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Course	BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION BIBL 0501 1P
Date, Time, and Delivery Format	JANUARY 15 – APRIL 9, 2025 WEDNESDAYS 11:15 AM – 2:05 PM IN-PERSON ONLY
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Class Information	Classes will be IN PERSON only on Wednesdays 11:15 AM–2:05 PM. Office Hours: By appointment
Course Material	Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a foundational course on biblical interpretation which will provide students with the basic exegetical tools required to interpret and appropriate the biblical text. The student will learn to recognize and work with the different literary genres of the Bible and will gain an overview of various hermeneutical approaches to Scripture. In the process, the student will be introduced to various research tools, methods, resources and practical skills for interpretation in order to appropriate the Bible well in our contemporary context.

The discipline of hermeneutics is concerned with understanding the meaning of a Biblical text and its relevance to contemporary life. The strengths and weaknesses of different interpretive models will be explored. The determinative influence of the relationship between the author, the text, and the reader on the meaning of a text will be examined.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Practice careful and prayerful exegesis.
2. Apply the methodical, step by step exegetical process culminating in the interpretation and appropriation of a Biblical text.
3. Construct a history of Biblical interpretation, including historical and contemporary approaches and methods.
4. Develop the observational skills required to do a close reading of the Biblical text.
5. Recognize the importance of context (literary, historical, cultural, theological) in determining word meanings and the structure and literary features of a Biblical text.
6. Evaluate the validity of an interpretive position or a contemporary application of a Biblical text.
7. Describe the literary genres of the Bible, their respective features, and the rules for their exegesis and interpretation.
8. Critically engage and evaluate commentaries and journal articles.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING

Fee, Gordon D., and Douglas Stuart. [*How to Read the Bible for all its Worth*](#). Fourth edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.

Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr. [*Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*](#). Third Edition. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2017.

Tyndale recommends www.stepbible.org – a free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) – for word searches of original-language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING AND TOOLS

Bauer, David R. and Robert A. Traina. [*Inductive Bible Study: A Comprehensive Guide to the Practice of Hermeneutics*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011.

Danker, F. W. [*Multipurpose Tools for Bible Study*](#). Revised ed. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2003.

Fee, Gordon D. [*New Testament Exegesis*](#). Third edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and Richard D. Patterson. *Invitation to Biblical Interpretation: Exploring the Hermeneutical Triad of History, Literature, and Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2011.

Stuart, Douglas. [*Old Testament Exegesis*](#). Fourth edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster Press, 2009.

Tate, W. Randolph. [*Biblical Interpretation: An Integrated Approach*](#). Third edition. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008.

Tate, W. Randolph. *Interpreting the Bible: A Handbook of Terms and Methods*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2006.

Wald, Oletta. *The New Joy of Discovery in Bible Study*. Revised ed. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 2002.

Hebrew-English and Greek-English Concordance (either computer version or hardcopy [e.g. Kohlenberger]).

Interlinear Hebrew-English OT or Interlinear Greek-English NT (either computer version or hardcopy).

C. GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTIONS

Tyndale University prides itself in being a trans-denominational community. We anticipate our students to have varied viewpoints which will enrich the discussions in our learning community. Therefore, we ask our students to be charitable and respectful in their interactions with each other, and to remain focused on the topic of discussion, out of respect to others who have committed to being a part of this learning community. Please refer to “Guidelines for Interactions” on your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca.

D. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

The process of examining a Biblical text and moving from exegesis to exposition has many components. The course assignments provide the opportunity to **practice** the completion of each component. Each assignment **builds** on the preceding ones and adds to the growing understanding of the Biblical text. The results of all the assignments will be **brought together** to complete the final assignment which is the writing of an exegetical paper. Please note the following guidelines for the course assignments (see also Section G – General Guidelines):

- Adhere to the limits set out in the syllabus for the length of each assignment. An exception may be made for papers with extensive *content* footnotes.
- Typed, double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins
- All assignments must be written according to SBL or Chicago format for the text, footnotes, and bibliography. Please see G. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK for details.
- **All assignments are to be submitted as WORD documents (not PDF) by email** prior to the beginning of class on the respective due dates. The penalty for a late assignment will be 5% (half a letter grade) for any part of each week it is late.
- Title page --- please include a title page for all written work which includes the title of the paper, the name of the course, the name of the professor, and your name.
- **Study Groups:** students are *encouraged but not required* to form study groups to complete assignments #2-7. The structure and function of a study group will be

determined by the group members. Each study group will submit a single completed assignment as a group except for the exegetical paper. The exegetical paper can be researched with your study group but must be written and submitted individually.

Assignment #1: Observations on John 3:16 (5% - Due January 22, 2025)

1. Make twenty-five (25) observations on John 3:16.
2. Review your autobiographical details captured in your completed “Who am I?” questionnaire. Consider how the experiences of your life may influence your reading of Scripture. This will be submitted but not graded.
3. Make a photocopy or computer printout of 2 Sam 11-12. Choose a LARGE font with lots of **space** between words, lines, and in the margins. Suggest printing it in landscape format. You will be *extensively* marking up this copy as we will be using this passage in class to practice each step in the exegetical process. **Have it with you for each class.**
4. Choose one of the following two texts which you will study and use to complete the remaining assignments (#2-7) for this course: Gen 22:1-19 **OR** John 11:1-44.
5. If you have formed a study group, have one member send me a list of the group members.
6. StepBible Online Resource
 - 6.1. Download this free Bible Study resource from www.stepbible.com
 - 6.2. Watch all 7 instructional videos
 - 6.2.1. Go to www.stepbible.com, click on the MORE/HELP tab in the top right corner, select “video demonstrations”.
 - 6.3. Indicate on your assignment that you have watched the 7 instructional videos
7. Submit all elements of this assignment in ONE Word document

Assignment #2: Rhetorical Analysis or Structural Overview (10% - Due January 29, 2025)

Rhetorical Analysis or Structural Overview of **either** Gen 22:1-19 **or** John 11:1-44.

1. The purpose of this assignment is to obtain an overview of the actors and action, the setting (time, space, location), temporal dynamics (speed at which events unfold), and the basic structure and flow of the passage.
2. Print out the text of the passage you are studying on 8.5 x 11 paper. Choose a large font with lots of space between words, between lines, and in the margins. Suggest formatting it in “landscape” orientation. You will be *extensively* marking up this copy of the passage (underlining, circling, highlighting, annotating, etc.).
3. Characters
 - 3.1. Put a rectangular box around all the characters that appear in the passage. They may be indicated by their names, personal pronouns, or by a special term of designation (eg. the righteous, the wicked, the Light of the world, the prophets)
 - 3.2. **On a separate page**, list all the characters, the terms by which they are referred by, and the verse references identifying where they appear in the passage.
4. Repeated words, phrases, or constructions (condition/promise, command/reason or result)

- 4.1. Circle any repeated words, phrases or constructions. Track each occurrence by adding the same superscript numeral to the top right corner of the circle.
- 4.2. Repetition reveals the theme/topic of the passage.
- 4.3. **On a separate page**, list all the repeated words, phrases or constructions and the verse references identifying where they appear in the passage.
5. Identify transitions within the passage with the aid of the following chart:

Verses	Location	Primary Actors	Primary Activity	Real Time	Narrative Speed

- 5.1. Create a chart with the above headings. A template is provided on the class webpage.
- 5.2. Insert the sections of your synthetic outline (assignment 2) of Gen 22 or John 11 into the chart under the first column titled "Verses". Complete the chart by filling in the column headings for each section/row of your outline
- 5.3. Label the primary activity that occurs. If action, label the type of action (e.g. battle, journey, worship, etc.). If speech, indicate the type of speech (dialogue, prayer, sermon, debate, teaching, instruction, etc.).
- 5.4. Use the following three categories for narrative speed:
 - 5.4.1. Slow = short period of real time narrated (described) at length
 - 5.4.2. Neutral = real time and narration length correspond
 - 5.4.3. Fast = long period of real time narrated briefly
- 5.5. Real time is **real** time = day, week, month, years. First, look to see if there are any indicators of time (temporal markers). It may be obvious such as a date (20th day of the 2nd month in the 2nd year after they left Egypt), a temporal phrase ("on the third day..."), or a measure of time (it rained 40 days and 40 nights). It may be implied from the events --- for example, in 2 Sam 11:2-4, the events occur during the course of an evening. 2 Sam 11:5 likely spans 1-2 months.
- 5.6. Narrative SPEED = speed at which the **action** in the story unfolds. You have three options = normal, slow, or fast. Think of the story as a video you produced. Playing it at normal speed = normal narrative speed. Playing it in slo-mo = slow narrative speed = author takes a LONG time to describe an event (e.g. 2 Sam 11:6-15). Playing your video in fast forward = fast narrative speed = author covers big chunks of time and events quickly (e.g. 2 Sam 11:5 or 11:27).
6. Identify key statements in the passage
 - 6.1. Put a wavy line under all the verbs you think may be significant.
 - 6.2. Put a double wavy line under all imperatives (command, counsel, exhortation).
 - 6.3. Single underline all questions.
 - 6.4. Place a dotted line under all exclamations and rhetorical questions or statements.

7. Identify the key logical relationships in the passage
 - 7.1. Using the same colour, highlight all significant **connectors** (conjunctions, particles, and prepositions)
 - 7.2. Identify the logical relationship between what is on either side of the **connectors**. Use an arrow to connect the two sections on either side of the **connector**. Write the logical relationship on the arrow. Common logical relationships are purpose, result, cause/effect, reason, condition/consequence, contrast.
 - 7.3. Using a different colour, identify **colour** terms which describe people, places, objects or describe what they are doing or being. Draw an arrow connecting the **colour** term to the word it describes.
8. Students are encouraged to utilize **StepBible** to facilitate identification of recurrences of key terms, characters, etc.
9. Use your margins to record observations, relationships, questions, explanations, cross references. This assignment will prepare you for the Terms Chart and exegetical paper.
10. Please email me your completed analysis consisting of the following:
 - 10.1 scanned PDF or JPEG photo of the marked up printout of your passage
 - 10.2 list of characters and repeated terms
 - 10.3 chart of transitions and narrative speed

Assignment #3: Synthetic Outline (10% - Due February 5, 2025)

1. Construct a synthetic outline of Genesis 11:27 – 25:11 **or** John 1:1 – 11:57 with three levels of analysis: large sections (see 2.2), sub-sections (see 2.3), and paragraphs (see 2.4).
2. Guidelines:
 - 2.1. Read your text over several times. Ignore the chapter divisions and section headings in your Bible. Note the appearance and use of “literary unit dividers” which were presented in class. Give an overall title to you chosen text.
 - 2.2. **Large Sections:** Make an initial division of Genesis into several large sections. Each of these large sections will include several chapters. Assign a title to each section along with the chapter and verse references demarcating the section. Indicate in a footnote attached to your titles the reason(s) why you have divided where you have. You must support your choice of the large section divisions with literary elements from the Biblical text.
 - 2.3. **Sub-Sections:** Divide each large section into smaller sub-sections. Assign a title to each sub-section along with the chapter and verse references demarcating the sub-section. Indicate in a footnote attached to your titles the reason(s) why you have divided where you have. Support your choice of the sub-section divisions with literary elements from the Biblical text.
 - 2.4. **Paragraph Sections:** Divide each of your sub-sections into smaller paragraph sections that are 10-15 verses in length. To keep this assignment manageable, **DO NOT FURTHER SUB-DIVIDE YOUR PARAGRAPH SECTIONS**. Assign a title to each paragraph section. Indicate in a footnote attached to your titles the reason(s) why you have

divided where you have. Support your choice of paragraph divisions with literary elements from the Biblical text.

- 2.5. **Be creative** with your titles and make them memorable.
- 2.6. Your supporting footnotes are NOT an explanation or commentary on the text.
- 2.7. You may but are not required to consult commentaries and different Bible translations. If you revise your outline as a result of consulting secondary sources, be sure to indicate that in a footnote. Cite secondary sources in a bibliography.
- 2.8. The outline will be single spaced in 12 point font with one inch margins. Footnotes will be single spaced in 10 point font.
- 2.9. Maximum length of completed assignment (outline + footnotes) = 8 pages
- 2.10. Synthetic outlines are discussed on pages 351-360 and 505-509 of Klein, William W., Craig L. Blomberg and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Third Edition. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2017.
- 2.11. Sample outlines will be posted on the class [Moodle](#) webpage.
- 2.12. The outline will be graded on your choice of section divisions (25%), the creativity of your titles (25%) and the textual support of your outline in your footnotes (50%).
3. For the specific passage you have chosen to study (either Gen 22:1-19 or John 11:1-44), divide your paragraph sections into smaller sub-paragraph sections of 3-5 verses in length. Assign a title to each section and indicate in a footnote your reasons for dividing the sub-paragraphs where you have.

Assignment #4: Word Study (10% - Due February 12, 2025)

Word study of *'ahab* (to love) for Gen 22:2 **or** *phileo* (to love) for John 11:3

1. See pages 332-344 of *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*.
2. Begin by first searching "love" (**verb**) in an English dictionary and note the range and number of possible nuances of meaning. Observe the categories into which the dictionary organizes and groups all the possible nuances of meaning.
3. Find synonyms for "love" (**verb**) using a hardcopy or online thesaurus. Observe how synonyms convey a particular nuance of meaning for "love".
4. Compare different Bible translations (use **StepBible** or Bible app like **YouVersion**) to see how each decided on the nuance of meaning of your word (*'ahab* or *phileo*) and how they translated the word to convey that nuance.
5. Look up *'ahab* or *phileo* in lexicons, concordances, and theological dictionaries. For BIBL 0501, PDF copies of the relevant pages from various dictionaries and lexicons will be posted on the class webpage. Assemble a list of the various definitions of the word provided by the lexicons, concordances, and theological dictionaries. Note the range and nuance of meanings, different uses of the word, and Bible references where each nuance of meaning is found.
6. Study the Bible references cited for each nuance of meaning of the word. Observe the context in which the word is used. Context is the primary determinant of the specific

- nuance of meaning intended by the author. Context operates at many levels starting with the surrounding paragraph, then chapter, then book, then Testament, and the entire Bible.
7. Organize the results of your research from points #4-6. Group nuances of meaning that are similar or related into categories and assign a title to each category. Summarize the results of your organization and analysis in a Nuance Chart.
 - 7.1. List major groupings or categories of meaning. Within each major grouping or category, you can list sub-categories of meaning
 - 7.2. With each category and sub-category of meaning, provide a sample of Scriptural references in which the word is used with that particular nuance of meaning. You do not have to provide an exhaustive list of Scriptural references. Cite a few key representative verses for each nuance of meaning.
 - 7.3. Assign a title to each of your major groupings or categories of meaning. The title should describe the category without using the word "love". Use synonyms to convey the nuance of meaning for that category. Your results from #2-#3 will be helpful here.
 8. Write a summary (**2 pages max**) of your word study including:
 - 8.1. the major nuances of meaning of *'ahab* or *phileo*
 - 8.2. from your list of possible nuances of meaning, select the one you think is intended for Gen 22:2 (*'ahab*) or John 11:3 (*phileo*). **Using context to guide you, be as specific and focused as possible** about the meaning of the word in the passage.
 - 8.3. support your selection with evidence from the immediate and broader context of Gen 22 and John 11
 9. Assess the validity and accuracy of your word study by interacting with secondary sources such as: critical Biblical commentaries (these discuss various interpretive options and the strengths and weaknesses of each), journal articles (many word studies are published as full length articles in academic journals), theological dictionaries, Bible encyclopaedias, etc.
 10. Submit by email your nuance chart along with the summary of your word study as a single WORD document.

Assignment #5: Terms Chart with Interpretative Questions (20% - Due February 26, 2025)

Terms Chart with Interpretive Questions for Gen 22:1-19 or John 11:1-44.

Term	Verse	Interpretive Question	Interpretive Answer

1. Instructions for this assignment will be reviewed in class.
2. Assignments 5 & 6 are the HEART of the exegetical process which produces a paper, Bible study or sermon. There are TWO critical steps in exegesis: observation and asking the right questions of what is observed.

3. Create a chart with the same headings as above. Suggest “landscape” page orientation.
4. A “term” can refer to a word, a phrase, an entire sentence, a logical connection (contrast, condition, purpose, etc.) , a literary technique (repetition, panelling, chiasm, inclusion, etc.), a grammatical or syntactical feature, a name, a location, a measure of time, ..., basically **any observation** in the passage that you have questions about.
5. List all the terms in the passage that you would like to investigate and/or you think are important for the understanding of the passage.
6. Then, compile a list of as many questions as you can come up with for each term you wish to examine.
7. There is NO PAGE LIMIT for this assignment. You can list as many terms as you want and as many questions as you want.

Assignment #6: Terms Chart with Interpretative Answers (15% - Due March 12, 2025)

1. Provide answers to the interpretive questions generated for at least 20 of the terms listed in your term chart.
2. You are *not expected* to answer *all* of your interpretive questions. Choose the ones that you think are critical to the understanding and interpretation of the passage. **Please note:** your determination of which are the critical interpretive questions is part of the grading of this assignment.
3. Guidelines to answering the interpretive questions:
 - 3.1. Provide options, propose your answer, give reasons.
 - 3.2. Point form or bullet type answers
 - 3.3. No footnotes within your answer. Just (author last name, page reference)
 - 3.4. Interact with a variety of secondary sources. I will be looking at the quality and quantity of the citations in your bibliography. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize the many features of **StepBible** for this assignment.
 - 3.5. For the interpretive questions that you choose not to answer, indicate the sources you would use to answer the question.

Assignment #7: Exegetical Paper (25% - Due March 26, 2025)

Detailed instructions have been posted on the BIBL 0501 class [Moodle](#) page.

Assignment #8: Scripture Memorization (5% - Due March 5, 2025)

1. Choose a passage or passages of Scripture that is/are at least 15 verses long, which you have **not** previously memorized, and memorize it.
2. Recite the passage to someone (in person or by phone). Your recitation must be word perfect with the allowance of 1 prompt **or** 1 error.
3. You may use any language and any Bible translation.

4. Assignment will be due at the beginning of class on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**. On that day, please submit on a 3"x5" index card (available next to library computers) the verse reference for the passage(s) of Scripture memorized, the date you recited it, and the name of the individual to whom it was recited. No signature is required from the person who heard your recitation.
5. Between February 12 and April 9, 2025, members of the class will be randomly called upon to recite the passage of Scripture they have memorized.

E. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

F. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Assignment 1: 25 Observations on John 3:16 Personal Biases in Reading Scripture Step Bible Videos	5%
Assignment 2: Rhetorical or Structural Analysis	10 %
Assignment 3: Synthetic Outline	10 %
Assignment 4: Word Study	10 %
Assignment 5: Term Chart + Interpretive Questions	20 %
Assignment 6: Term Chart + Interpretive Answers	15%
Assignment 7: Exegetical Paper	25 %
Assignment 8: Scripture Memorization	5 %
Total Grade	100 %

G. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

1. Written work must follow either the SBL stylistic model described in [The SBL Handbook of Style: For Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical, and Early Christian Studies](#), 2nd ed. (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2014) or the Chicago Manual of Style described in the [tip sheet, "Documenting Chicago Style"](#) (Tyndale e-resource) or the full edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#), especially ch. 14. For citing scripture texts, refer to sections 10.44 to 10.48 and 14.238 to 14.241 from the *Chicago Manual of Style* or reference the [tip sheet, "How to Cite Sources in Theology"](#). Please familiarize yourself with these resources as they provide

instructions for not only footnotes and bibliographic formats but also stylistic elements such as acceptable abbreviations, etc.

2. Please proof-read your work for spelling, punctuation, grammar, organization, coherent thought, and logical flow of arguments. It is often helpful to ask someone else to review your writing and comment on the above criteria.
3. All assignments are to be handed in at the **beginning** of class on the respective due dates. The penalty for a late assignment will be 5% (half a letter grade) for **any part** of each week it is late.
4. Title page --- please include a title page for all written work which includes the title of the paper, the name of the course, the name of the professor, and your name.
5. Checklist:
 - 5.1. did you answer the question that was asked?
 - 5.2. did you follow the instructions?
 - 5.3. clarity and organization
 - 5.4. critical analysis --- your paper should answer more “how?” and “why?” type questions than “what?” type questions?
 - 5.5. spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, inclusive language
 - 5.6. appropriate format for footnote citations and bibliography
6. Practical Tips for Essay Writing
 - 6.1. Pray. Pray that your essay would transform your life and church community.
 - 6.2. Begin early and work on it each week. Capture ideas that come to mind.
 - 6.3. Start your research by reading an overview of your subject area in a major Bible dictionary or encyclopedia such as the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, *the Eerdmans Bible Dictionary*, *the New International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, or *the New Catholic Encyclopaedia*.
 - 6.4. The reference (encyclopaedias, dictionaries, commentaries) and periodical collections in the library are invaluable. Become familiar with their contents.
 - 6.5. Take advantage of the library’s [e-Resources](#) which provide access to [scholarly periodicals and journals](#) via the EBSCOHost, ATLA, and JSTOR databases.
 - 6.6. Utilize the staff and expertise of the Tyndale Writing Services or visit the [Centre for Academic Excellence’s website](#). You will receive excellent help in documentation, style, grammar, punctuation, concise writing, focusing your research question, and much more.
 - 6.7. Make sure your essay is properly formatted including page numbers, title page, footnotes, and bibliography.
 - 6.8. Have someone proofread your essay prior to submission.

Grading of Assignments

In general, assignments which meet the professor’s expectations will receive a grade of B or 75%. Grades above or below “B” will be related to the excellence or deficiencies of the submitted work relative to this satisfactory threshold. Excellence or deficiencies in the following areas will increase or decrease the grade that is assigned:

1. Number and quality of primary and secondary sources cited in footnotes and bibliography

2. Content
3. Form and presentation --- correct footnote and bibliographic format must be used
4. Depth, thoughtfulness and thoroughness of analysis and discussion
 - 4.1. Asking and answering “how” and “why” questions versus “what” questions
 - 4.2. Breadth and depth of historical, grammatical, syntactical, exegetical, and theological research
 - 4.3. Exegetical interaction with the Biblical text, relevant scholarly articles, major commentaries
5. Clarity, consistency and direction of logic, argument, and reasoning
6. Quality and clarity of writing --- spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism (including improper use of artificial intelligence programs). Tyndale University takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty. Please refer to the [Academic Integrity website](#) for further details.

Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#). Citation and other [tip sheets](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and may require approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean’s Office (aa@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

H. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student’s learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

A course schedule will be provided and posted on the class [Moodle](#) page describing the following:

- Overview of content for class session of each day (e.g. Day 1, Day 2, etc.)
- Readings due for each class
- Due dates for course assignments

January 15	Exegetical Process: OBSERVATION (1) : What translation should I use? : What do I see? Class Prep : Read the course syllabus : Complete the “Who am I?” questionnaire : Chapter 1 The Need for Interpretation (pp 39-65) : <i>Preface pp 11-19 (Fee & Stuart = FS)</i> : <i>Chapter 2 A Good Translation pp 36-56 (FS)</i>
January 22	Exegetical Process: OBSERVATION (2) : Rhetorical Analysis Pre-Class Textbook Reading : Chapter 5 The Interpreter (pp 201-243) : Chapter 7 Grammatical Structural Relationships (pp 344-360) : <i>Chapter 1 Introduction pp 21-35 (FS)</i>
January 29	Exegetical Process: OBSERVATION (3) : Synthetic Outlines Pre-Class Textbook Reading : Chapter 7 General Rules of Hermeneutics: Prose (pp 293-324) : Chapter 4 Canon & Translation (pp 165-195) : Chapter 9 How to Write a Structural Outline (pp 505-509)

- February 5 Exegetical Process: OBSERVATION (4)
 : Word Study
 Pre-Class Textbook Reading
 : Chapter 3 Approaches to Interpretation (pp 117-164)
 : Chapter 7 Word Study (pp 324-344)
- February 12 Exegetical Process: INTERPRETATION (1)
 : interpretive questions
 : constructing a Terms Chart
 : 2 Samuel 11-12 as case study
 Pre-Class Textbook Reading
 : Chapter 6 The Goal of Interpretation (pp 244-290)
 : *Evaluation & Use of Commentaries pp 275-290 (FS)*
- February 19 Reading Week – NO CLASS
- February 26 Exegetical Process: INTERPRETATION (2)
 : interpretative Questions & Terms Chart
 : 2 Samuel 11-12 as case study
 Pre-Class Textbook Reading
 : Chapter 2 History of Interpretation
 : Chapter 13 Annotated Bibliography
- March 5 Exegetical Process
 : Correlation & Context
 Pre-Class Textbook Reading
 : Chapter 9 Genres of the Old Testament (pp 417-450)
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