

# BOOK SURVEY

- I. Read the book 1-3 times.
  - A. One sitting.
  - B. Not slowly.
  - C. Aloud if possible.
  - D. Use more than one version.
  
- II. Summarize the content and historical background of the book.  
For the historical background (author, date, location), use a Bible dictionary or encyclopedia.
  - E. **Who.**
    - 1. Author.
  - F. **What.**
    - 2. What are my general impressions?
    - 3. What atmosphere is dominant?
    - 4. What key words and phrases stand out?
    - 5. Assign chapter titles.
      - a. Preferably one word, not more than three.
      - b. Picturesque words.
      - c. Words from the text.
      - d. Words which tell you where you are in the book.
    - 6. Trace repeated words or themes.
  - G. **When** - date of authorship.
  - H. **Where.**
    - 7. Location of author.
  - I. **Why.**
    - 1. Purpose. What was the author trying to accomplish by writing the book? (Ex. John 20:31-32, "But these are written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.")
    - 2. Occasion. What situation to which the author was responding?
  - F. How - what literary method is used to communicate the message? (Ex. historical narrative, a letter, poems, proverbs, prophecy.)
  
- III. Write a subject/compliment statement for the book.
  - J. Subject: In 5-15 words answer the question, "What is the author talking about?"
  - K. Compliment: In 5-15 words answer the question, "What is the author saying about what he is talking about?"
  - L. Subject/Compliment statement: Join the subject and compliment together to form a sentence.

# Ezra

<b>Author</b> – who wrote it	<b>Purpose</b> – why it was written
<b>Time</b> – when it was written	<b>Geography 1</b> – where it was written
<b>Occasion</b> – what prompted the writing	<b>Literary Method</b> – what form of writing