

Assignment 8-1

Describing the surrounding contexts of the following passages:

1. Acts 1:7-8

- This passage is the immediate context for the start of the book of Acts, occurring just after Jesus' ascension. In this passage Jesus answers his disciples question about restoring the kingdom by telling them the father alone determined times & season. He then commissions them to be witnessed to him throughout the world promising they will receive power from the Holy Spirit to accomplish this mission. This instruction establishes the overall trajectory of the book of Acts outlining the spread of gospel from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria and finally to the rest of the world.

Key Aspects of the Context (Beginning of Earthly Ministry)

1. Jesus Ascension: The passage follows the physical departure of Jesus into heaven.
 2. Disciples Question: The Disciples have asked Jesus when he would restore the kingdom to Israel a question about future timing.
 3. Divine Authority: Jesus redirects their focus from the father's timing to their mission, emphasizing that only the future knows the specific dates and season.
 4. Promise of the Holy Spirit: Jesus promises that the Holy spirit will come upon them provided they stay & wait for it in Jerusalem & you shall be my witness. He clearly outlines their future work, beginning in their immediate surrounding & expanding outwards.
- Jerusalem, Their initial & immediate mission
 - Judea & Samaria – Their next broader sphere of witness, showing & expanding beyond their own ethnic group.
 - To the ends of the Earth: The ultimate global scope of their testimony.
 - Significance

- Thematic Structure of Acts the prophecy serves as a roadmap for their entire Book of Acts.
- Empowerment through the Holy Spirit power for this global mission comes not from human strength or intellect but from the Holy Spirit.
- Sacrificial Witnessing: The word witness implies a life of sacrificial service. Laying down once life in service to Jesus.

2. 1 Corinthians 11:27-32

- Pauls Correction of the Corinthian churches abuse of the lords supper (communion). The meal as a common, social event with wealthy members consuming all the food and dinks whilst other members went hungry, thereby dishonouring Christ's sacrifice and the unity of the church. Paul warns that eating and drinking in an unworthy manner brings guilt and God's judgement, resulting in sickness and death which serves as a form of discipline to restore them to fellowship with God and one another.

Assignment 8-2

1. Identifying how the Book is divided into paragraphs or sections.

- It is divided into 4 main chapters – 48 verses.
- Further organized into two parallel halves that tell a complementary story. Each half begins with a command from God and Jonah's disobedience concludes with his eventual fulfilment of the mission of the subsequent repentance of displeasure of others.
- The book of Jonah maybe divided as follows
 - I. Jonah's Disobedience & Flights (1:1-16)
 - II. Jonah's Prayer (2:1-11)
 - III. Jonah's obedience and the Ninevites repentance
 - IV. Jonah's Anger & Gods reproof (4:1-11).

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2. Summarizing the main idea of each section in a dozen words or less.

- a) Jonah's complaint 4:1-3
- b) God's curriculum 4:4-11
- Sign of Jonah interpreted in 2-ways in the New Testament.
- Type of experience of the son of man (m12:39-40)
- Ninevites reaction to the preaching of Jonah is contrasted with the failure of Jesus's generation to obey the preaching of one who is greater than Jonah (Matthew 12:41-42) (Luke 11:29-32)
- Book of Jonah justifies Israel's hardness of heart and unrepentant spirit – with false peace & piety.
- Only coming of Christ give us the sense of relief repentance and restoration which God wants us to experience God shows no partiality.
- Again Loving God & Loving man.

3. Explaining How Jonah 1:13-16 relates to the surrounding context.

The sailors violent struggle to row back to shore after being unable to throw Jonah overboard, their fear turning to reverence for God after they finally do and their subsequent sacrifice and vows to worship him. This follows Jonah's confession and the attempts of the sailor's to save themselves by throwing him in the sea but they couldn't immediately do it because they did not want to harm him.

- Showing the contrast between Jonah's initial defiance and the sailors growing fear of God.
- Context within the broader story
- Before:
(Jonah 1:1-12) Jonah the prophet flees from God's command to prophesy against the wicked city of Nineveh, while on the ship to Tarshish. God sends a violent storm, and the sailors though Pagan begin to fear that their Gods are angry with them.

During:

(Jonah 1:13-16) The Sailors struggle: The sailors realizing Jonah is the cause of the storm try to throw him overboard, but they must first struggle to row back to land showing their reluctance to harm him, even after he confessed his guilt.

The sailors fear: As soon as they finally throw him into the sea, the raging sea stops, and they are filled with great fear of the Lord.

The Sailors Worship: They sacrifice to God and make vows to serve him. This is a direct contrast to Jonah earlier attempt to flee from God. (www.prezi.com).

ASSIGNMENT 8-3

Passages assigned in Ephesians:

- Theological Truth
- Practical Truth

1. Outline of the Book Ephesians:

It is outlined in 2 main sections. First half (Chapter 1-3) Focuses on the believer's position in Christ which includes their spiritual blessings, salvation by grace, and the unity of the church.

The second half (Chapter 4-6) details the believers conduct and how to live out their faith through unity, holiness, love and spiritual warfare eliminating in instructions for daily life and final greetings.

1. Position in Christ (Chapter 1-3)

- Spiritual blessings: Believers are chosen, redeemed and sealed by the Holy Spirit in Christ.
- Salvation by grace: A detailed explanation of salvation, which is a gift from God, not earned by works.
- Reconciliation and Unity: The Cross of Christ has reconciled Jews and the gentiles into one new people in the church, overcoming previous divisions.
- Mystery of the Gospel: Paul reveals the mystery of God's Plan to unite all things in Christ.
- Prayer for enablement: Paul's prayers for the Ephesians to understand God's purpose and be strengthened in their inner being.

2. Conduct in Christ (Chapter 4-6)

- Walking in Unity: An exhortation to live in a way that is worthy of their calling which includes maintaining the unity of the spirit.
- Living a new life: Putting off the old self and putting on a new self, which leads to truthful speech resolved anger, and other transformed behaviour.
- Walking in love: Instructions for living a life of every opportunity and submitting to one another in the church and at home.
- Family Relationships: Specific instructions for husbands, wife, children, parents, slaves and masters.
- Spiritual Warfare: Need to stand against the devil's schemes & putting on the full "Armor of God" and praying for one another.

2. How the passage relates to the overall outline

- It provides a cove model for Christian existence, and connecting profound theological truth (Doctrine with practical Christian living practice) within the framework of God's universal plan for the church it essentially bridges the gap between individuals' salvation and the corporate life of the unified body of Christ.

3. How the paragraph before and the paragraph after your passage relate to the content of your passage.

- That would be Galatians (Chapter 6:16-18). Provides a blessing for those who follow the rule of the new creation through Christ a blessing of "Peace and mercy from God" life concludes with a final benediction, praying for God's grace to be with Galatians' spirits. He calls them his brothers, says his goodbyes and appeals to them to remain in the truth
- The Passage after would be Philippians 1:1-8 the passage show us the purpose and acknowledging the gift sent by the Philippians and Paul was also appealing for spirit of unity and steadfastness amongst them

Thank you Veronica. Your work is of a very high standard, and is set out orderly and a pleasure to read. Thank you!