

Exegesis in the Hebrew Bible -
ECCLESIASTES

HEBI 95013

Three Semester Hours

Instructor: Sandoval

Prerequisites: Admission to Brite Divinity School's Advanced Programs (ThM; PhD) and/or permission of the Instructor.

Description of Content: An advanced study of the book of Ecclesiastes in Hebrew. Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of the historical, literary, theological, and ethical dimensions of Ecclesiastes and the current state of scholarly discussions on the book.

Class Procedures: Reading, translation, and exegetical analysis and discussion of the Hebrew Book of Qohelet; discussion and critical analysis of significant secondary literature; exegetical exercises.

Requirements:

1. Regular attendance, full participation in class
2. Regular reading and translation of the Hebrew text of Qohelet into English
3. Occasional short writing assignments on secondary literature (2-3 pages each; number of such assignments depends on mode of delivery—in person or online—of course; TBA)
4. In class presentations and class leadership
5. At least one critical, formal book review and oral presentation of the review (about five pages)
6. Final critical essay or research/exegesis paper (12-15 pages)

⇒⇒⇒Texts:

The Hebrew Bible [and any translation)

Long, A. A. *Hellenistic Philosophy: Stoics, Epicureans, Sceptics*. 2nd edition, Berkeley, UC Press, 1986. ISBN: 9780520058088; \$31. 95

Tamez, Elsa. *When the Horizon's Close: Rereading Ecclesiastes*. Wipf & Stock, 2006 [1998]; ISBN-10: 1597528552; ISBN-13: 978-1597528559 \$23

One of the Following commentaries:

Seow, Leong Choon. *Ecclesiastes: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*; ISBN: 9780300139600; \$85

Or

Fox, Michael V. *A Time to Tear Down & A Time to Build Up*; Wipf & Stock
ISBN-10: 1608994961; ISBN-13: 978-1608994960; \$50

Or

Kruger, Thomas. *Qoheleth: A Commentary on the Book of Qoheleth* ISBN:
9780800660369 \$55

Other texts as assigned and made available through TCU library reserve or through Learning Studio

Grading Procedures:

Hebrew translation	10%
Short writing assignments	25%
Class Participation and leadership	10%
Critical book review	20%
Final Paper	35%