

Biblical Theology—Research Paper Options

Narrative—Gospels	Matt. 26:17–30
Background Paper Focus:	Passover Feast (history, celebration, constituent elements)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Covenant, <i>diathēkē</i> (διαθήκη) (v. 28)
Narrative—Gospels	John 3:1–8
Background Paper Focus:	Pharisees (history, beliefs, first-century setting)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Again, <i>anōthen</i> (ἄνωθεν) (v. 3)
Narrative—Parables	Luke 20:9–18
Background Paper Focus:	Economy (rich and poor) and Agriculture (tenant farmers)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Parable, <i>parabolē</i> (παραβολή) (v. 9)
Narrative—History	Acts 8:4–25
Background Paper Focus:	Samaritans (history, beliefs, first-century setting)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Baptize, <i>baptizō</i> (βαπτίζω) (v. 12)
Epistle—Pauline	Rom. 3:21–26
Background Paper Focus:	Righteous, Righteousness (in general, but also specifically “of God”)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Propitiation, <i>hilastērion</i> (ἱλαστήριον) (v. 25)
Epistle—Pauline	1 Thess. 4:13–18
Background Paper Focus:	Resurrection (history of development, first-century Jewish belief)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Parousia, <i>parousia</i> (παρουσία) (v. 15)
Epistle—General	Heb. 8:1–6
Background Paper Focus:	High Priest (Zadokite, Hasmonean history; cultic function)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Covenant, <i>diathēkē</i> (διαθήκη) (v. 6)
Epistle—General	1 Pet. 5:1–9
Background Paper Focus:	Elders (Jewish cultural background; leadership roles)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Christ, <i>Christos</i> (Χριστός) (v. 15)
Apocalyptic	Rev. 2:12–17
Background Paper Focus:	Pergamum (history, culture)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Satan, <i>satanas</i> (σατανᾶς) (v. 13)
Apocalyptic	Rev. 12:7–12
Background Paper Focus:	Michael, the archangel (development of angels in Jewish belief)
Word Study Paper Topic:	Dragon, <i>drakōn</i> (δρακῶν) (v. 7; Ancient Near Eastern background)