

BI326 Old Testament & Rule of Faith

Final Year Advanced Bible – HB Requirement

Three credits

Grade or Credit/No Credit

FACULTY

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DESCRIPTION

This seminar is a biblical-theological exploration of key OT texts and contemporary OT theologies as they relate to – whether with consonance or dissonance — the Rule of Faith (i.e., the Triune confession of God). In this class, students will engage Old Testament texts and interpreters while centered on the task of developing a robust hermeneutic rooted in the Rule of Faith and engaged faithfully with pressing contemporary questions and concerns about biblical content and authority. This iteration of the class will focus on engaging Womanist biblical interpretation.

FORMAT

The course will be a hybrid of lecture and seminar formats with an emphasis on student engagement and creativity within the bounds of the course's focus. Students with language facility in Hebrew and/or Greek will be encouraged to employ this in their learning.

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed on thorough and informed engagement with the course material culminating in a comprehensive assignment (paper or project) which they will present to the class.

BIBLIOGRAPHY*Required*

Wilda C. Gafney, *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the Throne* (Westminster/John Knox, 2017).

Angela N. Parker, *If God Still Breathes, Why Can't I?: Black Lives Matter and Biblical Authority* (Eerdmans, 2021).

D.H. Williams, *Tradition, Scripture, and Interpretation: A Sourcebook of the Ancient Church* (Baker, 2006).

Recommended

Karl Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline* (Harper Perennial, 1959).

Richard Bauckham, *Jesus and the God of Israel: God Crucified and Other Studies on the New Testament's Christology of Divine Identity* (Eerdmans, 2008).

John Behr, *The Way to Nicea* (St Vladimir's, 2001).

Amanda W. Benckhuesen, *The Gospel According to Eve: A History of Women's Interpretation* (IVP, 2019).

Walter Brueggemann, *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy* (Fortress, 2005).

Brevard S. Childs, *Old Testament Theology in a Canonical Context* (Fortress, 1986).

Don C. Collett, *Figural Reading and the Old Testament: Theology and Practice* (Baker, 2020).

Ellen F. Davis, *Opening Israel's Scriptures* (Oxford, 2019).

Erhard S. Gerstenberger, *Theologies of the Old Testament* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2002).

Hemchand Gossai, ed., *Postcolonial Commentary on the Old Testament* (T&T Clark, 2018).
Everett Ferguson, *The Rule of Faith: A Guide* (Cascade Companion; Cascade Books, 2015).
John Goldingay, *Do We Need the New Testament?: Letting the Old Testament Speak for Itself* (IVP, 2015).
Todd R. Hains, *Martin Luther and the Rule of Faith: Reading God's Word for God's People* (IVP, 2022).
Jon D. Levenson, *The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, and Historical Criticism* (Westminster/John Knox, 1993).
R.W.L. Moberly, *Old Testament Theology: Reading the Hebrew Bible as Christian Scripture* (Baker, 2013).
James Samuel Preus, *From Shadow to Promise: Old Testament Interpretation from Augustine to the Young Luther* (Harvard, 1969).
Joy A. Schroeder and Marion Taylor, *Voices Long Silenced: Women Biblical Interpreters through the Centuries* (Westminster/John Knox, 2022).
Fernando F. Segovia, *Decolonizing Biblical Studies: A View from the Margins* (Orbis, 2000).
Dei Verbum: Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Vatican, 18 November 1965).