



HE101 Biblical Hermeneutics and Interpretation

Mr Quek Tze-Ming | 3CR

Course Purpose

The main theme of this course is the interpretation and application of Scripture. It aims to help you reflect seriously on what is involved in reading, interpreting and applying the biblical text. During the course several necessary aspects of biblical interpretation (e.g. word studies, the relevance of the historical context) will be considered.

This course is taught using a 'blended learning' approach: partly by live lectures (Sessions 1.1 and 1.2) and partly by group tutorials in which students discuss in class recorded lectures which they have listened to/watched beforehand (Sessions 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3). The group tutorials will also be used for class exercises in the interpretation of selected biblical texts.

The course falls into two parts. Part I (Lectures 1–6), covered in four sessions, deals with general principles of biblical interpretation. It also considers the topics of word studies and Bible translations. Part II (Lectures 7–14), covered in three sessions, moves on to consider the different types of text found in the Bible: the NT letters, the Gospels and Acts; OT narrative, law, poetry, prophecy and wisdom. All of these texts have their own distinctive features, and care must be taken to interpret each of them in appropriate ways.

Dates (2021)

Jan 7, 21

Feb 4, 18

Mar 4, 18

Apr 8

(7:15pm – 10:00pm)

Credits

3CR

Class Format

Zoom/ Online

Lectures & Tutorials

Location

Zoom Room

Fees*

S\$450(Credit)

S\$240 (Audit)

About the Lecturer

Mr Quek Tze-Ming is a Ph.D candidate in New Testament Studies at the University of Cambridge. His special area of studies is in the use of the Old Testament in the New. After leaving legal practice, he served in student ministry with the Fellowship of Evangelical Students (Singapore). He then commenced theological studies, receiving a Dip. C.S. from BGST, a M.Div and a Th.M from Regent College, Vancouver. He is married to Sharon, and they have two daughters. He serves in the teaching ministry of his church, and maintains a lively interest in local food, football, and movies



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Academic Information

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, it is hoped that the student will:

- i. understand some of the key issues in the interpretation and application of biblical texts.
- ii. be able to identify the main genres (types of text) found in the Bible.
- iii. gain practice in handling different biblical texts.

Assignments

1. Short responses to the recorded lectures and MCQs [10%]
2. Five short practical assignments [50%]
3. Exegesis paper or a review essay [40%]

Course Text

J.S. Duvall & J.D. Hays, *Grasping God's Word. A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible* (3rd edition; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012).

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