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Paper #1
(3-4 pages, typewritten, double spaced)
Due Sept. 28, 2022

Choose one element found in The Book of Jonah and Chapter 15 of the Gospel According to St. Luke (the parable of the Prodigal Son. Compare and contrast how each work presents that element. You need to describe how the element is similar and how different in each work, but then focus on one specific difference (or similarity) and explain why you think that difference (or similarity) tells us something interesting and important about the two works.

You might consider how the parable of the Prodigal Son responds to or revises aspects of the Book of Jonah.

Some features you might choose to write about:

What picture does each present of God? How is that picture presented?

How is punishment presented?

How is resentment presented?

To what extent can characters choose their own actions?

Do characters get second chances or not?

What is the main character like?

How is the story told? What sort of narrator do we see?

You may frame your essay as you see fit, but you need a clear thesis and a coherent argument. Papers should be written in lucid, grammatical English. Please proofread.