

Exegesis of Hebrews, NT 765

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Subject	Exegesis of Hebrews
Course Number	NT 765
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Credits	xx (MDiv)
Schedule	3rd February – 14th February, 2014
Content	This class involves a detailed examination of the Epistle to the Hebrews in Greek language. It will develop exegetical skills necessary for work in the New Testament such as doing a word study, text analysis and expositional presentation. It will examine scholars' views on various portions of specific Hebrews theology and will develop the ability to compose an exegesis paper. Expositional preaching will be taught in conjunction with exegesis.
Entrance Requirements	Basic and Intermediate Greek.
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify introductory matters from the book of Hebrews as presented in Ellingworth's, Trotter's, and Lane's commentaries on Hebrews. 2. Ability to note and comment on the stylistic features of Hebrews. 3. Ability to identify and comment on the main theological themes of Hebrews. 4. Ability to translate and analyze passages in the Greek text of Hebrews. 5. Ability to do short Greek word / themes studies. 6. Ability to compare and evaluate a commentator's opinions with one's own translation and exegesis. 7. Ability to synthesize one's exegetical findings with Hebrews general theology. 8. Ability to write a scholarly exegetical paper on a passage from Hebrews, 1500 words.
Evaluation Methodology	Quiz on Introduction material (15%), translation quiz (15%); word study (15); theme study (15%), exegetical paper (40%),
Educational	Class time will involve some lecture, translation and small group

Strategies	work. Introductory matters and the subject matter of Jesus' superiority over the OT laws and covenants will be tested by quizzes (objective #1, 7, 8). One diagram or study of the logical structure of a pericope is to be submitted, together with the a theme and word study (Objective #2, 3, 4). An exegetical paper will be researched, written and submitted (Objective #4, 5, 6)..
Literature and/or Textbooks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greek New Testament 2. Zerwick and Grosvenor, <i>A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament</i>. Rome: Pontifico, 1996. 3. Ellingworth, Paul. <i>The Epistle to the Hebrews : a commentary on the Greek text</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans, [1993]. 4. Trotter, Andrew H., Jr, <i>Interpreting the Epistle to the Hebrews</i> (Guides to New Testament Exegesis; Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1997), <p>Reserve</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. Introductory Articles:</p> <p>Lane, W. L. 1997. "Hebrews." In Peter H. Davids, <i>Dictionary of the Later New Testament & Its Developments</i>: 443-58, Downers Grove, IL: IV Press, 1997; also, see the articles on "Angels", "Melchizedek", "Law", "Priest, High Priest".</p> <p>"Angels of the nations", "Angelic liturgy", "Melchizedek traditions", "Temple, Jewish" in S.E. Porter, C.A. Evans, <i>Dictionary of New Testament background : A compendium of contemporary biblical scholarship</i> (electronic ed.). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2. Introduction, Background and Methods Commentaries</p> <p>Hurst, David, <i>The Epistle to the Hebrews: Its Background of Thought</i>. Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 65. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.</p> <p>Wright, N. T. <i>Theological interpretation of the New Testament : a book- by-book survey</i>. Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Academic, [2008].</p> <p>Marshall, I. Howard. <i>A concise New Testament theology</i>. Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Academic, [2008].</p>

Carson, D. A and Moo, Douglas J. *An introduction to the New Testament*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, [2005].

Buttrick, George Arthur. *The Interpreter's Bible : the Holy Scriptures in the King James and Revised standard versions with general articles and introduction, exegesis, exposition for each book of the Bible*. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, [1980].

3. Greek Text Commentaries

Lane, William L. *Hebrews 1-8*. Dallas, Tex: Word Books, [1991].

Lane, William L. *Hebrews 9-13*. Dallas, Tex: Word Books, [1991].

Ellingsworth, Paul and Nida, Eugene Albert. *A translator's handbook on the Letter to the Hebrews*. London: United Bible Societies, [1983].

Ellingsworth, Paul. *The Epistle to the Hebrews : a commentary on the Greek text*. Grand Rapids, Mich: W.B. Eerdmans, [1993].

Westcott, Brooke Foss. *The Epistle to the Hebrews : the Greek text with notes and essays*. [2nd ed.]. Grand Rapids, Mich: W. B. Eerdmans, [1980].

4. Exegetical Commentaries

Johnson, Alan F. *The Expositor's Bible commentary : with the New International version of the Holy Bible, Hebrews-- Revelation*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Pub. House, [1981].

Moffatt, James. *A critical and exegetical commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, [1979].

Newell, William Reed. *Hebrews, verse by verse*. Chicago: Moody, [1947].

Bruce, F. F. *The Epistle to the Hebrews : the English text with introduction, exposition, and notes*. Grand Rapids: W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co, [1964, 1990].

Greenlee, J. Harold. *An exegetical summary of Hebrews*. Dallas:

	<p>SIL, [1998].</p> <p>Guthrie, George H. <i>The structure of Hebrews : A text-linguistic analysis</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, [1998].</p> <p>Guthrie, Donald. <i>The letter to the Hebrews : an introduction and commentary</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, [1988].</p> <p>Farrar, Frederic William. <i>The epistle of Paul the apostle to the Hebrews: with notes and introduction</i>. Cambridge, [Eng.]: University Press, [1894].</p> <p>Witherington, Ben. <i>Letters and homilies for Jewish Christians : a socio-rhetorical commentary on Hebrews, James and Jude</i>. Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Academic, [2007].</p> <p>Anderson, Robert. <i>Types in Hebrews</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, [1978].</p>
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Assignments details and timetable:

1- Short Quiz

- a. Introductory Reading (15%). Students are expected to read the introduction to Elingworth's commentary on Hebrews, that of Trotter and of Lane. The quiz will cover basic knowledge of the Hebrews' context, argument, structure, themes.
- b. Translation quizzes (10%). You will be asked to translate short passages from Hebrews. There will be 2 translation quizzes, each worth 5%.

2 – Concept comprehension study (35%). You will complete a word study, 500 words long, worth 15% (with 2 words to analyse), and one theological theme short study, 750 words long, worth 20%.

Word studies examples / choices:

ἀρχηγός, τελειωτής, προδρομος, the pioneering saviour theology, 12.1, 6.20
παίδεια, the theology of discipline and perseverance, 12.4-11

ἀρχιερεως, the theology of Jesus' high priesthood, 7.11-28.
κατα την ταξιὺν Melchisedek and Aaron, the theology of priesthood,
σκια, εἰκονα, real things in heaven and in the future, their images and their
shadows, 8.5, 9.23-24, 10.1, 11.1
ἀγενελογητος, without genealogy, 7.3

Themes examples / choices:

Jesus and Melchisedek parallels, 7.1-3,
Keeping or loosing one's salvation? 6.4-12, 10.26-29, 39
The Temple liturgy and Jesus, 10.19-21, 9.11-12, 7.26-28
Jesus sonship, divinity and incarnation
πιστις, the theology of faith in Hebrews
δικαιοσυνη, the theology of righteousness in Hebrews
πλειονος, the theology of Jesus' superiority
ἡμηρα, σημερον, καταπαυσιν, the theology of "the other Sabbath", 3.6-15, 4.1-8,

3 - Exegetical paper (40%).

The exegetical paper is a 1500 word study that would take a short text from Hebrews and analyse it through all the exegetical stages.

Paper title:

Choose one of the following Hebrews pericopes and establish by exegetical analysis what is the message intended by the original author to his primary audience.

The texts offered as an option for this short study are listed below:

Hebrews 1.1-4, 1.7, 2.14-18, 3.1-6
4.1-2, 4.12-13, 4.14-16,
6.4-12, 7.1-3, 7.4-10, 7.22-24, 8.1-5,
9.11-14, 9.23-26, 9.27-28, 10.19-22, 10.26-29,
11.4-7, 11.23-28, 12.1-3, 12.4-11, 13.7-16

Requirements

The students should be able to comment on the Greek text of Hebrews (NA27 and UBS4, for the manuscript variants). There should be evidence of textual analysis, contextual and co-textual criticism, of structure and vocabulary analysis, of translation and theological discussion and stating – restating of the theme. The student should use 3 to 5 sources from those listed in the selective bibliography and the essay should include 7-11 footnotes, and show that the student is able to understand, discuss and interpret the chosen periscope and the commentators views on that passage.

Test timetable and markings

6 Feb. Thursday	13.30-14.00	<i>Test on Heb 1-4: Introduction test and translation quiz 1, 15+5=20%</i>
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12 Feb. Wednesday	13.30-14.30	<i>Test Heb.5-10: Concept study and translation quiz 2, 15+5=20%</i>
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14 Feb. Friday	16.30	<i>Theological theme study (handing in) 20%</i>
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14 Feb. Friday or later, next week	16.30	<i>Hebrews Exegetical Paper (handing in), 1500 words, 40%</i>
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