

## **BI459 ADVANCED HERMENEUTICS**

**Course:** BI459 D/DN Advanced Hermeneutics  
**Credit:** 3 credit hours  
**Semester:** Fall 2023 (Cycle 3)  
**Dates:** October 23 – December 15, 2023  
**Time:** Tuesday and Thursday (1:00 – 2:20 pm)  
**Place:** East Ed 116  
**Instructor:** STAFF

### **I. DESCRIPTION**

This course covers the issues of exegetical analysis and exposition, building on the hermeneutical principles learned in the previous course. The principles of historical, grammatical, and rhetorical interpretation will comprise the major portion of the course along with the expositional method for teaching. (Prerequisite: BI115 or professor's approval)

*This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person. Online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.*

### **II. OBJECTIVES**

A. General competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Learn the techniques of the Exegetical Analysis Method. (PLO 1-5) (A: B, C)
2. Develop a continued understanding of General and Specific Hermeneutics. (PLO 1-5) (A: B, C)
3. Demonstrate practical skills in Interpretation, Exegesis and Exposition. (PLO 1-5) (A: B, C)

B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will:

1. Properly apply the grammatical-historical method of interpretation to selected texts from the New Testament Scriptures. (PLO 1-5) (A: B, C)

2. Develop a practical system for recognizing pre-suppositional Biblical Criticism and how to answer the critics. (PLO 1-5) (A: B)
3. Demonstrate the ability to develop a teaching/preaching outline of select passages of Scripture based on proper interpretation. (PLO 1-5) (A: B, C)

### III. MATERIALS

A. One of the following versions of the Bible: NASB or ESV. The NASB/95 will be used in class.

B. Textbooks:

1. **The Bible** is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases and thought-for-thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.
2. Thomas, Robert L. *Evangelical Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2002. (ISBN: 9780825438394) [Retail: \$28.99]
3. Plummer, Robert L. *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2010. (ISBN: 9780825434983) [Retail: \$22.99]
4. Chou, Abner. *The Hermeneutics of the Biblical Writers*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2018. (ISBN: 9780825443244) [Retail: \$23.99]

### IV. REQUIREMENTS

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#### A. IMPORTANT NOTES

- Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator ([aso@calvary.edu](mailto:aso@calvary.edu)) of any disabling condition that may require support.
- *Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated.*
- The Clark Academic Center ([learning@calvary.edu](mailto:learning@calvary.edu)) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of

the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.

- All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update.
- Attendance: All students are expected to attend all scheduled classes for this course.

## **B. Reading**

1. Read the textbook: *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible*. (347 pages)
2. Read the textbook: *The Hermeneutics of the Biblical Writers*. (251 pages)
3. Read the textbook: *Evangelical Hermeneutics*. (524 pages)

Reading of assigned material and class attendance/participation will be worth 200 points. (This is 20% of the course grade.)

**C. Writing Projects/Assignments** (5-10 pages per assignment) – detailed in Canvas (100 points per assignment). One major assignment per week (about) will be due in the areas of: (This is 60% of the course grade.)

1. Historical Narrative – Genesis
2. Wisdom Literature – Job
3. Psalms and Poetry – a Psalm
4. Prophecy/Typology/Apocalyptic Literature – Joel
5. Parables and Allegories – a Parable and an Allegory
6. NT Use of OT Passages – several examples

## **D. Final Project/Epistolary Literature**

Write a 10-15 page paper on the epistle of Jude. Details are in Canvas, including the requirements for the assignment. This is due at the end of the cycle. (This is 20% of the course grade.)

## **V. METHODS**

Classes will be conducted via lecture and discussion over the topic for the week. Reading of the textbook material will be assumed completed before the class time each week. One major assignment per week (about) will be due per Canvas instructions. Grades will be assigned according to the grading scale in the Calvary University Catalog.

## VI. TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE

Week 1	Historical Narrative	[Reading is detailed in Canvas LMS]
Week 2	Wisdom Literature	
Week 3	Psalms and Poetry	
Week 4	Parables and Allegories	
Week 5	Prophecy/Typology/Apocalyptic Literature	
Week 6	NT Epistles	
Week 7	NT Use of OT Passages	
Week 8	Putting It All Together	

## VII. Reference List for further reading

Bauer, David R. and Robert A. Traina. *Inductive Bible Study*. Baker Academic, 2011.

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