

# 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. Make preliminary observations on the text of the paragraph, looking for **textual variants**.
- C. Compare translations or do a preliminary **translation** of the paragraph.
- D. Study the **immediate context** of the paragraph.
- E. 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 any **textual analysis** needed to determine the original text of the paragraph.
  - 2. Do a detailed **grammatical analysis** of the paragraph.
    - 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. Finalize a refined **translation** of the paragraph.
  - 2. 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. The Application of Paragraph

- A. Find life-changing personal **applications** from the paragraph.
- B. Find life-changing **applications** for others from the paragraph.

# EXEGETICAL TIMELINE

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