

# ASSIGNMENTS

## Assignment 5-1

In this passage from Nehemiah 1:1-11, make as many observations as you can.

Pairings - groups of 2

Nehemiah 1:1-11 ESV The words of Nehemiah the son of

Hachaliah. Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the

twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, (2) that

Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from

Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who

escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning

Jerusalem. (3) And they said to me, "The remnant there in

the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble

and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its

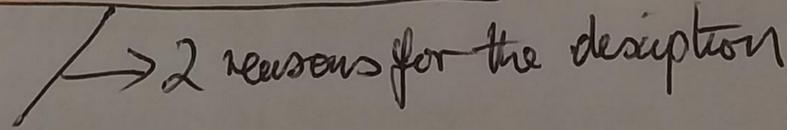
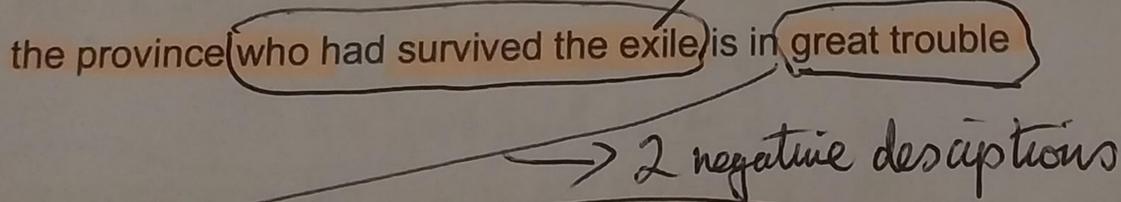
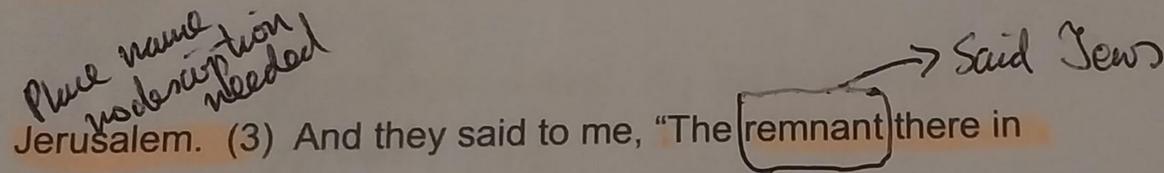
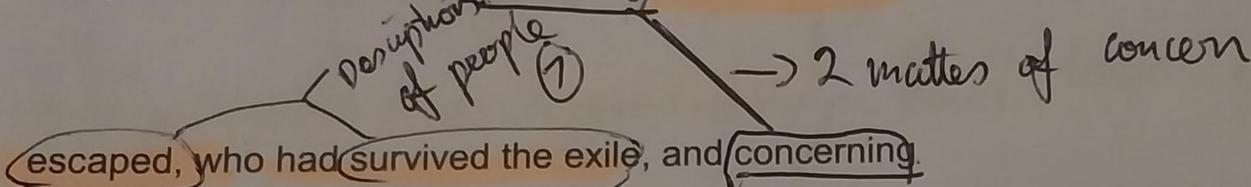
gates are destroyed by fire." (4) As soon as I heard these

words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I

continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

1. All named people are explained as to who they are
2. Month & year, similar to how we write dates, day not specified
3. Place name & description

His father to explain who he was  
 ① noun owner of noun  
 event  
 month ②  
 year  
 Place ③ description of place  
 specific person ①  
 who specific person was  
 accompanied  
 where the other came from  
 nominative  
 accusative  
 certain people



Immediate reaction to statements

Active verb  
 Non active verb  
 Duration

Non active verb  
 Active verb

→ Continued reaction



(5) And I said, "O LORD God of heaven, the great and

Addressing God

Parallel to the Lord's prayer  
Address God  
Praise God

awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with

→ 2 statements to build up praise

2 attributes

those who love him and keep his commandments, (6) let

2 obediences

your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer

Requests to God

2 requests

Very soft wording of request/command

of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for

Referring to himself in the 3rd person

stating what he is doing in the 1st person → 2 times

Continually addressing God

the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the who & what they are

Requests for mercy

people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I

Confession of others

He & all his family and my father's house have sinned. (7) We have acted

↳ extended family

Own confession

very corruptly against you and have not kept the

Continued confession

2 things, one wrong done & one good failed to do

commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you

Statement of faith

↳ 2 things sub things

commanded your servant Moses. (8) Remember the word

↳ 2 matters

↳ conditional

Reminding God of His promises

that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are

Past tense

Present tense

unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, (9) but if

conditional

Hebrew expression as in Psalms  
Bad deed & punishment  
Good deed & reward  
(all of verse 9)

you return to me and keep my commandments and do them *praise*

*→ 2 verbs to do*  
*→ 2 things about the commandments*

though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven,

*→ the disobedient*

from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that

*→ 2 verbs* *Iteration of promise*

I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.' (10) They

are your servants and your people, whom you have

*→ 2 possessives*

redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. *praise*

*→ redeemed by 2 methods*

(11) O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your

*→ soft worded command* *Request*

servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to

*→ 2 sets of servants*

fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and

*→ form of respect* *Specifics of request*

grant him mercy in the sight of this man." Now I was

*→ 2 requests*

cupbearer to the king.

*After the prayer,  
the speaker's position/job description/credentials*



(she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>43</sup>He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Just to get you started:

## Jairus

1. aman

2. goes to Jesus for help publicly

Lots of friends & family for support

Community leader

Very open in request

Healing for someone else

Young person being healed

Patience had died

Jesus had to change His plans to go to Jairus' house

Healing - planned moves

Jesus said "don't tell anyone"

Jairus was bold

Jairus' friends & family gave up ~~hope~~ hope

Jesus healed privately - select few present

Jesus was in control of the healing

Jesus told the child what to do

The child was already dead

Jesus was focussed on the healing

## Bleeding woman

1. a woman

2. goes to Jesus for help privately

Very alone

Desperately poor after all she spent on dates

Tried to "steal" healing & run away

Healing for herself

Old person being healed

Patience was still alive

Jesus did not need to

do anything

Healing - touch & go

She hoped to disappear & be anonymous

She was scared

She knew she just needed to

touch his clothing

Jesus healed in front of all the crowds

Jesus had the healing taken from him

She knew what to do

The woman was very much alone

Jesus had to search the crowds to

find out who had been healed

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## Assignment 5-3

Read the story below from Mark 11. Make as many observations as you can on the text. Notice that the text has two encounters with a fig tree (vv. 12-14, 19-21) sandwiched around an event in the temple (vv. 15-18). In addition to making observations, explain how the fig tree relates to the episode in the temple

Mark 11:12-21 ESV On the following day, when they came

from Bethany, he was hungry. (13) And seeing in the

distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find

anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but

leaves, for it was not the season for figs. (14) And he said

to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his

disciples heard it. (15) And they came to Jerusalem. And

he entered the temple and began to drive out those who

sold and those who bought in the temple, and he

○ FOCUS ON THE LORD  
□ FOCUS ON THE LORD & THE DISCIPLES

Why did Jesus curse the fig tree for not having any fruit... when it was not the season to fruit?

→ Question word used in a command

→ Profiteers & those who misused the Temple



Profiteers & misuses - Hebrew style of vague description getting more specific each time they are mentioned

overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats

→ More detail of the profiteers

of those who sold pigeons (16) And he would not allow

→ more detail of other misuses of the temple

anyone to carry anything through the temple. (17) And he

was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My clearly state God's law."

Establishing the law, Jesus also said "it is written" to Satan to

house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? the temple was open to non Jews to come & worship.

Hint at the New Covenant when the Gospel will be taken to the gentiles

→ addressing the "robbers"  
But you have made it a den of robbers." (18) And the chief

→ Ultimate unminced words about the profiteers

→ The primary disciples of the Lord

priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to

destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was

people who admired the Lord.

astonished at his teaching. (19) And when evening came

they went out of the city. (20) As they passed by in the



→ Past tense  
morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.

→ Past tense  
(21) And Peter remembered and said to him "Rabbi, look!

→ Past tense  
The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

The Fig Tree & the episode in the temple.

The message is if you do not produce for the lord you are surplus and will be done away with. The fig tree did not feed the lord when he was hungry so the lord cursed it to die.

The temple was no longer being used as a house of prayer and unscrupulous merchants and those in authority were using it as a place to rip people off and others were using it as a short cut or passage between 2 places. The lord immediately stopped all that wrong activity.

It reminds me of the parable of the talents, the servant who buried his one talent and safely returned it to the master was done away with because he did not go out and work the capital to increase it.

These are the consequences for being useless for the lord or misusing his property.

In both situations Jesus was giving the disciples a lesson by action and demonstration

