

## **Things to Consider for Context:**

- Who is speaking/writing?
  - Moses? The Israelites? Jesus? Paul?
- Who was the original audience?
  - The Israelites? The Jews? The Early Church being persecuted for their faith?
- Where is this taking place?
- Where does this fall in the larger framework of the Bible timeline?
- What would this have meant for the original audience?
  - Provided comfort? Given words of warning? Taught them a lesson?
- Remember, everything in the Bible was written about and/or to real people, at a real point in time.
- Try reading the larger context- the verses or chapter preceding; many study Bibles even offer contextual info at the beginning of a book.