

New Testament Introduction (12-500)

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A. Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the 27 New Testament documents in the light of the historical-critical methodologies as well as of other more recent theories of interpretation. Special attention will be given to background and content of these documents. Principles of exegesis with attention to history of early Christianity is another emphasis. An attempt will be made to relate the New Testament materials to the contemporary world.

B. Rationales and Objectives and Assignments

The primary purposes of this course are twofold. **First**, to provide NT “mapping” process, paying attention to both the ancient Greco-Roman and Hellenistic Jewish cultures as well as our contemporary readerly contexts. “Mapping” requires one to know the territory: not only the primary text, the secondary voices of interpreters, but also the background and the confluencing traditions out of which NT books evolve and speak to. The main text is NT itself.

The **second** purpose of the course is to allow a hands-on experience of doing a 6-page single-spaced exegetical paper on some of the difficult

pericopae in Matt-Rev (170 points). Sign up for a pericope in Appendix II that you wish to work on.

Students doing exegetical papers will be equipped with various tools to approach the texts in both hearing the message and in speaking (expressing) the word. The exegetical steps will be shared in first few lectures/seminars of the course. Please consult Appendix I (to be distributed at class): “Writing An Exegetical Paper” and Richard Soulen, *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*, 2nd ed. (Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1981) for more. On format and style as well as research writing for the exegetical paper, see Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem to Do with Beijing?* Chapter 2 [TPI, 1998]) as an example.

Two tests will be given:

1. Essay questions on Ferguson (80 points). Sample question: Assuming you were Luke, who has gifts of understanding historical facts and apologetic passion for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You were asked by a Roman senator to write on the following topics, so that he could learn more about Judaism and Christianity in the context of Greco-Roman society. You may wish to bring in New Testament documents to illustrate your points, but that is to occupy only ten percent of your report. The main purpose is to give the background information of Judaism, Christianity, and Roman culture, with the hope that the senator will find your report illuminating. The topics to be discussed are: Social Relationships: pay attention to “patron-client relationship” and “honor and shame.”
2. Transliteration of the Greek alphabets and 25 (out of the 100) terms from Soulen and Soulen. (50 points)

The third assignment is writing four critical reflection papers based on readings in Yeo (*What Has Jerusalem to Do with Beijing?*) and Blount (*When the Whisper Put on Flesh*). (100 points)

C. Class Schedule and Assignments

1. Only those listed under "Reading" are required, "Supplement" readings are optional, they are listed for your interest and future reference. Reading reports are required on those listed as "Reading" only.
2. Read the biblical texts to be covered before coming to class, then read van Voorst and Yeo.

Preliminary Issues

Jan 30 (T) 1

- (A) Syllabi and Assignments
- (B) *Pax Romana* and Peace of Christ (Movie)

Reading:

Voorst, "Introducing the NT"; "Greco-Roman Matrix of the NT"
Ferguson, "Christianity in the Ancient World"
Ferguson, "Political History"

Feb 1 (Th) 1

- (A) Text, Reading, Meaning: Bible, Exegesis, Hermeneutics
- (B) Greek Alphabet and Transliteration (Slide)
- (C) Technical terms (Soulens)
- (D) Writing Exegetical Paper

Reading:

Voorst, "Ways of Reading the New Testament Today"
Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 1 ("Theological Methods and Chinese Contexts"), Chap. 3 ("Yin and Yang")

Supplement:

Furnish, "Pauline Studies," in Epp, *NT and its Modern Interpreters*, 321-338.

Gospels

Feb 6 (T) 2

- (A) Hellenized Palestine (Slide)
- (B) Jewish Sects, and Hellenistic Jewish Cultures
- (C) Life of Jesus
- (D) Four Gospels and others

Reading:

Voorst, "Jewish Matrix of the NT"
Ferguson, "Society and Culture"

Feb 8 (Th) 2

- (A) Criticisms in Gospel Studies
- (B) Gospels Parallel

Reading:

Voorst, "Introducing the Gospels"

Feb 13 (T) 3

- (A) Matthew: The Teacher

Reading:

Voorst, "Gospel of Matthew"
Ferguson, "Judaism"

Supplement:

Luz, Ulrich, *The Theology of the Gospel of Matthew*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Feb 15 (Th) 3

- (A) Mark: The Cross

Reading:

Voorst, "Gospel of Mark"
Ferguson, "Hellenistic-Roman Religions"

Feb 20 (T) 4

Test on Alphabets and Soulens

(A) Luke: The Savior

Reading:

Voorst, "Gospel of Luke"

Feb 22 (Th) 4

(A) John: The Word

Reading:

Voorst, "Gospel of John"

Supplement:

Smith, D. Moody. *The Theology of the Gospel of John*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.

Feb 27 (T) 5

(A) Acts: The Mission

(B) First Christians (Slide)

Reading:

Voorst, "Acts of the Apostle"

Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 7 (Acts)

Ferguson, "Hellenistic-Roman Philosophies"

Pauline Epistles

March 1 (Th) 5

[Test on Ferguson]

(A) Genre: Gospel, Letter, History, ...

(B) Missionary Journeys (Slide)

(C) Luke and Paul

Reading:

Voorst, "Introduction to Paul and Pauline Tradition"

March 6 (T) 6

(A) Cross-cultural Paul in History

Reading:

Yeo, "Navigating Romans Through Cultures," in *Navigating Romans Through Cultures: Challenging Readings by Charting a New Course*, ed. Yeo Khiok-khng (New York: T&T Clark International, 2004), 1-28.

Yeo, "The Law of Love According to Confucius and Paul: Cruciform Love and *Ren Ren* (Benevolent Persons) of Becoming Fully Human," in Sung-Wook Chung, ed., *Christ the One and Only: A Global Affirmation of the Uniqueness of Jesus Christ* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005), 203-222.

Yeo, "Musical Harmony According to Confucius and Paul," *Ching Feng* 5.2 (2004), 163-189.

Cosgrove, Weiss, Yeo, *Cross-cultural Paul*, Introduction and Conclusion chapters.

March 8 (Th) 6

(A) Galatians (Hii Kong-hock)

Reading:

Voorst, Galatians

Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 2 (Galatians as a Resource for Christocentric Inclusivity)

Supplement:

Dunn, *The Theology of Paul's Letter to the Galatians*, 1-17, 18-33.

Yeo, "Salvation by Grace Through Faith," in *The Wesleyan Tradition: A Paradigm for Renewal*, ed. Paul W. Chilcote (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002), 66-77.

Yeo, "Li and Law in the Analects and Galatians: A Chinese Christian Understanding of Ritual and Propriety," *Asia Journal of Theology* 19 (Oct, 2005): 309-332.

Yeo, "Political Theology of Paul in a World of Violence: A Spirituality That Offers Peace," Justin Tan ed., *Cultivating Wisdom with the Heart—BCV Chinese Department's 10th Anniversary Anthology of Essays* (Victoria, Australia: Bible College of Victoria Chinese Department, 2006), 99-127.

March 13 (T) 15 (Th) 7: Library Research for term paper

March 20 (T) 8

[Background on Text – 2 pp.]

(A) 1 & 2 Thesalonians: Pauline Eschatology and Pastoral Care

Reading:

Voorst, "1 Thessalonians," "2 Thessalonians"

Supplement:

Donfried, "The Theology of 1 Thessalonians," in *Theology of the Shorter Pauline Letters*, 2-79.

Donfried, "The Theology of 2 Thessalonians," in *Theology of the Shorter Pauline Letters*, 81-113.

Yeo, "The Rhetoric of Election and Calling Language in 1 Thessalonians," in Stanley E. Porter and Dennis L. Stamps ed., *Rhetorical Criticism and the Bible* (London: Sheffield Academic Press, 2002), 526-547.

Yeo, "A Political Reading of Paul's Eschatology in 1 and 2 Thessalonians," *Asia Journal of Theology* 12 (April 1998), 77-88.

March 22 (Th) 8

(A) Historical issues of the Corinthian Correspondence

(B) Mysteries and Gods/Goddesses (Slide)

(C) 1 Cor: Inverted Logic of the Cross

Reading:

Voorst, "1 Corinthians"

Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 10 (Role of Women)

Supplement:

Yeo, *Rhetorical Interaction in 1 Corinthians 8 and 10* (Leiden: Brill, 1995).

Yeo, "Differentiation and Mutuality of Male-Female Relations in 1 Corinthians 11:2-16," *Biblical Research* (Journal of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research) XLIII (1998): 7-21.

Yeo, "The Rhetorical Hermeneutic of 1 Corinthians 8 and Chinese Ancestor Worship," *Biblical Interpretation* 2, 3 (1994): 298-311.

March 27 (T) 9

[Exegesis – 5 pp.]

(A) 2 Cor: Ministry of Reconciliation

Reading:

Voorst, "2 Corinthians"

New Testament Introduction

Supplement:

Murphy-O'Connor, *Theology of the Second Letter to the Corinthians*, 10-136.

March 29 (Th) 9 **[Hermeneutics – 2 pp.]**

(A) Philemon: Rhetoric of "Splachna" (very heart) and Critique of Slavery

(C) Philippians: Joy of Team-ministry

Reading:

Voorst, "Philippians and Philemon"

Supplement:

Marshall, "The Theology of Philippians," in *Theology of the Shorter Pauline Letters*, 116-174.

Marshall, "The Theology of Philemon," in *Theology of the Shorter Pauline Letters*, 177-191.

April 3, 5, 10: No Class – Spring Break

April 23 (Th) 10 (Hii Kong-hock lectures). April 17 (T) 11

(A) Romans: Building of "God's Beloved" and obedience of faith

(B) Romans 5-8: Freedom from cultural boasting: Sin, death, and law

(C) Romans 8: Predestination

Reading:

Jewett, "Following the Argument of Romans," in *Romans Debate*, 265-277.

Voorst, "Romans"

Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 6 (Li and Jen).

Supplement:

Yeo, "Messianic Predestination in Romans 8 and Classical Confucianism," in *Navigating Romans Through Cultures: Challenging Readings by Charting a New Course*, ed. Yeo Khiok-khng (New York: T&T Clark International, 2004), 259-289.

Yeo, "Cross-Tradition and Cross-Gender Hermeneutics: A Confucian

Reading of Romans and A Critical Reading of Confucian Ethics,” in Cristina Grenholm and Daniel Patte ed., *Gender, Tradition, and Romans: Shared Ground, Uncertain Borders* (New York: T&T Clark, 2005), 63-80.

April 19 (Th) 11 **[Exegetical Paper Due]**

(A) Colossians and Ephesians: Cosmic Christ and Cosmic Church

Reading:

Voorst, "Colossians and Ephesians"

Supplement:

Lincoln, "The Theology of Colossians," in *Theology of the Later Pauline Letters*, 3-56.

Wedderburn, "The Theology of Ephesians," in *Theology of the Later Pauline Letters*, 78-126.

April 24 (T) 12

(A) Gnosticism (Slide)

(B) Pastorals (1, 2 Timothy, Titus): Orthodoxy, Ethics and Institution

Reading:

Voorst, "Pastoral Epistles"

Jewish Christianity_____

April 26 (Th) 12

(A) Jewish Diaspora and Jewish Christianity

(B) James

(C) Jewish Background to the book of Hebrews

Reading:

Voorst, "1 Pet, Jam, Jude, 2 Pet, Heb.

Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 4 (Rest in Hebrews)

Supplement:

Chester, "The Theology of James," in *Theology of the Letters of James, Peter, Jude*, 1-60.

Chester, "The Theology of Jude, 1 Peter, and 2 Peter," in *Theology of the Letters of James, Peter, Jude*, 63-163.

Lindars, *Theology of the Letter to the Hebrews*, 1-25 (setting).

Lindars, *Theology of the Letter to the Hebrews*, 26-118 (theology) and 128-142 (significance).

May 1 (T) 13

(A) Metaphorical Interpretation of the Johannine Epistles

(B) Revelation: Jesus the Lamb and the Scroll of History

Reading:

Voorst, "1 Jn, 2 Jn, 3 Jn, Rev.

Yeo, *What Has Jerusalem/Beijing?*, Chap. 8 (Revelation and China).

Supplement:

Lieu, *Theology of the Johannine Epistles*, 1-120.

Bauckham, *Theology of the Book of Revelation*, 1-53, 144-164.

Yeo, "Hope for the Persecuted, Cooperation with the State, and Meaning for the Dissatisfied: Three Readings of *Revelation* from a Chinese Context," in *From Every People and Nation. The Book of Revelation in Intercultural Perspective*, ed. David Rhoads (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005), 200-221.

May 3 (Th) 13

(A) Canonization Process and Canonical Theology

(B) Closure

Reading:

Voorst, "Christian Origins after the NT"

Supplement:

Fuller, "New Testament Theology," in Epp, *NT and its Modern Interpreters*, 565-579.

D. Grade Summary (based on 400 points and 4-point scale)

Exegetical Paper	170
4 Critical Reports on Yeo and Blount	100
2 Tests	130
Total:	400

Expectations:

1. Attendance is expected. Absence or tardiness will result in drop of one full letter grade. With every excused absence, a student is required to do one additional critical report.
2. All assignments must be submitted in order to get a passing grade.
3. Exegetical papers will be graded based on the following criteria: (a) consistent and proper style/documentation; (b) clear and succinct writing/expression; (c) ability to do research and use scholarly material; (d) coherent and convincing content as well as argumentation and exegetical steps; (e) relevant and creative hermeneutics.

E. Bibliography

Those who wish to make photocopies of the extensive bibliography the instructor has compiled over the years can do so from hardcopies placed on reserved folder at Untied Library: "A Resource Guide to New Testament Studies: Bibliography and Abbreviation".

For complete listing of articles for your exegetical paper, please use the ATLA CD-ROM at the United Library, GETS. Bring a diskette along and you will be able to download all the bibliographical information of your search.

1. Main Texts: Required (reserve in library)

The New Testament. Recommend RSV or NRSV. (suggest: *Harper-Collins Study Bible: NRSV*, edited by W. A. Meeks et al. New York: HarperCollins, 1993.)

Ferguson, Everett. *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987; 2d edition, 1993.

Van Voorst, Robert E. *Reading The New Testament Today*. Belmont: Thomson Wadsworth, 2004.

Yeo Khiok-khng. *What Has Jerusalem to Do with Beijing?* Harrisburg: Trinity Press International, 1998.

Secondary main texts (Not required, but recommended):

Blount, Brian K. *When the Whisper Put on Flesh: New Testament Ethics in an African American Context*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2001.

Brown, Raymond E. *Introduction to the New Testament*. Anchor Bible Reference Library. New York: Doubleday, 1997.

Soulen and Soulen. *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*. 3rd Expanded ed. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 2001.

Throckmorton, Burton H. ed. *Gospel Parallels*, 5th ed. New York: Nelson, 1992.

Cosgrove, Charles, Herold Weiss, K.K. Yeo, *Cross-cultural Paul* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005).

2. Supplemental Texts: Not required but strongly recommended

a. Basic (Reserve in Library)

Anderson, R.D. *Ancient Rhetorical Theory and Paul*. Kampen Kok Pharos, 1996.

Borg, Marcus J. and Wright. N.T. *The Meaning of Jesus. Two Visions*. New York: Harper San Francisco, 1999.

Boring, M. Eugene, Klaus Berger and Carsten Colpe ed. *The Hellenistic Commentary on the New Testament*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1995.

Cartlidge, David R. and Dungan, David L., eds. *Documents for the Study of the Gospels*. Revised and Enlarged Edition. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1994.

Ehrman, Bart D. *The New Testament. A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*. Second Edition. New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Epp, Jay and George W. MacRae ed. *The New Testament and its Modern Interpreters*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1989.

Fee, Gordon D. *New Testament Exegesis. A Handbook for Students and Pastors*. Revised ed. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

Fredriksen, Paula. *From Jesus to Christ. The Origins of the New Testament Images of Jesus*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1988.

- Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Writings of the New Testament. An Interpretation.* Revised Edition. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1999.
- Malina, Bruce J. *The Social Gospel of Jesus. The Kingdom of God in Mediterranean Perspective.* Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2001.
- Murphy-O'Connor, Jr. *Paul. A Critical Life.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Pate, C.M. *The End of the Age Has Come. The Theology of Paul.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995.
- Penna, R. *Paul the Apostle. A Theological and Exegetical Study.* Vol. 1, *Jew and Greek Alike*; vol. 2, *Wisdom and Folly of the Cross*, trans. T.P. Wahl. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1996.
- Searching the Scriptures, Vol. II: A Feminist Commentary*, ed. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza.
- The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*, ed. J. H. Charlesworth, Doubleday, 1983.
- Sparks, H. F. D. *A Synopsis of the Gospels: The Synoptic Gospels with the Johannine Parallels.* Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1964.
- The Contemporary Parallel New Testament* (KJV, NCV, NIV, NKJV, NASB, CEV, NLT, The Message). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997.
- The Greek New Testament.* Fourth Edition (Corrected). Edited by Kurt Aland et al. United Bible Societies; or *Novum Testamentum Graece.* 26 edition. Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft.
- The New Interpreter's Bible: A Commentary in Twelve Volumes*, Abingdon, 1994.
- The Women's Bible Commentary*, ed. Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe, Westminster/John Knox, 1992.
- Yeo, Khiok-khng, ed. "A Resource Guide to New Testament Studies: Bibliography and Abbreviation." (Self Compilation; in United Library), 1998.
- b. Full-scale dictionaries:
- 1) *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 6 vols. (Doubleday, 1992)
 - 2) *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, 5 vols. (Abingdon, 1962/1976)
 - 3) *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, 9 vols. (Eerdmans, 1964-1974)
- c. Supplemental Texts:
- Barr, David L. *New Testament Story. An Introduction.* Second Edition. Belmont, California: Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1995.
- Barrett, C. K. *The New Testament Background: Selected Documents*, rev. ed. Harper San Francisco, 1989.
- The Bible in a World Context: An Experiment in Contextual Hermeneutics.* Ed. By Walter Dietrich and Ulrich Luz. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.
- Borg, Marcus J. *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.* Harper San Francisco, 1994.
- Chilton, Bruce. *Pure Kingdom: Jesus Vision of God.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996.
- Corley, Kathleen E. *Private Women, Public Meals: Social Conflict in the Synoptic Tradition.* Peabody. Massachusetts: Hedrickson Publishers, 1993.
- Cosgrove, Charles H. *Appealing to Scripture in Moral Debate. Five Hermeneutical Rules.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.
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- Crossan, J. D. *The Historical Jesus. The Life of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant.* Harper San Francisco, 1991.
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- Edwards, O. C. *How Holy Writ was Written.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1989.
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- Felder, Cain Hope. *Troubling Biblical Waters.* Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1989.
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- Koester, H. *Ancient Christian Gospels. Their History and Development*. Philadelphia: Trinity/London: SCM Press, 1990.
- Kysar, Robert. *John. The Maverick Gospel*. Revised edition. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox, 1976-1993.
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- Murphy-O'Connor, Jerome. *The Theology of the Second Letter to the Corinthians*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991.
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Appendix I: Writing Exegetical Paper

(See CourseInfo or To be distribute in Class)

Appendix II: Pericopae for Exegetical Papers

Please sign up the pericope on which you wish to do research. I suggest not more than two persons doing exegesis on the same pericope in order that the class will benefit from readings of various texts; also students will find library resources more accessible. The texts given below are suggestive, you may do an in-depth word or phrase study of a particular verse, or exceed the pericope.

Matthew-Acts (and // texts):

1. Matt 3:1-6
2. Mark 1:9-11
3. Luke 4:1-13
4. Luke 6:17-20a
5. Matt 5:43-48
6. Luke 11:1-4
7. Mark 5:21-43
8. Matt 10:37-39
9. Mark 3:28-30
10. Matt 12:38-42
11. Luke 8:19-21
12. Matt 14:3-12
13. Mark 7:24-30
14. Matt 16:13-20
15. Luke 9:28-36

or let me know which text interests you ...

Rom-Rev:

1. Rom 1:1-17
2. Rom 5:1-5
3. Rom 8:28-30
4. 1 Cor 6:9-11

5. 1 Cor 7:1-7
6. 1 Cor 11:17-22
7. 1 Cor 14:20-25
8. 2 Cor 6:14-7:1
9. Gal 2:11-14
10. Gal 3:23-29
11. Eph 1:3-14
12. Phil 2:5-11
13. Phil 3:1-11
14. Col 1:14-18
15. Col 3:18-4:1
16. 1 Thess 2:14-16
17. 1 Thess 4:13-18
18. 2 Thess 2:3-12
19. 2 Thess 3:6-14
20. 1 Tim 1:3-7
21. 1 Tim 3:1-13
22. 1 Tim 2:8-15
23. 2 Tim 3:10-17
24. Tit 3:1-8
25. Phlm 8-14
26. Heb 1:5-14
27. Heb 6:1-8
28. Heb 7:1-3
29. Heb 11:1-3
30. Jam 1:2-8
31. Jam 2:18-19
32. 1 Pet 3:18-22
33. 2 Pet 1:3-11
34. 1 Jn 5:6-12
35. Jude
36. Rev 5:1-5
37. Rev 18:11-17
38. Rev 20:1-6

Appendix III: 100 Terms in Biblical Study

20 identification questions based on the 100 terms listed below found in Soulen, *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*.

Agrapha
Allegory
Amanuensis
A minore ad majus
Anaphora
Antiphrasis
Aphorism
Apocalyptic, Apocalyptic Literature, Apocalypticism
Apocryphal NT
Apology
Apophthegm
Aretalogy
Asyndeton
Autograph
Biblical Criticism
Biblical Theology
Biblicism
Canonical Criticism
Catechesis
Catholicizing Tendency
Chiasmus
Chria
Christophany
Codex
Conditio Jacobea
Demythologization
Deutero-Pauline
Diachronic; Synchronic
Diatribes
Didache
Dominical Saying
Eisegesis
Eschatologize, Eschatologizing Tendency

Etymology
Exegesis, Exegetical Method, Exegetical Tools
Exposition
Form Criticism
Gattung, Gattungsforschung; Gattungsgeschichte
Glossolalia
Gnosis, Gnostic, Gnosticism
Hapaxlegomenon
Heilsgeschichte
Hermeneutics
Historical Critical Method
Historical Criticism
Historie; Geschichte / geschichtlich; historisch
Household Rules
Interpolation
Koine Greek
Lasterkatalog
Latinism
Linguistics
Literary Criticism
Logion
Lower Criticism
Meiosis
Metaphor
Metonymy
Monograph
Morpheme
Morphology
Myth, Mythology
Nag Hammadi Codices
Narrative
Oral Tradition
Oxymoron
Papyrus
Paradosis
Paraenesis
Paronomasia
Parousia

Pericope
Phoneme
Pre-Pauline
Prostaxis
Protasis
Pseudonymity
Realized Eschatology
Redaction Criticism
Rhetoric
Rhetorical Analysis
Rhetorical Criticism
Semantics
Semasiology
Semiology, Semiotics
Semitism
Sitz-im-Leben
Sociological Interpretation
Structuralism
Synecdoche
Textual Criticism
Textus Receptus
Theios Aner
Theological Interpretation
Theologumenon
Topos, Toposforschung, Topik
Tradition Criticism
Variant Reading
Verbal Inspiration
Wisdom Literature