#### METHODS AND BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

2020-2021 Second Term Tue 7:00pm-9:30pm Online Zoom Class

Course Code: THEO5914

Title in English: Methods and Biblical Interpretation

Title in Chinese: 方法與聖經詮釋

#### **Course Description:**

Biblical interpretation does not happen in a vacuum. Every interpretive act involves the text, the reader, and its signifying context, including that of the writer(s) and that of the reader, defined by the complex web of social, cultural, political, and even psychological forces. This course covers some major methods used in the critical study of the Bible (with a focus on the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament) from the late nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century, including the historical-critical methods, literary criticism, and reader-centered approaches. It examines the tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies of various exegetical methods, and evaluates each's weaknesses and strengths.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

After completing this course, students should be able to:

- Describe and compare various critical methods of biblical studies
- Deepen their awareness of how the writer's and interpreter's social, cultural, political, and even psychological contexts may affect the process of signification
- Demonstrate a familiarity of the current approaches to biblical interpretation
- Be able to apply at least seven of the critical methods in their reading of the biblical texts
- Be able to formulate their own intersectional and interdisciplinary approach to biblical interpretation

#### **List of Topics**

Topic	Contents and Fundamental Concepts
Introduction to Biblical	Contents: The task and basic concepts of biblical interpretation
Interpretation	and a survey of the major approaches and methods to be
	introduced in this course.
	Key Concepts: Exegesis, interpretation, hermeneutics, eisegesis,
	text, diachrony, synchrony, the three worlds of the text
Historical Criticism	Contents: An overview of the biblical interpretation in the
	premodern period and the five historical-critical methods (textual,
	source, form, traditio-historical, and redaction criticisms) that
	sprung from modernity; a general critique of their tasks,
	presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: The Alexandrian School, the Antiochian School,
	Christianization, literalism, lower criticism, higher criticism,
	compositional history, history and cultural memory
2. Textual Criticism	Contents: A brief history of the Hebrew Bible; an overview of
	textual criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and
	reading strategies.
	Key Concept: Consonantism, manuscript, Masoretic Text,
	Leningrad Codex, Septuagint, BHS, Vorlage, Ur-text, lectio
	difficilior potior, lectio brevior, ipsissima verba

3. Source Criticism	Contents: An overview of source criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Literarkritik, original meaning, internal analysis, textual integrity, textual discontinuity, Documentary Hypothesis
4. Form Criticism	Contents: An overview of form criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Orality, form, function, Gattung, Sitz im Leben, Tendenz
5. Traditio-Historical Criticism	Contents: An overview of tradition-historical criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
6. Redaction Criticism	Key Concepts: Transmission, traditio, traditum, final form  Contents: An overview of redaction criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
7. Canonical Approach	Key Concepts: Rdactional layer, resumptive repetition, bracketing Contents: An overview of canonical approach and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Canon, canonical process, closed corpus, scripture, "canonical intentionality"
8. Folkloristics	Contents: An overview of reading the biblical narratives as folklores and a critique of such approach's tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Sage, Sagenwelt, epic laws, motif, stock phrase, type-scene, universal
9. Rhetorical Analysis	Contents: An overview of Hebraic rhetoric and literary conventions  Key Concepts: Parallelism, chiasmus, inclusio
10. Rhetorical (or Communicative) Criticism	Contents: An overview of various types of rhetorical (or communicative) criticism and a critique of the tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Rhetoric, persuasion, rhetorical unit, rhetorical situation, rhetorical genre, rhetorical strategy, rhetorical effect
11. Narrative Criticism and Narratology	Contents: An overview of narrative criticism and a critique of the tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies; an introduction to narratology
	Key Concepts: Narrative, narration, viewpoint, implied author/reader, characterization, plot, genre, literary devices, focalization, narrative subjectivity
12. Structuralist Criticism	Contents: An overview of structuralist criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Structuralism, semiotics, sign, signifier, signified, patterns, opposites, narratemes, Greimas semiotic square, actantial model
13. Reader-Response Criticism	Contents: An overview of reader-response theories and their employment in biblical interpretation; a critique of such approach's tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Indeterminacy, intersubjectivity, subjectivity, social location, phenomenology of reading, narrative gap

14. Deconstructive Criticism	Contents: An overview of employing deconstructive criticism to biblical interpretation and a critique of such approach's tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Poststructuralism, deconstruction, interpretant, binary opposition, différance, undecideability, logocentrism
15. Ideological Criticism	Contents: What is ideology, an overview of ideological criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Ideology, class struggle, superstructure, modes of production, measurable absence, discourse
16. Feminist (and Womanist) Criticism	Contents: An overview of feminist criticism and its various approaches to biblical interpretation, as well as the subsequent emergence of Womanist criticism, and a critique of the tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies of feminist biblical criticism.
	Key Concepts: Feminism, patriarchy, androcentrism, male domination, misogyny, sexism, gender ideology, gender representation/construction, gender stereotype, hermeneutics of recuperation, hermeneutics of suspicion, hermeneutics of liberation, intersectionality
17. Cultural Criticism and Cross-Textual Hermeneutics	Contents: An overview of cultural criticism of the Bible and cross-textual hermeneutics as a dialogical approach to biblical interpretation in Asian contexts, an examination of its interdisciplinary dimension and a critique of such dialogical approach.
18. Social-Scientific Criticism	Contents: An overview of incorporating social-scientific theories in biblical interpretation, with the employment of anthropological and sociological theories, as well as archaeological evidence.
19. Postcolonial Criticism	Contents: An overview of postcolonial biblical criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Colonial discourse analysis, imperialism, postcolonialism, Foucauldian notion of discourse, textuality, subject formation, agency, hybridity, ambiguity, ambivalence, mimicry
20. Psychological Criticism	Contents: An overview of psychological biblical criticism with a focus on psychoanalytic approach; various psychoanalytic theories utilized in such approach, and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.
	Key Concepts: Psychoanalysis, the unconscious, drive, psychic mechanisms such as repression, displacement, condensation, transference, projection, introjection
21. Reading with Trauma Theory	Contents: An overview of the recent trend of reading the biblical text with trauma and disaster theory
	Key Concepts: Post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatization, fragmented memory, unspeakable, somatization, affect theory, cognitive dissonance theory
22. Queer (or Gender Criticism)	Contents: An overview of queer (or gender) criticism and a critique of its tasks, presuppositions, and reading strategies.

	Key Concepts: Gender/sex, sexuality, masculinity, femininity, performativity, interpellation, drag, heterosexism, heteronormativity, homoeroticism
23. Conclusion	Contents: The ethics of biblical interpretation; decentered and
	interdisciplinary approach to biblical interpretation

## **Learning Activities:**

The course consists mainly of lectures, interwoven with class discussion, independent reading, class presentation, and research activities. The time allocation (per week) of the learning activities is as follows:

On	line	Class and Web-		Group		Reading and		Written	
Lecture		<b>Based Discussion</b>		Presentation		Research		Assignments	
In	Out of	In class	Out of	In class	Out of	In class	Out of	In class	Out of
class	Class		Class		Class		Class		Class
1.5 hrs		0.25 hr	1 hr	0.5 hr	0.25 hr		3 hrs		1 hrs
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M: Mandatory activity in the course O: Optional activity				ctivity					

### **Assessment Scheme:**

Task nature	Purpose	Learning Outcomes
Student Presentation	To facilitate the students' critical	Students are to work
(20%)	review of the reading materials	independently (or in pair) and
	and the exchanges of ideas	give a 20-minute PowerPoint
Submit your choice by Jan	among them.	presentation on one of the
12 (Tue) via Google Doc.		assigned topics marked with an
		asterisk (*) in the course
The pdf version of the		schedule. Each presenter is
PowerPoint presentation is		required to give a summary of
due by 6:00pm on the		the week's reading materials
presentation day on the		and describe the key figures,
Blackboard Discussion		key terms, the basic
Forum.		assumptions, task, questions
		raised, reading strategies,
The pptx version of the		and/or issues entailed in each
presentation is to be		method. Each presenter (or
submitted to the		pair) is to prepare a PowerPoint
designated assignment		presentation of no more than
folder on Blackboard.		20 pages.
7 Exegetical Papers	To evaluate the students' ability	Select seven out of the
(70%; @10%)	to critically apply the selected	exegetical methods marked
	exegetical methods and to	with a pound sign (#) in the
The list of chosen methods	analyze and critique the methods'	course schedule. Apply each
is due on Jan 18 (Mon) via	strengths and weaknesses.	selected method to the
Google Doc.		interpretation of a biblical
		pericope of the student's
Each paper due at 6:00pm		choice (about 10–20 verses)
on the day prior to the		and submit a short exegetical
corresponding lecture on		paper of 1200–1600 words.
Blackboard Discussion		
Forum and VeriGuide.		

# Class Participation (10%)

Blackboard Discussion Forum Posts due by 12:00pm on the day of the corresponding lecture

- To encourage learning collaboration and exchanges of ideas among the students, both in class and through Blackboard's discussion forum.
- To consolidate the students' understanding of the reading materials.
- 3. To develop critical attitude toward the exegetical methods.
- To deepen students' awareness of how an interpreter's social locations, including their own, and presuppositions affect the production of meaning.

Students are required to participate in the class discussion and the online discussion forum by posting their questions, critiques, and opinions on the methods and the exegetical papers posted by their classmates.

#### **Learning Resources:**

#### **Textbooks (required):**

The Bible and Culture Collective. 1995. *The Postmodern Bible*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press. [**BCC**; CC BS476 .P67 1995; on reserve]

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Yee, Gale A., ed. 2007. *Judges & Method: New Approaches in Biblical Studies*. 2nd ed. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press. [*J&M*; CC BS1305.52 .J83 2007; on reserve]

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#### **Feedback for Evaluation:**

Students are welcome to give constructive feedbacks and share their learning experiences during the in-class mid-term evaluation and via Blackboard Discussion Forum, email and text exchanges throughout the course.

## **Course Schedule:**

Class	Date	Topic	Reading Assignments
Week 1	Jan 12 (Tu)	Introduction	Required: Barton 1996, 1-19; J&M, 1-18; BCC,
			1-19
			Recommended: Barton 1984; TiC, ch.1
Week 2	Jan 19 (Tu)	Historical Criticism	Required:
		2. Textual Criticism *	1. BCHB, ch.1; BIM, ch.5; TEIOM, 17-35;
			Brettler et al
			2. <i>MBI</i> , 19-39
			Recommended:
			1. Yee 1995
			2. McCarter [monograph in bold]
Week 3	Jan 26 (Tu)	3. Source Criticism *	Required:
		4. Form Criticism *#	3. <i>TEIOM</i> , 35-57; <i>BIM</i> , ch.1; Barton 1996, 20-29
			4. <i>TEIOM</i> , 58-89; <i>BIM</i> , ch.2
			Recommended:
			3. <i>HB&amp;IMI</i> , 128-46; <b>Habel</b>
			4. <b>Tucker</b> ; Buss; Campbell
Week 4	Feb 2 (Tu)	5. Traditio-Historical	Required:
		Criticism *#	5. <i>TEIOM</i> , 90-104; <i>MBI</i> , 127-33; Knight 1992
		6. Redaction Criticism	6. <i>TEIOM</i> , 105-21; <i>BIM</i> , ch.3
		*# [Proficiency of	Recommended:
		Biblical Hebrew	5. Knight 2006, 5-25; <i>HB&amp;IMI</i> , 146-50; Lee
		required]	1990a & 1990b; Fishbane, 1-43
		' -	6. Barton 1996, 45-76; Person and Rezetko, 1-
			35; Van Seters
Week 5	Feb 9 (Tu)	7. Canonical	Required:
		Approach *	7. <i>TiC</i> , ch.3; <i>TEIOM</i> , 142-155; <i>MBI</i> , 215-19
		8. Folkloristics *#	8. <i>HB&amp;IMI</i> , 180-91; Olrik
			Recommended:
			7. Childs, 27-83; Barton 1996, 77-103; P.R.
			Davies, 1-58
			8. Niditch; Dundes; Thompson [for
			consultation only]
	Feb 16 (Tu)	(Lunar New Year)	
Week 6	Feb 23 (Tu)	9. Rhetorical	Required:
		Analysis *#	9. TiC, ch.10; Muilenburg
		10. Rhetorical (or	10. <i>TEIOM</i> , 156-180; BCC, 149-86
		Communicative)	Recommended:
		Criticism *#	9. Meynet
			10. <i>MBI</i> , 185-95; <b>Trible</b>
Week 7	Mar 2 (Tu)	11. Narrative Criticism	Required:
		and Narratology *#	11. 劉意青; Gunn; <i>TEIOM</i> , 201-229; <i>J&amp;M</i> , 19-
		- Guest Lecture by	45; Moore
		Dr. Leo Kwan-Hung	Recommended:
		Li	11. 李均熊; 張玉明; Berlinerblau; Goldingay;
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Week 8	Mar 9 (Tu)	12. Structuralist	Required:
		Criticism *#	12. BCC, 70-118; <i>J&amp;M</i> , 90-114
		13. Reader-Response	13. Exum & Clines, 11-15; <i>TEIOM</i> , 230-252;
		Criticism *#	BCC, 20-69
			Recommended:
			12. <i>TEIOM</i> , 183-200; <i>HB&amp;IMI</i> , 173-80; Barton
			1996, 104-39; Jobling [for sampling]
			13. Barton 1996: 198-219; Tate, 187-94; Iser
			1971, 1972; Tompkins [for sampling]
Week 9	Mar 16 (Tu)	14. Deconstructive	Required:
		Criticism *#	14. <i>TEIOM</i> , 253-267; BCC, 119-48; M. Davies
		15. Ideological	15. <i>TEIOM</i> , 283-306; <i>J&amp;M</i> , 138-60
		Criticism *#	Recommended:
			Both. Jacob, 41-89 & 139-43
			14. J&M, 115-137; Barton 1996, 220-36;
			Adam
			15. BCC, 272-308; Gottwald; Pippin 1996;
			Clines 1995, 9-25; <b>Eagleton</b>
Week 10	Mar 23 (Tu)	16 Feminist land	Required:
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		•	16. <i>J&amp;M</i> , 65-89; BCC, 225-271
		Criticism *#	17. Segovia 1995; Kwok; Lee 1998 & 2000
		17. Cultural Criticism	Recommended:
		and Cross-Textual	16. <i>TEIOM</i> , 268-82; <i>TiC</i> , ch.4; <i>BIM</i> , ch.13;
		Hermeneutics *#	Osiek; <b>Fuchs</b> ; Bach [for sampling]
			17. Scholz; <i>J&amp;M</i> , 202-36; Clines 1993; Wong
	Mar 30 (Tu)	(Reading Week)	
	April 6 (Tu)	(Public Holiday)	
Week 11	Apr 13 (Tu)	18. Social-Scientific	Required:
		Criticism *#	18. <i>BCHB</i> , ch.3; <i>TEIOM</i> , 125-41; <i>J&amp;M</i> , 46-64
		19. Postcolonial	19. <i>J&amp;M</i> , 161-82; <i>BIM</i> , ch.19
		Criticism *#	Recommended:
			18. Elliott; Baker
			19. Lee 1999; Segovia 2005, 23-78; <b>Loomba</b>
			15. Lee 1555, 5egovia 2005, 25-70, <b>Louinba</b>
Week 12	Apr 20 (Tu)	20. Psychological	Required:
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		21. Reading with	21. <i>T&amp;T</i> , 62-70, 177-22; O'Connor 2010
		Trauma Theory *	Recommended:
			20. Bechtel; <b>Kille</b>
			21. <i>T&amp;T</i> , 223-43; Smith-Christopher 2002, 75-
			104.
Week 13	Apr 27 (Tu)	22. Queer (or Gender)	Required:
	(Make-up	Criticism *#	22. <i>J&amp;M</i> , 183-201; Stone 1997; Martin
	Class)	Conclusion:	Recommended:
		Interpretation and	22. Stone 2001, 11-34; Hornsby & Stone eds,
		Ethics	1-43, 321-41, Koch
		Lulics	
			Conclusion: Schüssler Fiorenza; Paris

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A (+/–)	B (+/–)	C (+/–)	D (+)	F
- Astral, insightful, reflective content - Exceeds expectations - Original & creative thesis potentially making a contribution to scholarship - Content consistent - Persuasive & logical arguments - Provide substantial evidence and support from scholarly works - Excellent integration & synthesis of different views - Implications well observed - Excellent organization - Rich & relevant references with correct citation format	- Adequate, thoughtful, descriptive, relevant content - Meets expectations - Thesis built on the theses & findings of current scholarship - Content consistent - Adequate & clear line of arguments - Provide evidence and support from scholarly works - Good integration & synthesis of different views - Implications noted - Good organization - Relevant references with correct citation format	- Lack of understanding of the subject matter - Below expectations - Unclear thesis - Some arguments Unconvincing & unclear - Lack of evidence and support from scholarly works - Lack of integration & synthesis of different views - Implications unclear - Lack of relevant references with some issues in citation format	- Misconception in subject matter - Below expectations - Unclear thesis - Arguments unconvincing, unclear - Lack of evidence and support from scholarly works - Neither integration nor synthesis of different views - Implications not noted - Incorrect citation	- Content irrelevant to subject matter - Fail to meet expectations