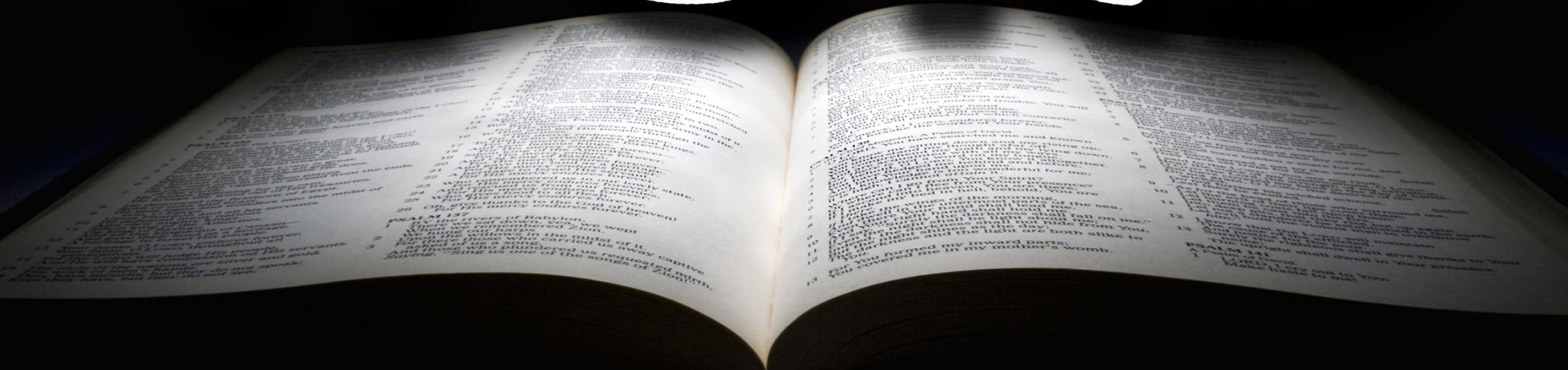


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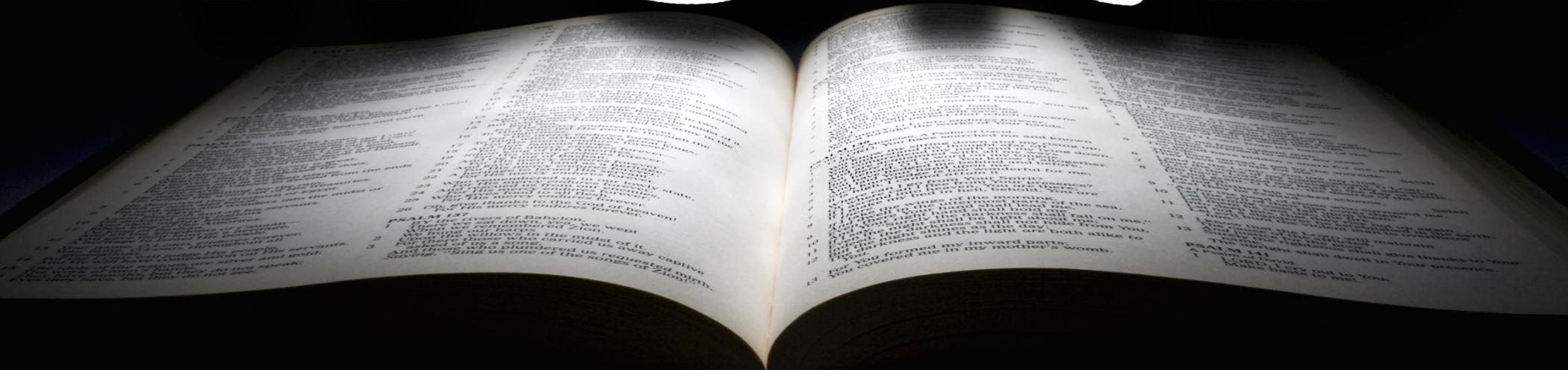
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EXAMINING THE PURPOSE & POWER OF GOD'S WORD

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“There’s maybe some good thoughts in the Bible, but over all much isn’t relevant for today’s culture.”



I. Consider the possibility that the Bible doesn't teach what you think it teaches.



Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other...



Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.



He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> “What things?” he asked.



“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;<sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.



“And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.<sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning<sup>23</sup> but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”

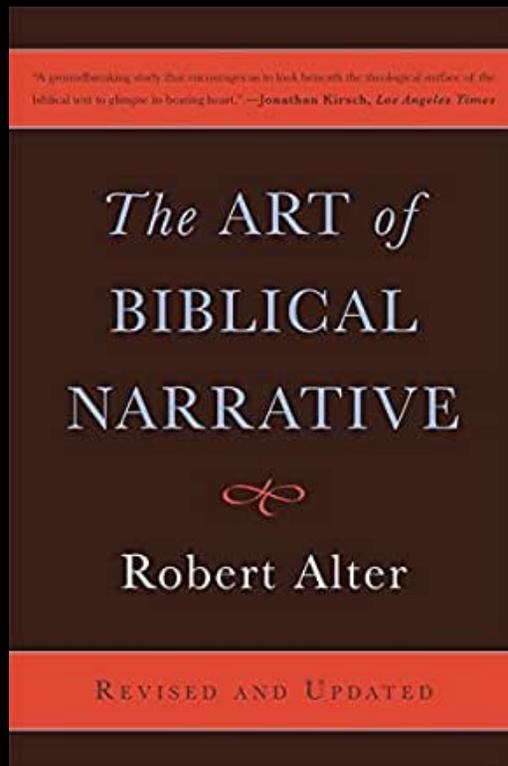
Luke 24:17-24



“How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” Luke 24:25,26

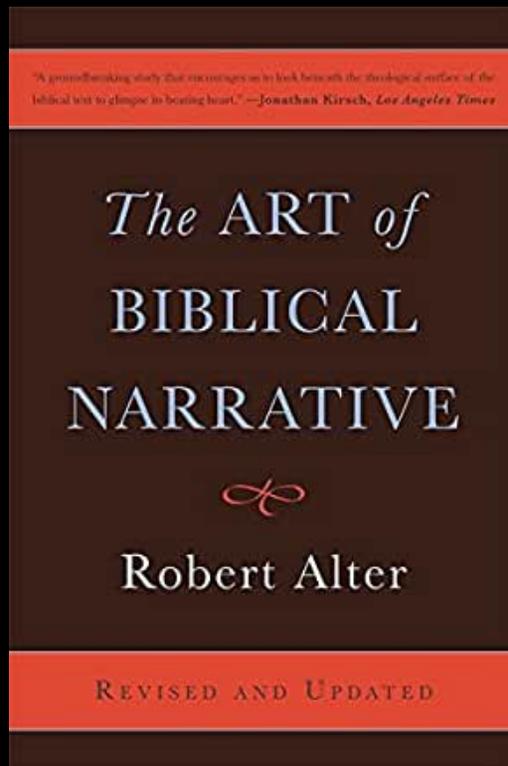






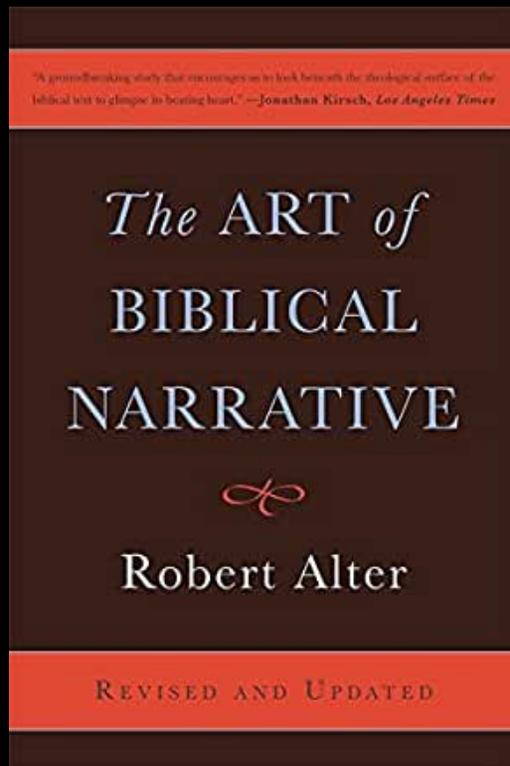
# Robert Alter

*"In every generation, polygamy wreaks havoc. Having multiple wives is an absolute disaster in every way. Socially, culturally, spiritually, emotionally."*



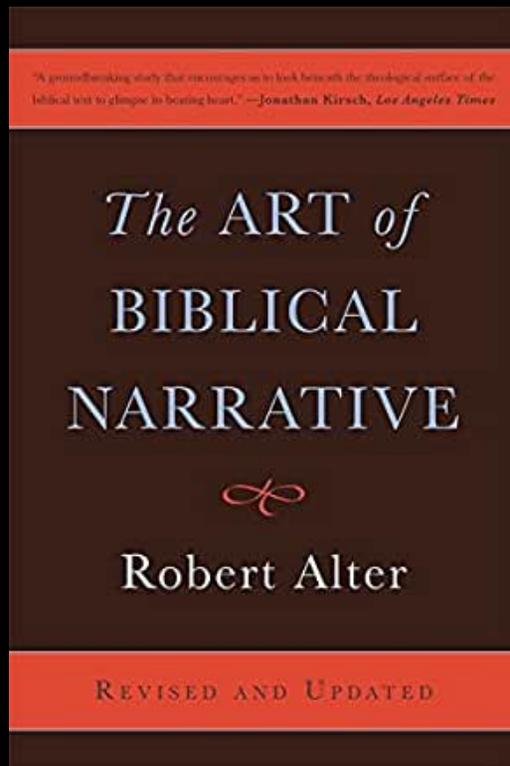
# Robert Alter

*"And when it comes to primogeniture, in every single generation, God always favors the younger son over the older."*



# Robert Alter

*"If you actually realize what Genesis is doing, it is subverting, it's overturning and not supporting those ancient patriarchal institutions at every turn."*



# Robert Alter

*"If you don't really read it, if you don't understand that, you haven't learned how to read."*

2. Consider the possibility that you are misunderstanding what the Bible teaches because of your own cultural blinders.



“21 ...we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

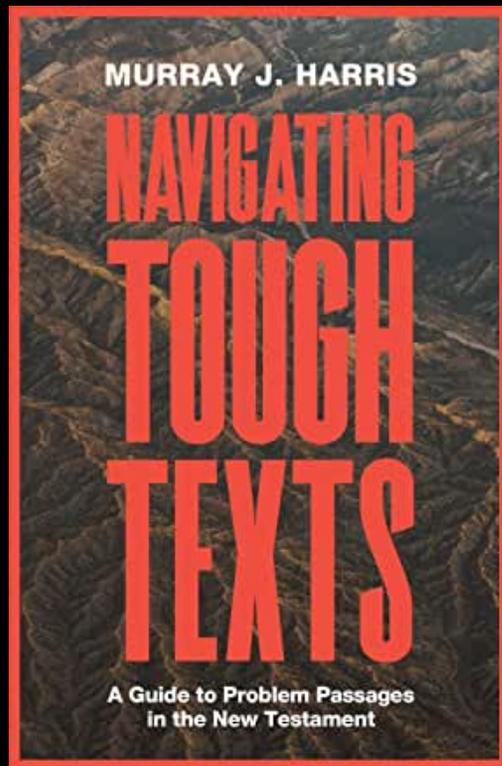




Slaves, obey your earthly masters  
with respect and fear, and with  
sincerity of heart, just as you  
would obey Christ.

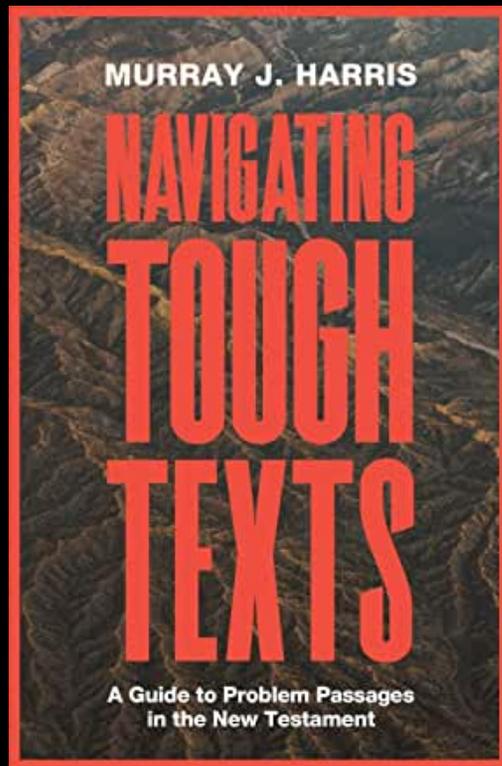
Ephesians 6:5





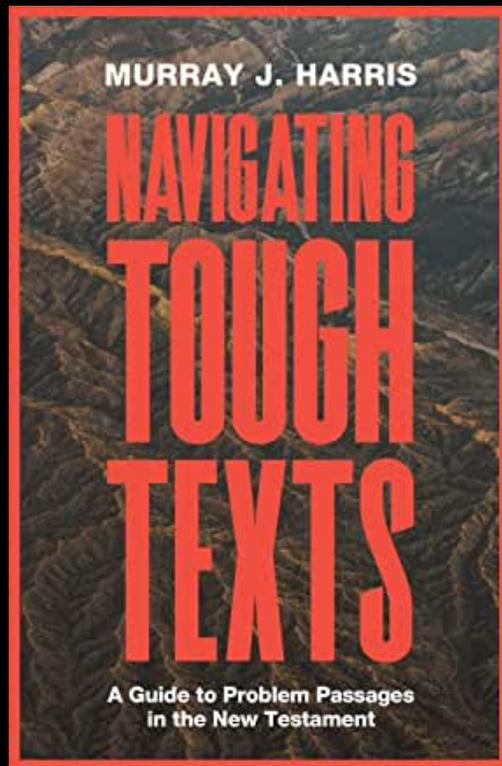
## Murray J Harris

*“Slaves were not distinguishable from anyone else by race, speech, or clothing. They looked and lived like everyone else and were never segregated off from the rest of society in any way.”*



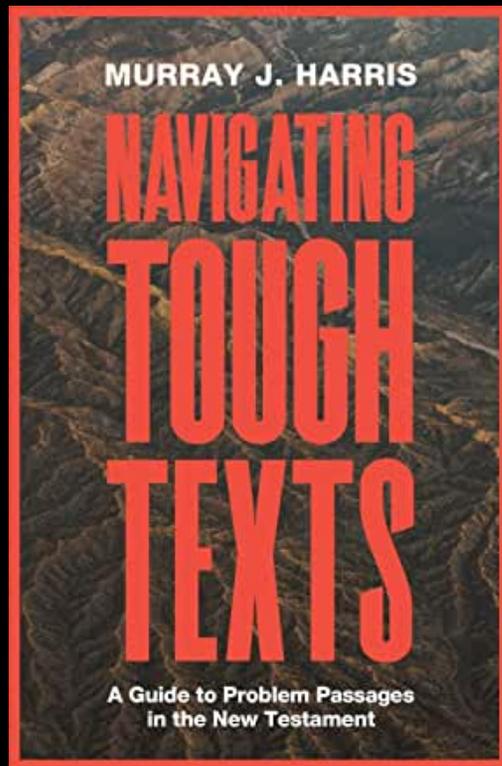
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*“Second, slaves were more educated than their owners in many cases and many times held high managerial positions.”*



## Murray J Harris

*“Third, from a financial standpoint, slaves made the same wages as free laborers and, therefore, were not themselves usually poor and often accrued enough personal capital to buy themselves out.”*



## Murray J Harris

*“Fourth, very few people were slaves for life in the first century. Most expected to be manumitted after about 10 years or by their late thirties at the latest.”*

“Are you a slave? Don’t let that worry you—but of course, if you get a chance to be free, take it.”

I Corinthians 7:21



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3. Consider the possibility that what offends you, other cultures don't have a problem.





“Didn’t our hearts burn within us while he was speaking with us on the road, while he was explaining the scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32



“The chief priest and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.”

Luke 24:20.21



“Didn’t the Christ have to  
suffer these things and then  
enter his glory?” Luke 24:26



# Why did everyone misunderstand?

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

Luke 24:27





