

### Sections

What seem to be the major sections of this book? List their starting and ending chapters and verses, and make some observation notes about what you think is going on in each section.

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#### Observations

### Recurring themes

List what seem to be the major themes of this book.

### Who?

Who are the major actors in the book? How are they interacting with each other?

### Genre

What kind of biblical literature does this seem to be?

## **Intent**

What do you think was the author's intent in writing the book?

## **Structure**

List things you notice like introductions, cause and effect relationships, events that lead to a climax of importance or intensity, comparing and contrasting things with each other, a plot twist, generalizing and particularizing, problems and solutions, recurring words and phrases used for emphasis.

## **Facts and history**

List anything you have learned about when the book was written, who the author was, what were the circumstances under which the book was written, etc.

## **Questions**

List any questions you have about what you are reading.

### Major concerns

What seem to be the major concerns the book/passage deals with? What big issues is the author taking on, and what does he have to say about them?

### Local and specific

What messages of this book/passage seem to be directed to the people for whom the book was originally written?

### Timeless and universal

What messages seem to have timeless, universal value?

## **The Bible's preferences**

Where do you see signs of our need for faith in God, of God's own faithfulness, God's love for people, and God wanting to be in relationship with people?

## **Questions**

List any questions you have about what you are reading.

### What does the book/passage say to me?

Read the book/passage one more time, thinking about how the messages in this book are important to your life. What do you feel God has for you in this book/passage? Note any key sections or verses.

### What action does God want me to take?

This could be anything from a change in the way you think about things to changes in your life and activities. Write what you believe you are hearing here.

### How will I begin?

List here steps you will take to be obedient to God's call on your life.