

BI355 It Is Written: Exploring the New Testament's Reading of the Old

Final Year Advanced Bible – NT Requirement

Three Credits

Grade or Credit/No Credit

FACULTY

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DESCRIPTION

“It is written” (γέγραπται) commonly introduces quotations from the Old Testament by the New Testament writers. This advanced New Testament seminar will explore the complex intracanonical relationship between the Testaments with a focus on how New Testament texts interpret the Old as a foundation for understanding the Triune God in light of the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES

In addition to the general goal of tending carefully, critically, and faithfully to the biblical text, objectives for this course are: (1) to gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament; (2) to explore textual and theological implications of the New Testament's appeal to the Old; (3) to consider the theological understanding of scripture (HB/LXX/OT) and scripture's witness to God; and (4) to appreciate the how the New Testament's appeal to the Old informs and forms contemporary interpretation of scripture for theology and proclamation.

FORMAT

The course will be a seminar format 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

Bible, NRSV

The Greek New Testament (5th edition; United Bible Societies, 2014).

D.A. Carson & G.K. Beale, eds., *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Baker, 2007).

Richard B. Hays, *Reading Backwards: Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness* (Baylor, 2014).

Steve Moyise, *Paul and Scripture: Studying the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Baker, 2010).

Recommended

Amy-Jill Levine & Marc Zvi Brettler, eds., *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* (2nd edition; Oxford University Press, 2017).

Synopsis of the Four Gospels [Terrible expensive new. Look for used, if interested. Also, most bible software has the capacity to display gospels in parallel rendering a print version obsolete... perhaps.]

James P. Ware, ed., *Synopsis of the Pauline Letters in Greek and English* (Baker, 2010).