

# EXEGESIS



A bright, sunny outdoor plaza with large trees and people sitting on benches. The scene is filled with green foliage and dappled sunlight on the paved ground. The text is overlaid in a bold, pink, stencil-style font.

**THE SCIENCE AND  
ART OF  
INTERPRETATION**

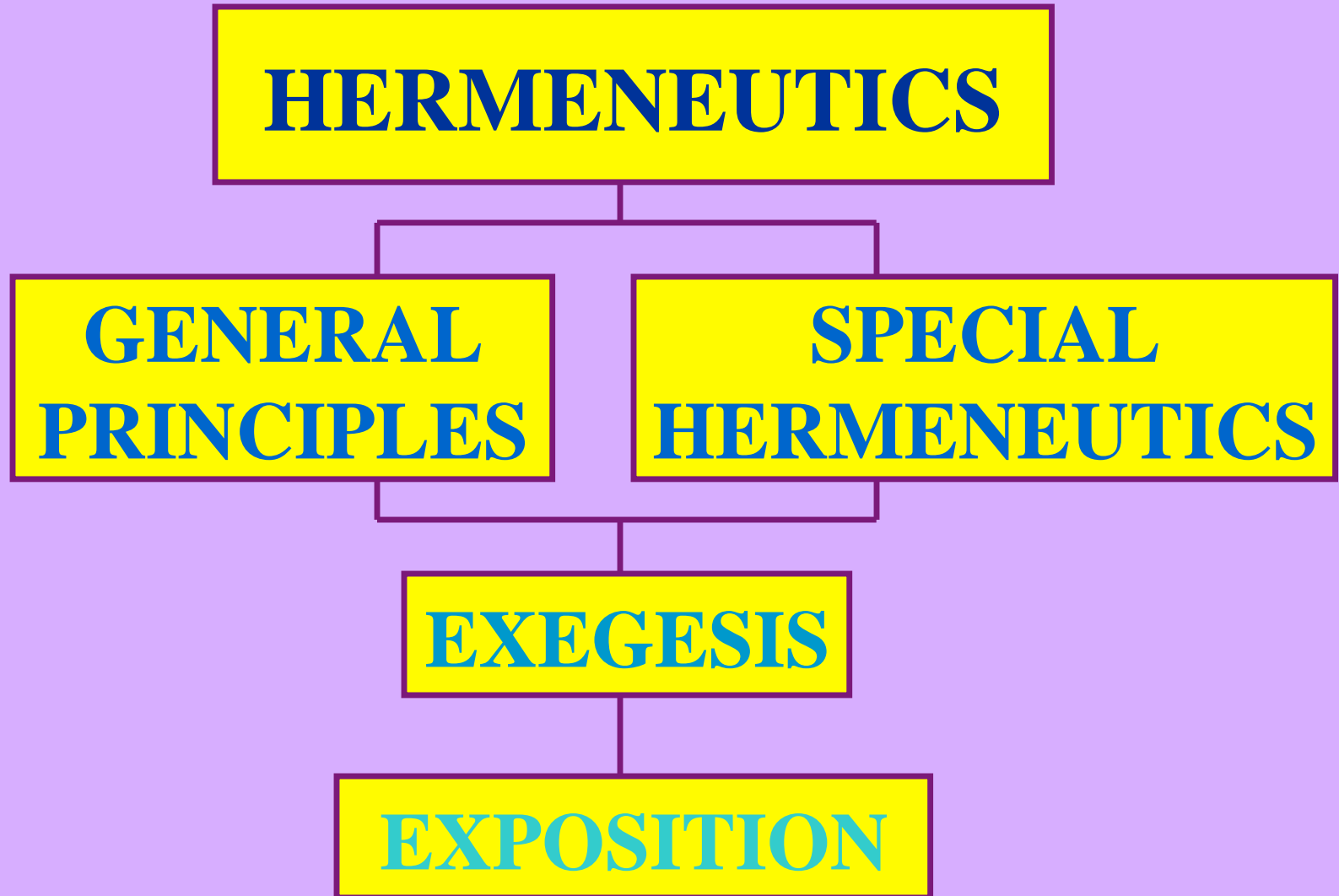
**GRAMMATICAL-  
HISTORICAL-  
CONTEXTUAL  
METHOD**

**or**

**“Literal Method”**

# **BIBLE HERMENEUTICS**

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# EXEGESIS



# SCIENTIFIC METHOD



## SCIENCE

## EXEGESIS

1. Observation

Nature

Text

2. Generalization

Hypothesis

Interpretation

3. Verification

Testing

Substantiation

4. Utilization

Engineering

Application

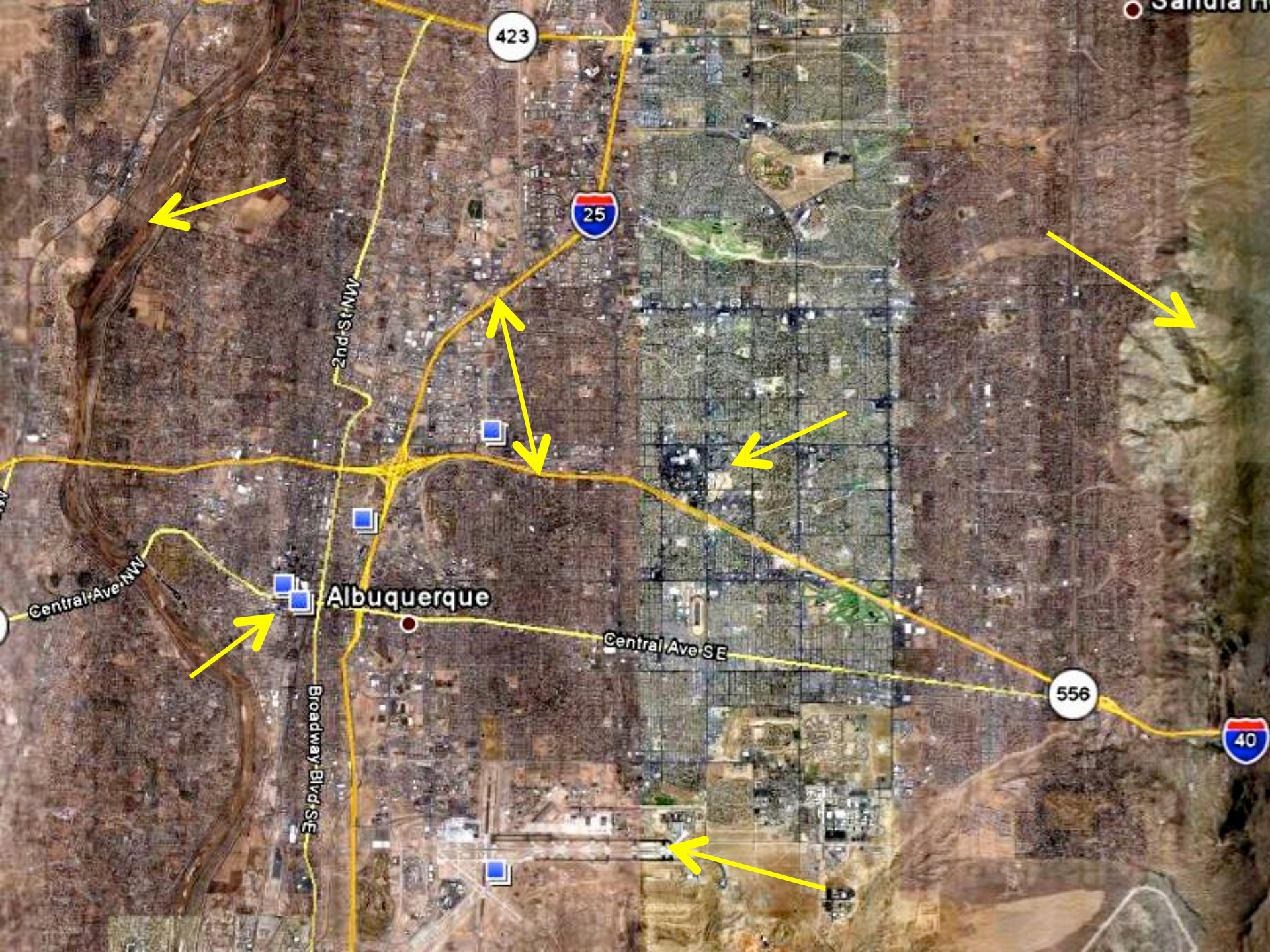
Construction

Exposition

# PRELIMINARY EXEGESIS

## **1. Book Study**





423



556



Albuquerque

Central Ave. NW

Central Ave. SE

Broadway Blvd. SE

2nd St. NW

Sandia



# BOOK STUDY

## 1. Overview - Context

Read

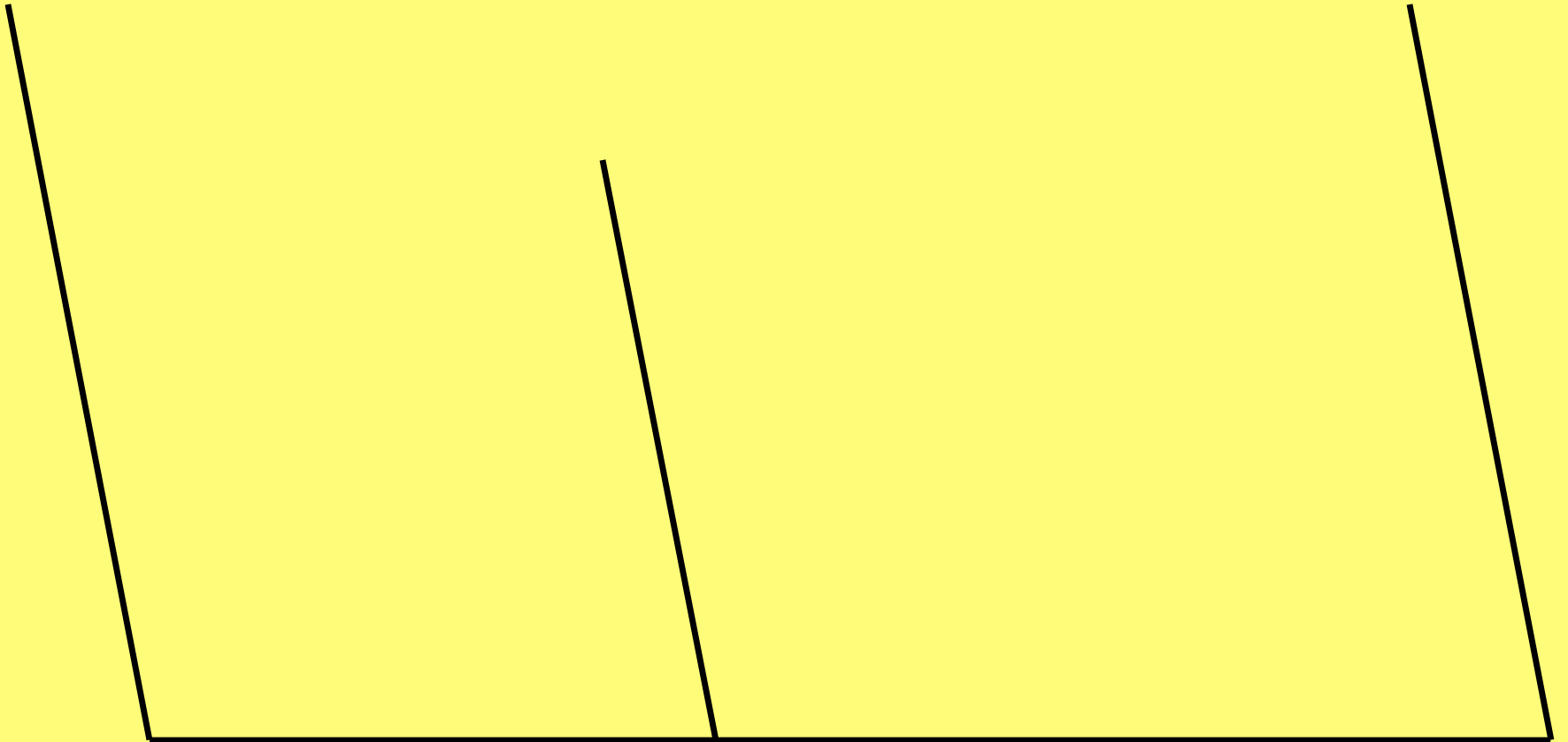
Outline



# DIVISIONS

- ❖ **Direct Statements**
- ❖ **Connectives**
- ❖ **Grammatical Indicators**
- ❖ **Literary Form**
- ❖ **Subject Changes**

# GENESIS



# GENESIS

Primeval  
History

Patriarchal  
History

1

11

12

50

# **GENESIS -**

# **Origins**

**Primeval  
History**

**Patriarchal  
History**

**Creation**

**Abraham**

**Fall**

**Isaac**

**Flood**

**Jacob**

**Scattering**

**Joseph**

**1**

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**50**

# BOOK STUDY

## 1. Overview - Context

**Read**

**Outline**

**Main Idea**



# MAIN IDEA

- **Binds all other subjects**
- **Accounts for all parts**
- **Look for clues in book**

# BOOK STUDY

## 1. Overview - Context

**Read**

**Outline**

**Main Idea**

**Purpose**





# **BOOK STUDY**

- 1. Main Idea - Origin of all things universe, time, earth, plants, creatures, mankind, sin, judgment, nations, Israel, ...**
- 2. Purpose - to give Israel their origin, purpose, & plan**

# **BOOK STUDY**

## **1. Overview - Context**

**Read**

**Outline**

**Main Idea**

**Purpose**

**Observations**

**Confirm**



## **2. Historical Background**

M M E R M A N L I B R A R Y

# BACKGROUND

- Author
- Audience
- Occasion
  
- Geography
- Individuals



# **SOURCES**

- 1. References in Book**
- 2. References in Scripture**
- 3. Other resources -**
  - Surveys of NT or OT**
  - Commentaries**
  - Bible dictionaries**
  - Historical works**

# PRELIMINARY EXEGESIS

**1. Book Study**

**2. Text**



# **BIBLICAL TEXT**

- ❖ **Possible Variants**
- ❖ **List Variants**
- ❖ **Initial Assessment**
- ❖ **Identify Problems**

# PRELIMINARY EXEGESIS

- 1. Book Study**
- 2. Text**
- 3. Initial  
Observations**



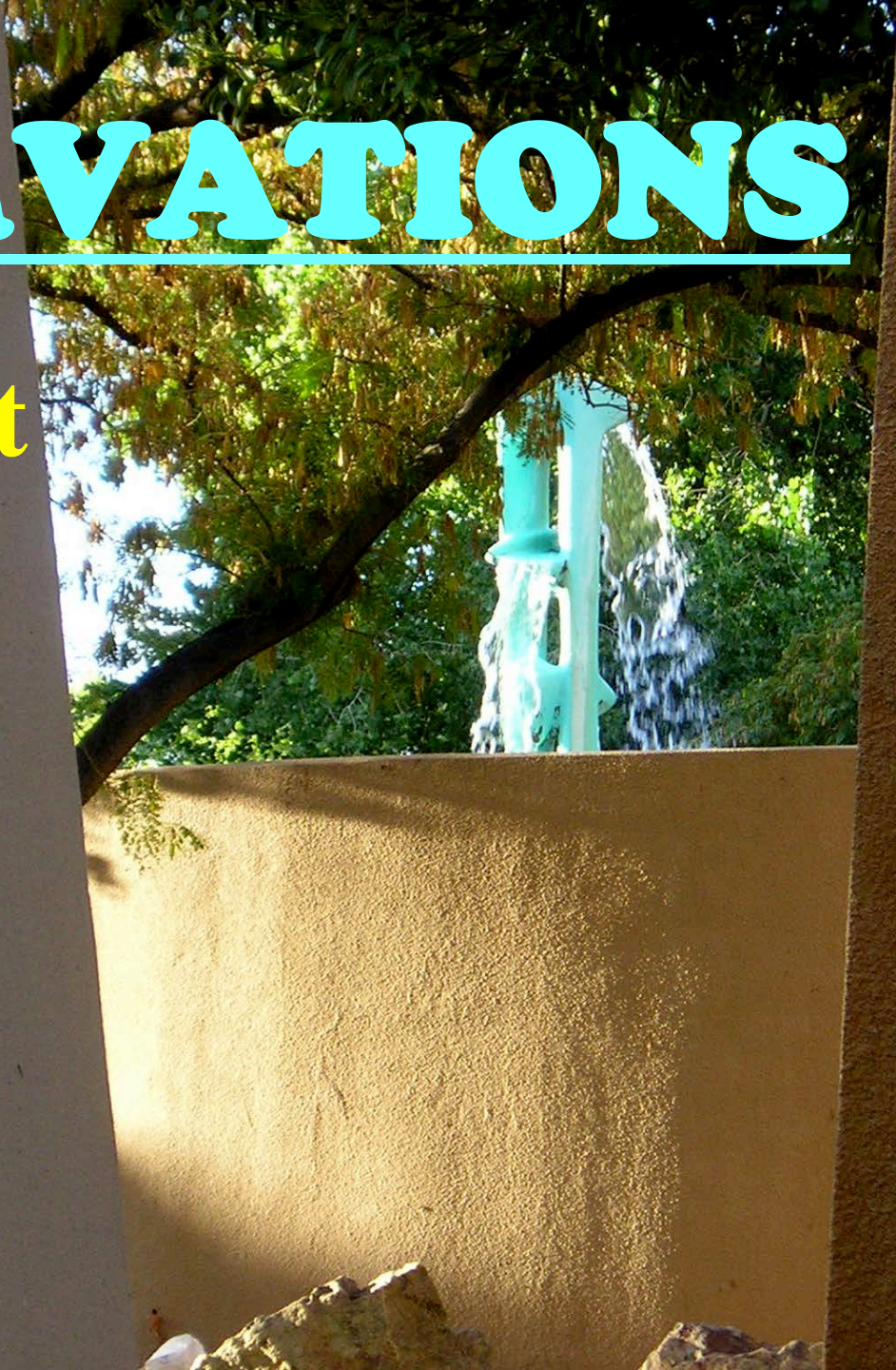
# **CONSIDERATIONS**

- 1. Translation**
- 2. Context**
- 3. Genre**
- 4. Observations**

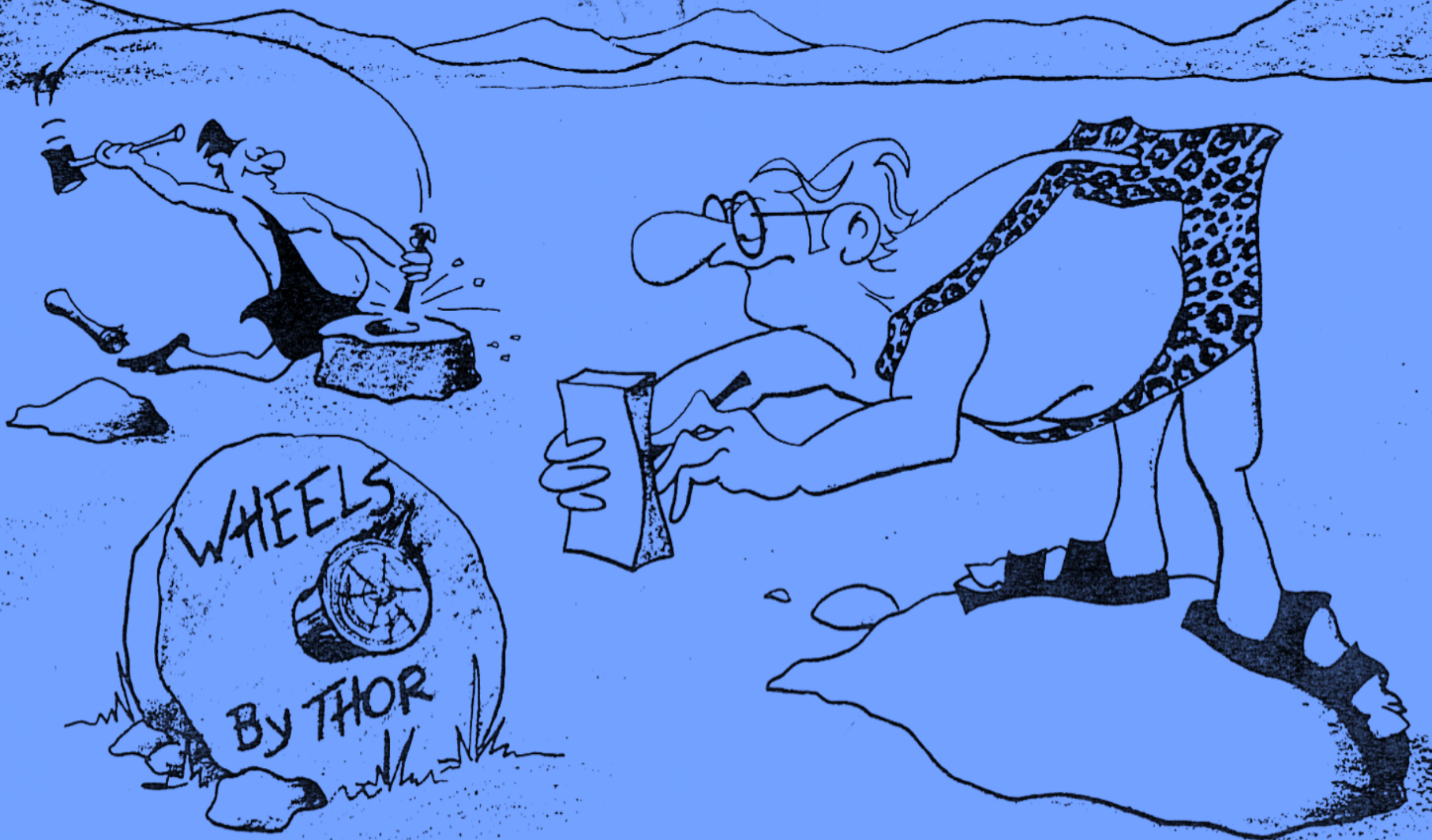


# OBSERVATIONS

1. Basic Subject
2. Sentences
3. Main Idea
4. Purpose
5. Atmosphere
6. Issues



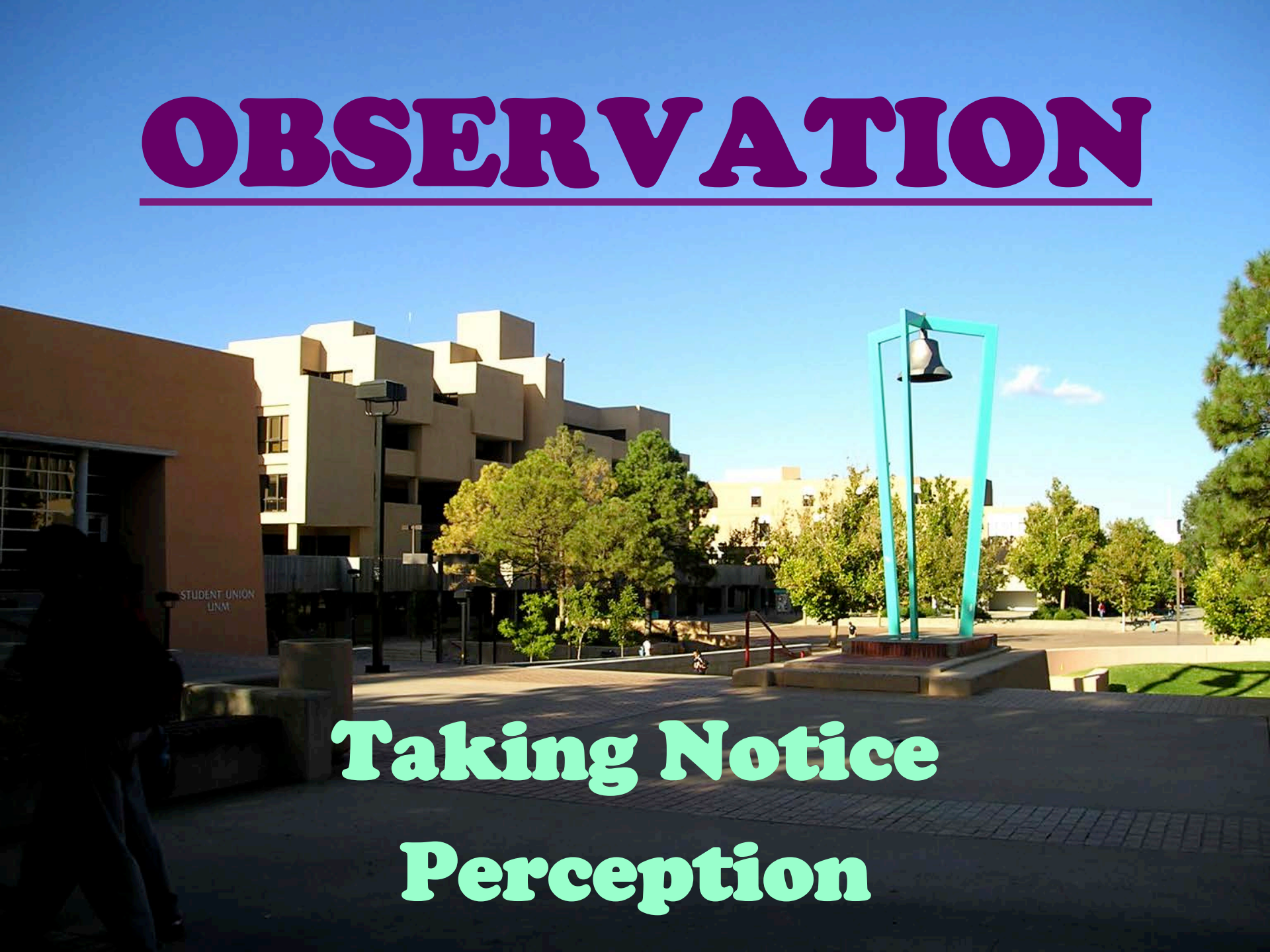
# Observation



***What Do I See?***

# **OBSERVATION**

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STUDENT UNION  
UNM

**Taking Notice**  
**Perception**

**“But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.”**

**Mt 13:16**

# GOAL

➤ To become saturated with particulars of passage

➤ Data for Interpretation



# ILLUSTRATIONS

1. **Scientist - cannot form hypothesis**
2. **Detective - cannot build case**
3. **Engineer - cannot create design**
4. **Doctor - cannot diagnose ailment**

# **ROBIN HOOD Doctrine**

**“He who steals must steal  
no longer; but rather he must  
labor, performing with his  
own hands what is good,  
so that he will have *something* to  
share with one who has need.”**

**Eph 4:28**

# Earth Never Destroyed

**... the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.**

**Gen 8:21**



**FINISHED FILES ARE  
THE RESULT OF YEARS  
OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY  
COMBINED WITH THE  
EXPERIENCE OF MANY  
YEARS OF EXPERTS**

**“Woman, without her  
man, is nothing.”**

**“Woman, without her,  
man is nothing.”**

**Charles I walked and talked  
half an hour after his head  
was cut off.**

**Charles I walked and talked.  
Half an hour after, his head  
was cut off.**



**David**

**Debbie**

**Bunt Family**

# OBSERVATION



## 1. Terms

# TERM TYPES

- ✧ Routine - obvious
- ✧ Non-routine - consideration
- ✧ Literal - primary meaning
- ✧ Non-literal - 2ndary meaning

# GRAMMATICAL CATEGORIES

Nouns

Pronouns

Verbs Participles Infinitives

Adjectives

Adverbs



Pack the **trunk** in the attic and put it into the **trunk** of our car so we can drive to Africa and park next to a tree with a large **trunk** in order to watch the animal with a large **trunk**.



# MEANING

✓ He was **cutting** the grass

✓ The **cutting** of the grass took  
time

✓ He made a **cutting** comment

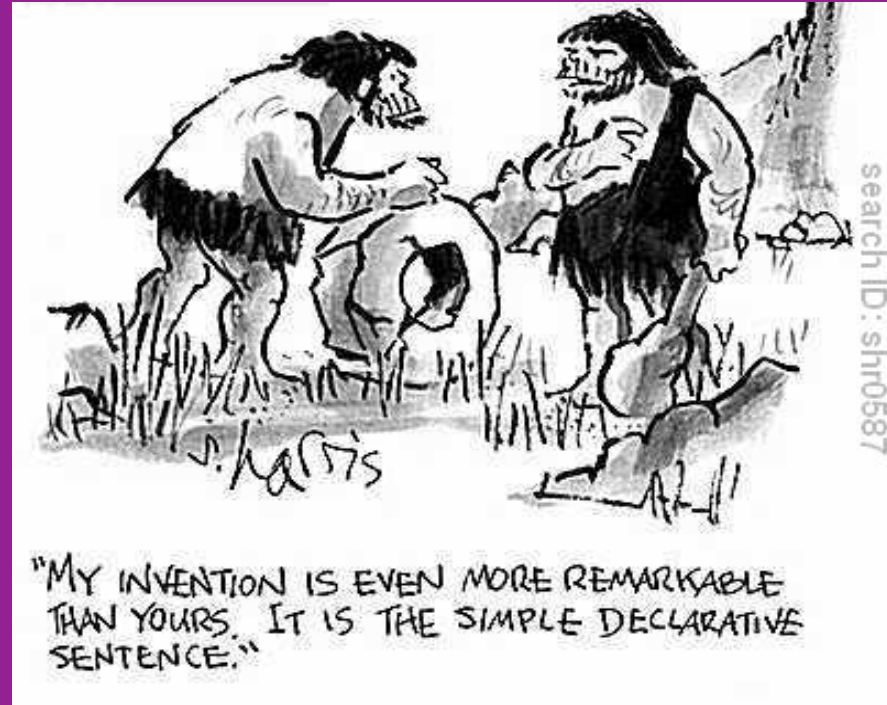
# MEANING

- ✓ He ate supper **with** his wife
- ✓ He ate supper **with** a fork
- ✓ He ate supper **with** delight

# INFLECTION

**Nouns -**      **number**  
                    **gender**  
                    **case**

**Verbs -**      **tense**                      **person**  
                    **voice**                      **number**  
                    **mood**



**When the runner with the running nose noticed that his stop watch stopped running, he stopped running the marathon and sat down on the river bank next to the car with the engine running to cool his feet in the running water and to let his mind run wild ...**

**When the runner (noun) with the running (ptcp) nose noticed that his stop watch stopped running (verb), he stopped running (verb) the marathon and sat down on the river bank next to the car with the engine running (ptcp) to cool his feet in the running (ptcp) water and to let his mind run (infin) wild.**

**Mt 5:13-14 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ...**

# OBSERVATION



1. Terms
2. Structure