**Biblical Comprehension Skills Practise 4**

**Interpreting Implicit Information:**

* *Synthesise info to interpret the behaviour/feelings of a character or recognise motive/understand an overarching idea.*

From Gen 4, describe Cain’s character using evidence and references.

* *Making sense of a passage where main idea not stated – use of repetition and tone to recognise.*

In Jeremiah 32 the word “evidence” is repeated 8 times (KJV). In verses 10-16, it appears 7 times.

a) What is the context in which evidence is being used in these 7 verses? Begin by identifying who’s speaking, then explain what’s happening in this situation (the context).

The word “evidence” also appears in verse 44 (the last verse of the chapter), but it’s being used in a different context.

b) Again, begin by identifying who’s speaking. Then explain the broader context in which the word “evidence” is being use. Hint: verse 14 speaks of that larger context at the end of the verse.

Finally, explain the value of repetition as a literary technique.

c) How has repetition been used to get the reader to understand that larger message which God is reassuring Jeremiah of? How does it help him see beyond his immediate troubles, knowing that Judah was going into captivity?

* *Interpret complex descriptions using context and own understanding*

In James 4:1-4 James is describing the Jewish ecclesia. What language technique(s) is he using (hint: how likely is it that the ecclesia is killing each other in a war?)? There is one main technique here, but several others used too.

Now, based on the way James speaks to them, decide what his underlying message is in this section, giving evidence.

* *Use of punctuation to make meaning*

In Luke 23:43 it says: “And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise”. I have highlighted a comma. What difference in sense would ensue if I moved the comma to *after* the word “today”?

* *Perspectives recognised and used to interpret.*

Read Isaiah 53:4-6 thinking about God’s perspective of us and our sins. Use evidence to support your decisions about what is: a) God’s perspective of us humans and b) God’s perspective of our sins.