OUTLINE FOR EXEGESIS PAPER

Biblical Text

Provide the complete text of your selected passage for exegesis. Use a more literal translation, such as the *New American Standard Bible (1995 Update)* or the *New Revised Standard Version*. If you are able, translate the passage from the original Hebrew or Greek. Be sure to properly format the text.

Introduction

Write approximately a single paragraph to hook your reader into your reading the rest of your paper. The most important part of your introduction is your thesis statement. Your thesis statement is your central claim about what your passage means. Roughly 5% of your paper.

Contextual Analysis

This section comprises 2 main sub-sections. First, you will need to discuss the broad literary context of the biblical book in which you are working. Pay special attention the immediately surrounding literary context of your passage. Second, discuss the historical context relevant to your passage. Roughly 20% of your paper.

Detailed Analysis

Give a verse-by-verse detailed analysis of your passage. Elements to include are information gleaned from word studies, as well as an analysis of your passage’s form. Also essential is to begin developing the theology of your passage. In this section you should be “proving” your thesis statement. Roughly 50% of your paper.

Theology

Now that you have demonstrated what your passage means, use this section to develop the theology of your passage in light of the rest of the Bible. Be sure to include a comparison to both the Old and New Testaments. Roughly 20% of your paper.

Application

You must now conclude your paper and offer an application. Your conclusion should be brief, summarizing what you discovered, and your application should be rooted in a concrete situation. Restate your thesis and suggest any questions that arose during your research that you think should be explored further. Roughly 5% of your paper.

Bibliography

Be sure to include a full bibliography of all sources that you used, arranged alphabetically by author.