

# EE10 – Steps 6, 9 OR 10

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**Based on the nature of your passage, you may choose one of the following options:**

## **1. Research the Historical-cultural Background (Step 6)**

- a. Based on step 6, choose one or more terms or ideas from your passage (e.g. persons, places, cultural issues) that were commonly known in the time of the writing but may be more obscure because of historical distance.
- b. Research these terms in Bible Dictionaries, Handbooks and Encyclopedias (see NTE for bibliography) until you have a thorough understanding of the item and how it informs your passage.
- c. Write a 1-1½ page paper describing what you have learned about your passage from researching the issue and how this helps you understand the passage as a whole.

## **2. Research the Broader Biblical and Theological Contexts (Step 9)**

- a. Based on step 9, use cross references, Topical indexes and theologies to find other passages that are similar or somehow relate to your passage.
- b. Research these other passages and ideas to understand how the broader Biblical teaching compares with your passage.
- c. Write a 1-1½ page paper describing what you have learned about your passage from the broader Biblical Theological contexts and how this helps you understand the passage as a whole.

## **3. Research the secondary sources (Step 10)**

- a. Based on step 10, research your passage in a broad range of commentaries, journal articles and special studies (see NTE for bibliography).
- b. Research other scholars' findings to understand the meaning of your passage and all the issues that communicate this meaning.
- c. Write a 1-1½ page paper describing what you have learned about your passage from secondary resources and how this helps you understand the passage as a whole.