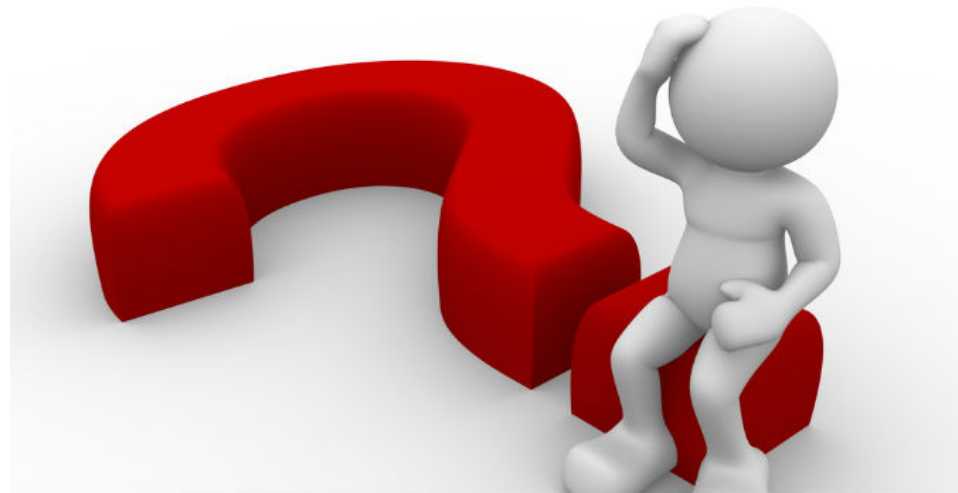


# **Hard Questions 2:**

## **25 June 2023**

**How can we find the right interpretation?**





# Lessons from 2 Peter 1

- Peter's authentic witness and authority
- Role of Old Testament ('prophets')
- Need for paying attention to scripture
- Risk of false teaching

# Crossing the Chasm

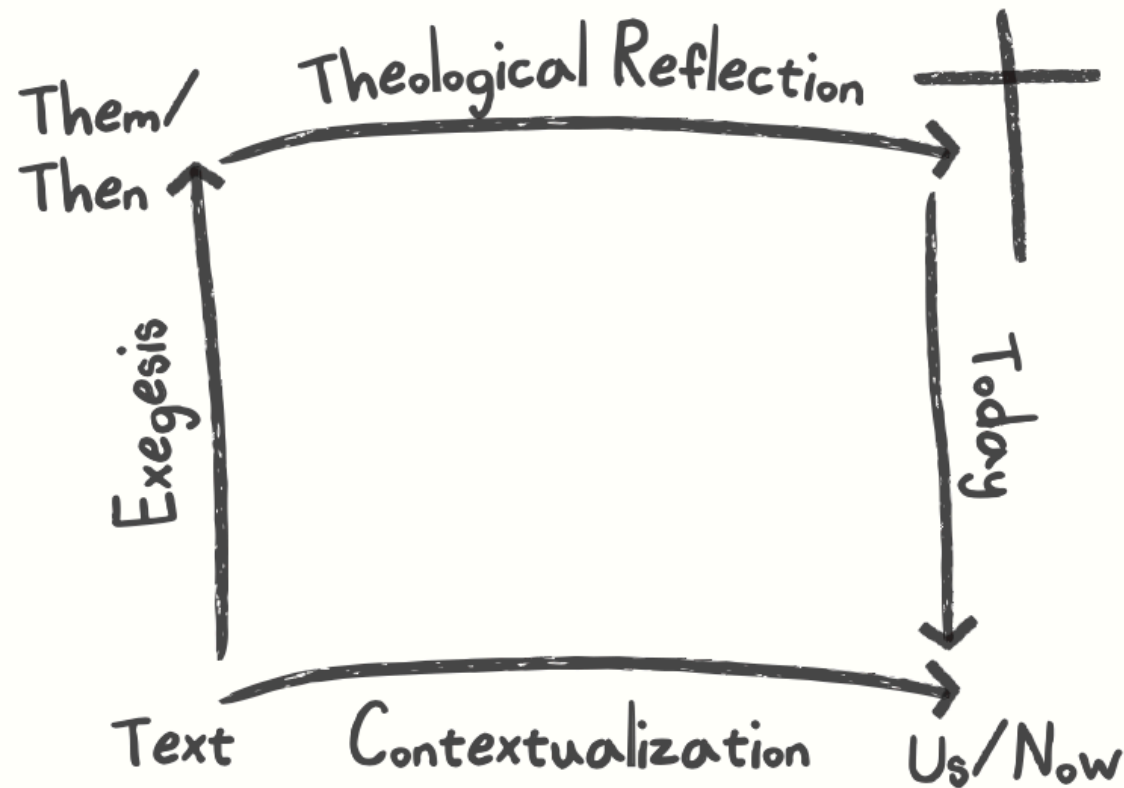


# From Then to Now Crossing the Chasm

- **Exegesis** - what God said to them then
- **Synthesis** - Theology - thinking it through together
- **Application**-what God is saying to us now

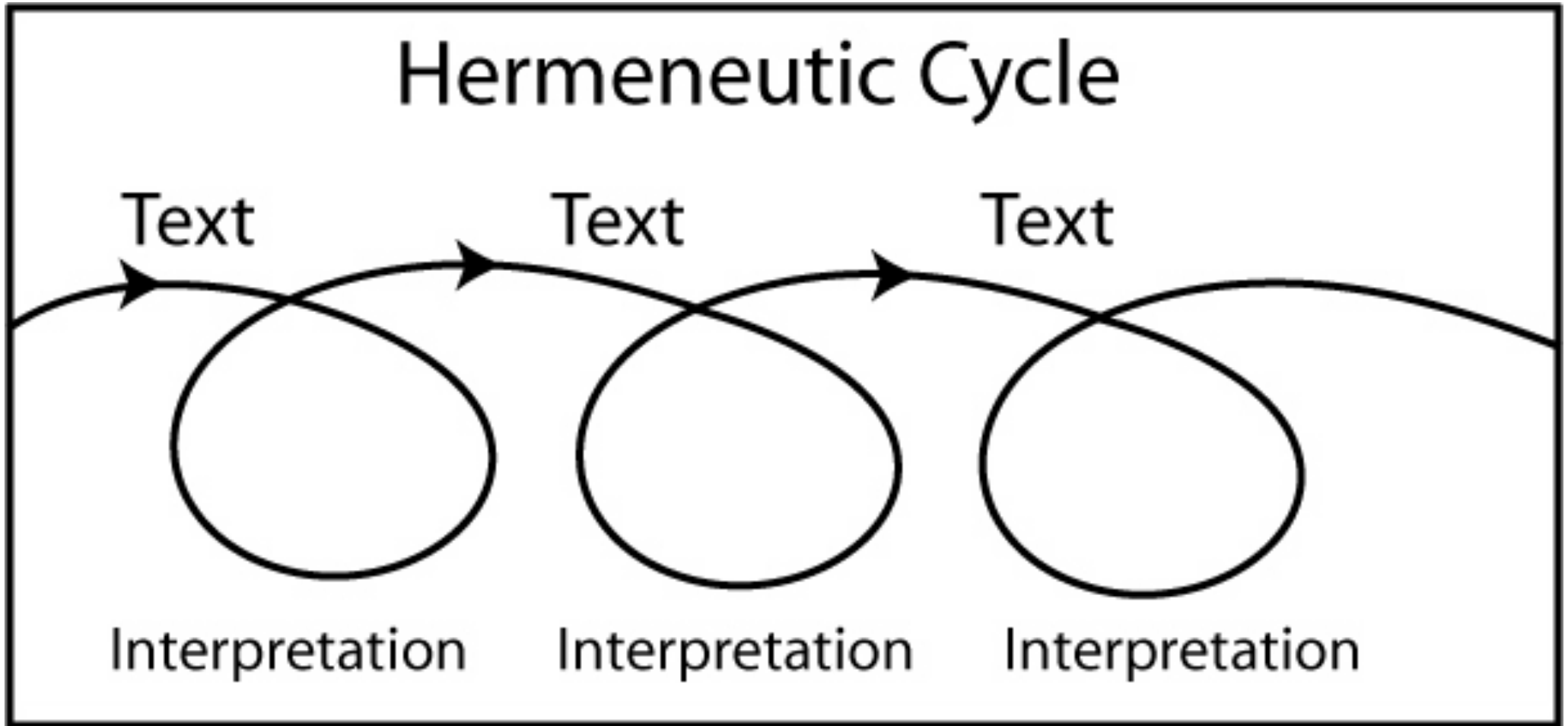


# The Bridge



David Helm: Expositional Preaching

# An ongoing task



## Article 6: Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation

**HOLY Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation:** so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation.

In the name of the holy Scripture we do understand those Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.



# Article 8 of the Creeds

THE Three Creeds, *Nicene Creed*, *Athanasius's Creed*, and that which is commonly called the *Apostles' Creed*, ought thoroughly to be received and believed: **for they may be proved by most certain warrants of holy Scripture.**

# Article 20: Authority of the Church

THE Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Controversies of Faith: And yet it is not lawful for the Church

- 1) **to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written,**
- 2) **neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another.** Wherefore, although
- 3) the Church be a witness and a keeper of holy Writ, yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessity of Salvation

# The Limits of Scripture

“What Scripture doth plainly deliver, to that the first place both of credit and obedience are due; the next whereunto, is what any man can necessarily conclude by force of Reason; after this, the voice of the church succeedeth.”  
(Thomas Hooker)





**Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing,  
but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

**Ye shall know them by their fruits.**

**Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?**

**Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit;**

**‘Ecclesia reformata semper reformanda est  
secundum verbum dei**

a reformed Church always in need of reform  
according to God’s word

“Moreover, in the Catholic Church itself, all possible  
care must be taken, that we hold that faith which  
has been believed everywhere, always, by all.”  
(Vincent of Lerin c.434 AD)

