

EXEGESIS

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Correlation & Application

- I. The Introduction
- II. The Preliminary Exegesis
- III. The Principles of Observation
- IV. The Principles of Interpretation

V. The Principles of Correlation

- A. The Definition - to set passage in harmonious relation to rest of Scripture
- B. The Need
- C. The Goal

VI. The Principles of Application

A. The Introduction

- 1. The Essence
- 2. The Importance

B. The Biblical Basis

- 1. Faulty Application - Mt 4:5-7
- 2. OT - Deut 30:15-16
- 3. Responsibility - Jas 1:19-27

- 4. Other

C. The Principles

- 1. The Application Built on Interpretation
- 2. The Universal/Timeless Truths
- 3. The Contemporary Situation

D. The Areas

EXEGETICAL PROCEDURE - Only A Suggestion

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I. The Preliminary Exegetical Observations

- A. Do a **Book Study** for the paragraph under study.
 - 1. Do an overview of the entire book.
 - 2. Do an historical/background study of the book.
- B. Compare translations of the paragraph.
- C. Study the **immediate context** of the paragraph.
- D. Take note of any **initial observations** you have on the paragraph.
 - 1. Formulate an initial main idea statement for the paragraph.
 - 2. Make any major initial observations on the paragraph.

II. The Observation and Interpretation of Paragraph

- A. Make exegetical **observations** on the paragraph.
 - 1. Observe the **terms** of the paragraph, taking note of any need for lexical analysis.
 - 2. Observe the **grammatical structure** of the paragraph, taking note of any need for analysis.
 - 3. Observe the **purpose** of the paragraph.
 - 4. Observe the **literary genre** of the paragraph, taking note of its special characteristics.
 - 5. Make any **other observations** on paragraph, taking note of any other issues needing analysis.
- B. Make exegetical **decisions/interpretations** on the paragraph.
 - 1. Do a detailed **grammatical analysis** of the paragraph as early as possible.
 - a. Diagram or make a mechanical layout of each sentence in the paragraph.
 - b. Make final grammatical decisions for each sentence.
 - 3. Do any **lexical analysis** needed by doing word studies.
 - 4. Analyze the **literary structure** of the paragraph with its context.
 - 5. Determine how the **literary genre** contributes to the meaning of the paragraph.
 - 6. Do any **historical/cultural studies** needed for the paragraph.
 - 7. Make final decisions on any **other issues** in the paragraph needing analysis.
- C. **Synthesize** your work on the paragraph.
 - 1. Validate your exegesis by consulting **commentaries** or the exegesis of others.
 - 3. Formulate a detailed **exegetical outline** of the paragraph.
 - 4. Formulate a final **main idea** statement for the paragraph.
 - 5. Write an exegetical **paper** or formulate a set of **notes** recording the results of your exegesis.
- D. **Correlate** the paragraph with the rest of Scripture.

III. Application of Paragraph

- A. Find life-changing personal **applications** from the paragraph.
- B. Find life-changing **applications** for others from the paragraph.
- C. Sleep well after **meditating** on the paragraph from God's Word.

RESOURCE LIBRARY

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I. The Mental Resource

II. The Filing System

A. Bible Books

B. Topics

C. Courses

III. The Library

A. Considerations

B. Books

1. Reference Works

Barber, Cyril J. *The Minister's Library*, Baker Book House

a. Bible Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

Unger, Merrill F. *Unger's Bible Dictionary*, Moody Press

Tenney, Merrill C., ed. *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, Zondervan Publishing House

b. Concordances

Young, R. *Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible*, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Strong, James *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*,

The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament, Zondervan Publishing House

Wigram, G. V. *The Englishman's Hebrew & Chaldee Concordance of the Old Testament*, Zondervan Publishing House

c. Atlas

Beitzel, Barry J. *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, Moody Press

Frank, Harry T., ed. *Hammond's Atlas of the Bible Lands*, Hammond Inc.

Aharoni, Y. & Avi-yonah, M. *The Macmillan Bible Atlas*, The Macmillan Co.

2. Languages -

lexicons

a. Greek -

Baur, W. A. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament & Other Early Christian*

Literature, translated by W. F. Arndt & F. W. Gingrich, University of Chicago

b. Hebrew -

Brown, F.; Driver, S. R.; & Briggs, C. A. *A Hebrew & English Lexicon of the Old Testament*,
Oxford University

3. Introductions & Surveys

Archer, Gleason A. *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*, Moody Press

Jensen, Irving L. *Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament*, Moody Press

Guthrie, Donald *New Testament Introduction*, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Jensen, Irving L. *Jensen's Survey of the New Testament*, Moody Press

4. Commentaries

Walvoord, John F. & Zuck, Roy B. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament*, Victor Books

Walvoord, John F. & Zuck, Roy B. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary - New Testament*, Victor Books

Pfeiffer, C. F. & Harrison, E. F. *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, Moody Press

C. Electronic Bible Study Tools

1. Logos Bible Software

2. BibleWorks Bible Software

3. Accordance Bible Software