

SS 909 / HT 909 – Early Judaism – Summer 2006

Presentation (6/27) (10-15 min.) (10% of final grade)

Final Paper (5-7 pages) (30% of final grade)

Due June 30, noon (fax 716-888-3137)

Description: A comparative exegesis of a New Testament text that adapts and interprets material from the Hebrew Bible, considering the historical and theological contexts of both passages, what the Christian re-use says about early Christianity and Judaism, and what they mean in our time.

Presentation: In a short (10-15 minute) presentation, summarize the texts and your findings. If you wish to use powerpoint, you may bring the file on a CD or e-mail it to me before 5 pm on June 27.

Contents:

- 1) Introduction – What are the passages being compared? Give a brief summary of the contents, focus, and message.
- 2) Hebrew Bible – what are the historical and theological contexts of the portion from the Hebrew Bible?
- 3) New Testament - what are the historical and theological contexts of the portion from the New Testament? How does this passage use / adapt / or respond to the themes of the Hebrew Bible text?
- 4) Comparison and Reflection – What messages were the New Testament writers suggesting in their use of the Hebrew Bible material? (How) have Christian readings of these texts changed in recent years? Are these changed readings supported by the Biblical materials?

Grading:

This assignment will be graded on how well it answers the above questions and the degree of detail and analysis. Vague answers and ones which do not discuss the significance of the details given will not receive full credit.

(see instructor for further information.)

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