

Supplementary Studies Instructions

In this assignment you are required utilize the approved Bible study software as well as other quality Bible study resources from your personal library or the University's library. Please be sure to include ***all*** of the following ***in the following order*** in this assignment:

- 1. Previous Passage:** You must include a brief and accurate observation describing the relationship of the passage you are studying to the passage that precedes it in the Bible. The goal here is to study our assigned passage in its broader context. Examining the passage before it gives insight into our passage. This should be one short paragraph most likely no more than 3-5 sentences.
- 2. Personal Observations:** You must provide several of your own personal observations about various aspects of the passage. These will be taken from observations you jotted down as you were working with the passage, diagramming it and doing Situation and Purpose analysis. These observations should be stated in terms of meaning to the original audience or participants "then and there" and not in terms of application "here and now" (i.e. they should be written in the 3rd person – "Paul emphasizes...", "the church in Corinth struggled with..." etc.) ***They must reflect thoughtful engagement and reflection upon the passage.*** They must be provided as a bulleted or numbered list, not in paragraph form. They must be written as complete sentences, not simply clauses or phrases. Each observation must be coded to the verse in the passage to which they refer (i.e., write the verse your observation comes from first and then write the observation). They must ***not*** be taken from Bible study resources you have consulted. These should be the result of your own engagement with the biblical text in the passage you are studying. ***A minimum of seven (7) such observations is expected.***
- 3. Observations from Other Study Sources:** This is where you must demonstrate the appropriate use of quality commentaries and other Bible study tools. These resources ***must include, but not be limited to, those found in the approved Bible software.*** Each observation should be in a bulleted or numbered list and must be coded to the verse in the passage to which they refer (i.e., write the verse your observation comes from first and then write the observation). ***At least 7 such quality sources must be consulted.*** The observations that are used should address the issue of meaning (i.e. be interpretive in their focus) and not be applicational. The student may use a quotation of up to 5 sentences from such resources – anything over 5 sentences must be paraphrased in the students own words in 5 sentences or less. ***All citations must be properly/correctly annotated (Turabian form) and included in a Works Cited page at the end of the assignment.***
- 4. Cross Reference Observations:** These observations are to be made regarding significant cross references and/or parallel passages related to the passage under

study. The format used should indicate the verse (or portion of the verse) in the passage the cross-reference relates to, then the cross reference location, and then a brief comment about the contribution that the cross-reference makes to the meaning of the verse (or portion of a verse) in the passage under study (in that order). **Five (5) cross-reference observations are considered a minimum.** For this section of Supplementary Studies the student will utilize the cross referencing system in a good study Bible or *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* within the approved Bible software. Significant cross references and/or parallel passages should be the focus and emphasis here. (Hint: Many quality commentaries indicate and address significant passages that function as cross references to a particular passage.)

5. **Passage Following:** You must include a brief and accurate observation describing the relationship of the passage you are studying to the passage that follows it in the Bible. The goal here is to study our assigned passage in its broader context. Examining the passage before it gives insight into our passage. This should be one short paragraph most likely no more than 3-5 sentences.
6. **Works Cited:** A bibliography of resources used/quoted in proper form (Turabian) must accompany this assignment.