no "Book of Mormon" or any other literature or message that is an **addendum** or **addition** to the Bible.

98. A major source of **extra-biblical** information today is from individuals who have a “**Word** from the Lord”, a **vision** or dream and declare it to be “**authoritative**” to others.

99. “**Authoritative**” means that they teach or communicate their new **revelation** to others as **truth** on how to live and what to do.

Jeremiah 23:25–32 “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy falsely in My name, saying, ‘I had a dream, I had a dream!’ “How long? Is there *anything* in the hearts of the prophets who prophesy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the deception of their own heart, who intend to make My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers forgot My name because of Baal? “The prophet who has a dream may relate *his* dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth. What does straw have *in common* with grain?” declares the Lord. “Is not My word like fire?” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer which shatters a rock? “Therefore behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the Lord, “who steal My words from each other. “Behold, I am against the prophets,” declares the Lord, “who use their tongues and declare, ‘*The Lord* declares.’

“Behold, I am against those who have prophesied false dreams,” declares the Lord, “and related them and led My people astray by their falsehoods and reckless boasting; yet I did not send them or command them, nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit,” declares the Lord.