



THEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE



Fridays F 8-11, 1-5 (2/5, 3/11, 4/8, 5/6)

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The Mission of the Seminary

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Description

This doctoral seminar in the theological interpretation of Scripture is an interdisciplinary exploration of the relationship between biblical studies, theology, and hermeneutics. Complementing the traditional historical exegesis offered in other courses, this seminar offers a critical evaluation of the way in which the contemporary church and the church throughout history has read the Bible as the Word of God. Students will be exposed to important theoretical works in theological hermeneutics, as well as theological commentaries of biblical books.

Core Value Focus

The primary core value of the Seminary addressed in this course is Doctrinal Integrity. The primary key competency in ministry addressed is Christian Theological Heritage. Mission Focus is the Core Value Focus of the 2015-16 Academic Year.

Course Objectives

1. To acquaint students with the burgeoning field of theological interpretation of Scripture and its various perspectives/adherents.
2. To encourage students to reflect upon their own theological reading of Scripture.
3. To apply theological interpretation of Scripture to the ministry of the local church.

Biblical Authority

In order to develop competent theological researchers for the twenty-first century church and academy, students in this course will be exposed to seminal works in Christian theology from a

wide array of theological perspectives, including the influential works of many prominent non-evangelical theologians. Students are expected to become familiar with and demonstrate advanced, biblically guided critical engagement with the works of these thinkers.

The instructor of this course operate under the assumption that the Bible is the inspired, totally true and trustworthy Word of God. While history, tradition, and reason play no small role in the theological task, the Bible holds ultimate authority in Christian doctrine and practice. *The Baptist Faith and Message* (2000) provides the confessional framework for the course.

Required Monographs

Billings, J. Todd. *The Word of God for the People of God: An Entryway to the Theological Interpretation of Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.

Putman, Rhyne R. *In Defense of Doctrine: Evangelicalism, Theology, and Scripture*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015.

Treier, Daniel J. *Introducing Theological Interpretation of Scripture: Recovering a Christian Practice*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008.

Optional Review Texts (Choose One, Get Approval)

Adam, A. K., Stephen E. Fowl, Kevin J. Vanhoozer, and Francis Watson. *Reading Scripture with the Church: Toward a Hermeneutic for Theological Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006.

Allen, Michael, ed. *Theological Commentary: Evangelical Perspectives*. New York: T&T Clark, 2011.

Bartholomew, Craig G., Joel B. Green, and Anthony C. Thiselton, eds. *Reading Luke: Interpretation, Reflection, and Formation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

Bartholomew, Craig G., Scott Hahn, Robin Parry, Christopher Seitz, and Al Wolters, eds. *Canon and Biblical Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.

Bartholomew, Craig G., Mary Healy, Karl Möller, and Robin Parry, eds. *Out of Egypt: Biblical Theology and Biblical Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.

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- Hays, Richard. *Reading Backwards: Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2014.
- Martin, Dale B. *Pedagogy of the Bible: An Analysis and Proposal*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2008.
- Möller, Karl, Craig G. Bartholomew, and Colin Greene, eds. *Renewing Biblical Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.
- Fowl, Stephen. *Engaging Scripture: A Model for Theological Interpretation*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2008.
- Watson, Francis. *Text and Truth: Redefining Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997.

Required Articles (Provided by Professor)

- Carson, D. A. "Theological Interpretation of Scripture: Yes, But . . ." In *Theological Commentary: Evangelical Perspectives*, ed. Michael Allen, 187-20. New York: T&T Clark, 2011.
- Lindbeck, George A. "The Postcritical Canonical Interpretation: Three Modes of Retrieval." In *Theological Exegesis: Essays in Honor of Brevard Childs*, ed. Christopher Seitz and Kathryn Green-McCreight, 26-51. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
- Plantinga, Alvin. "Two (or More) Kinds of Scripture Scholarship." *Modern Theology* 14 (April 1998): 243-78.
- Steinmetz, David C. "The Superiority of Pre-Critical Exegesis." *Theology Today* 37.1 (April 1980): 27-38
- Treier, Daniel J. "Biblical Theology and/or Theological Interpretation of Scripture? Redefining the Relationship." *Scottish Journal of Theology* 61 (2008): 16-31.
- Vanhoozer, Kevin J. "What Is Theological Interpretation of the Bible?" In *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible*, ed. Kevin J. Vanhoozer, 19-25. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

Theological Commentaries of Scripture (Choose One, Get Approval)

- De La Torre, Miguel A. *Genesis. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2011.

- Mckeown, James. *Genesis*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008.
- Reno, R. R. *Genesis*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2010.
- Radner, Ephraim. *Leviticus*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2008.
- Stubbs, David L. *Numbers*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009.
- Thompson, Deanna A. *Deuteronomy*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014.
- Work, Telford. *Deuteronomy*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009.
- Mcconville, J. Gordon and Stephen N. Williams. *Joshua*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.
- Mckeown, James. *Ruth*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015.
- Murphy, Francesca Aran. *1 Samuel*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2010.
- Barron, Robert. *2 Samuel*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2010.
- Leithart, Peter J. *1 & 2 Kings*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2006.
- Levering, Matthew. *Ezra & Nehemiah*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2007.
- Wells, Samuel and George Sumner. *Esther & Daniel*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2013.
- Grogan, Geoffrey W. *Psalms*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008.
- Chase, Steven. *Job*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2013.

Wilson, Lindsay. *Job*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015.

Lucas, Ernest. *Proverbs*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015.

Treier, Daniel J. *Proverbs & Ecclesiastes*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2011.

Pauw, Amy Plantinga. *Proverbs and Ecclesiastes*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015.

Enns, Peter. *Ecclesiastes*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.

Griffiths, Paul J. *Song of Songs*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2011.

Parry, Robin. *Lamentations*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.

Cox, Harvey. *Lamentations and the Song of Songs*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2012.

Jenson, Robert W. *Ezekiel*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009.

Lim, Bo H. and Daniel Castelo. *Hosea*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015.

Cary, Phillip. *Jonah*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2008.

Case-Winters, Anna. *Matthew*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015.

Hauerwas, Stanley. *Matthew*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2006.

Placher, William C. *Mark*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2010.

González, Justo L. *Luke: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2010.

Jeffrey, David Lyle. *Luke*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2012.

Pelikan, Jaroslav. *Acts*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2005.

Verhey, Allen. *Ephesians*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox,

Fowl, Stephen E. *Philippians*. The Two Horizons New Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.

Migliore, Daniel L. *Philippians and Philemon*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014.

Seitz, Christopher R. *Colossians*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2014.

Thompson, Marianne Meye. *Colossians and Philemon*. The Two Horizons New Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.

Saarinen, Riso. *The Pastoral Epistles with Philemon and Jude*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2008.

Wall, Robert W. *1 & 2 Timothy*. The Two Horizons New Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012.

González, Catherine Gunsalus. *1 & 2 Peter and Jude*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2011.

Green, Joel B. *1 Peter*. The Two Horizons New Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.

Harink, Douglas. *1 & 2 Peter*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009.

Reese, Ruth Anne. *2 Peter and Jude*. The Two Horizons New Testament Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.

Long, D. Stephen. *Hebrews*. Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2011.

Mangina, Joseph L. *Revelation*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2010.

Additional Recommended Texts

Vanhoozer, Kevin J., Craig J. Bartholomew, Daniel J. Treier, and N. T. Wright, eds. *Dictionary for the Theological Interpretation of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005.

Course Requirements

1. Class Participation (5%)

The following rubric will be utilized to evaluate class participation/discussion.

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Quality of Comments	Timely and appropriate comments, thoughtful and reflective, responds respectfully to other student's remarks, provokes questions and comments from the group	Volunteers comments, most are appropriate and reflect some thoughtfulness, leads to other questions or remarks from student and/or others	Volunteers comments but lacks depth, may or may not lead to other questions from students	Struggles but participates, occasionally offers a comment when directly questioned, may simply restate questions or points previously raised, may add nothing new to the discussion or provoke no responses or question	Does not participate and/or only makes negative or disruptive remarks, comments are inappropriate or off topic
Resource/ Document Reference	Clear reference to text being discussed and connects to it to other text or reference points from previous readings and discussions	Has done the reading with some thoroughness, may lack some detail or critical insight	Has done the reading; lacks thoroughness of understanding or insight	Has not read the entire text and cannot sustain any reference to it in the course of discussion	Unable to refer to text for evidence or support of remarks
Active Listening	Posture, demeanor and behavior clearly demonstrate respect and attentiveness to others	Listens to others most of the time, does not stay focused on other's comments (too busy formulating own) or loses continuity of discussion. Shows consistency in responding to the comments of others	Listens to others some of the time, does not stay focused on other's comments (too busy formulating own) or loses continuity of discussion. Shows some consistency in responding to the comments of others	Drifts in and out of discussion, listening to some remarks while clearly missing or ignoring others	Disrespectful of others when they are speaking; behavior indicates total non-involvement with group or discussion

2. Reading Reports (25%)

Each student will write two (2) reading reports (3-5 pages, single-spaced), including discussion questions, on assigned readings and present them to the seminar and lead in discussing the assigned reading. Include a brief summary, but emphasize critical response.

3. Theological Commentary Presentation (20%)

Students are required to read one (1) of the texts from the bibliography throughout the course of the semester. No formal response or review will be required, but each student is to inform the professors in writing which text was read by the end of the semester. Significant and recommended texts appear in bold in the bibliography.

4. Research Papers (40%)

Each student will write a research paper on a topic agreed upon by the professor and the student. (Papers should be not more than 30 double-spaced pages in length, with footnotes and conform to Turabian style.)

The research paper will be evaluated as follows:

1. Grammar and style: Spelling, sentence and paragraph development; punctuation; and conformity to the 7th or 8th edition of Turabian.
 2. Clarity and Coherence: Balance; thoroughness; organization; logical development; overall sense of the paper.
 3. Research: Bibliography; type and variety of sources (primary, secondary, monographs, journal articles, etc.); most bibliographic entries should be accompanied by footnote citations.
 4. Analysis and Evaluation: Going beyond the mere reporting of facts to include explanation, interpretation, analysis of material; evaluation of strengths and weakness of a person; demonstration that you have thought about the material that you have researched. Give strong and insightful introduction and conclusion.
- An “A” paper (93-100) has a clearly articulated thesis that guides the organization of the paper, the content of the paper, and the selection of resources. Such papers also show the author’s ability to do quality research, choosing quality resources, distinguishing between primary and secondary sources, and are conversant with up-to-date literature in the field. “A” papers demonstrate creative, substantive critical engagement with sources. Authors of “A” papers write with professional attention to grammar, form, and style.
 - “B” papers (85-92) clearly state a thesis but fail to connect the stated thesis with the organization and content of the paper. These papers include some material irrelevant to this issue at hand. “B” papers evidence that the student is growing in his or her ability to do research even if some source selections are questionable. Authors of these papers attempt to make critical arguments and show growing skill in this area. These papers evidence only minor errors in grammar, form, and style.
 - “C” papers (77-84) lack a clear thesis and structure and tend to be “survey papers” that are descriptive without argumentation. While these papers evidence some interaction with current, quality sources, they gravitate toward secondary sources and out-of-date sources. “C” papers also contain numerous grammatical errors and problems with form and style, even to the point of distracting readers from the content of the paper.
 - “D” (70-76) and “F” (0-69) papers make no attempt to define the problem and show no evidence of a coherent structure. These papers show the author’s inability to do graduate level research, a failure to engage quality resources, and only a superficial grasp of sources that are cited. “D” and “F” papers contain major grammatical errors and show no evidence whatsoever of proofreading.

Students will present their paper in class but need not read the papers verbatim, as every student is expected to read every paper prior to the class session. Rather, presenters should describe the research process, hit the highlights of the paper, and any additional information they learned researching their papers.

5. Formal Responses (10%)

Each student will write a formal response that summarizes, analyzes, and critiques a paper by another student. Formal responses should also address form and style issues, particularly consistent grammatical and/or stylistic problems throughout the paper. An errata table or section is preferred.

• Class Participation	5%
• Reading Reports (2)	25%
• Theological Commentary Presentation	20%
• Research Paper	50%
• <u>Formal Response</u>	<u>10%</u>
Total	100%

THEO9410 Spring 2015 Reading and Assignments Schedule			
Date	Topic Assignments	Presenters / Topic	
2/5 On-Campus Meeting	Introduction Reading Reports – Required Monographs Discussion of Billings, Treier—no written assignment for these	Book Review #1	
		Book Review #2	
		Book Review #3	
		Book Review #4	
		Book Review #5	
		Book Review #6	
		Book Review #7	
3/11 On-Campus Meeting	Reading Reports – Required Monographs Discussion of Selected Articles	Book Review #8	
		Book Review #9	
		Book Review #10	
		Book Review #11	
		Book Review #12	
		Book Review #13	
		Book Review #14	
4/8 On-Campus Meeting	Paper Presentations / Responses	Research Paper #1	Formal Response #1
		Research Paper #2	Formal Response #2
		Research Paper #3	Formal Response #3
		Research Paper #4	Formal Response #4
		Research Paper #5	Formal Response #5
		Research Paper #6	Formal Response #6
		Research Paper #7	Formal Response #7
5/6 On-Campus Meeting	Paper Presentations / Responses	Research Paper #8	Formal Response #8
		Research Paper #9	Formal Response #9
		Research Paper #10	Formal Response #10
		Research Paper #11	Formal Response #11
		Research Paper #12	Formal Response #12
		Research Paper #13	Formal Response #13
		Research Paper #14	Formal Response #14
	Research Paper #15	Formal Response #15	

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- Dogmatic Theology and the Specific Objectives of Each.” In *The Flowering of Old Testament Theology: A Reader in Twentieth-Century Old Testament Theology, 1930-1990*, ed. Ben C. Ollenburger, E. A. Martens, and Gerhard F. Hasel, 493-502. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1992.
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