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TITLE: Methods of Biblical Interpretation

TERM: Spring 2025-2026

PROFESSOR: Kimberly Russaw

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: 10
AUDITORS: 3

UNLIMITED _____
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This three-credit elective course offers students an opportunity to develop an understanding of biblical exegesis. Students will examine the principles, methods, and tools used in the critical study of the Bible, including form, historical-critical, ideological, narrative, womanist, queer, and other exegetical methods. This course relies heavily upon students' close reading of both scholarly writings and biblical passages to consider how exegetical methods answer particular questions about the Bible, its context, and its audience.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

As a result of participating in this course, participants should be able to:

- Discuss key persons, methods, and trends in the exegesis of the Bible
- Apply various exegetical tools to a biblical text
- Reflect upon aspects of their location as an interpreter of the Bible

PREREQUISITES:

Satisfactory completion of an introductory Bible course such as OT110, OT120, NT110, NT120, or permission from the professor.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READINGS:

Gorman, Michael, *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, Baker Academic, 2020. ISBN: 978-1540960313, \$16.99

McKenzie, Steven and Stephen Haynes, *To Each Its Own Meaning*, Westminster John Knox Press, 1999. ISBN: 978-0064257842, \$15.20

Stuart, Douglas, *Old Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2022. ISBN: 978-0664259570, \$22.69

Yee, Gail, *Judges & Method: New Approaches in Biblical Studies*, Fortress Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-0800638580, \$11.81

Other required readings will be posted to Canvas.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

Assignments may include Journal Entries, Discussion Leadership, Annotated Bibliography, and Exegesis Paper

ATTENDANCE: Required.