

# New books on intercultural Bible reading

In its focus on “ordinary” readers in small communities who read the same biblical text and exchange their readings with other communities of readers around the world, intercultural biblical hermeneutics is a creative and sophisticated approach in biblical criticism. It engages readers’ social and existential situation, making possible a mutually enriching interplay between religious-theological and academic-scholarly interpretation of the Bible. Seldom has a new research area been recognized so soon as a worthy and even necessary concern for scholars and practitioners alike. Seldom has a new approach been identified with a single driving force as in the case of empirically grounded intercultural biblical hermeneutics and the work of Hans de Wit, whose legacy these books honor.

## New Perspectives on Intercultural Reading of the Bible

Hermeneutical Explorations in Honor of Hans de Wit

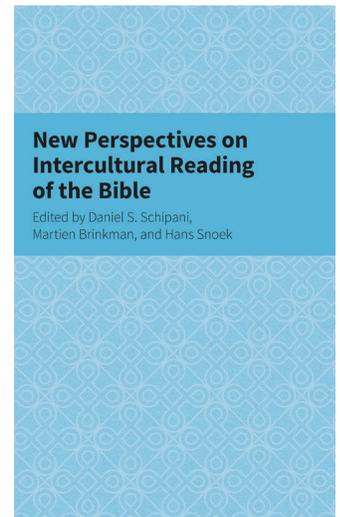
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With contributions by leading researchers in the field of intercultural Bible reading, this book begins with a section on “Intercultural Reading of the Bible as Transformation.” Its seven chapters deal with partiality for justice with peace, stunning reversals of value and meaning, liberating praxis, and personal and communal empowerment. In the second part of the book—“Epistemological and Methodological Issues”—nine contributors offer new perspectives on the structure and dynamics of intercultural biblical hermeneutics. They consider foundational sources that undergird key claims of the theory supporting intercultural biblical hermeneutics, and they illustrate its potential to reveal new knowledge. Hans de Wit’s epilogue serves as a summons to further collaborative research.

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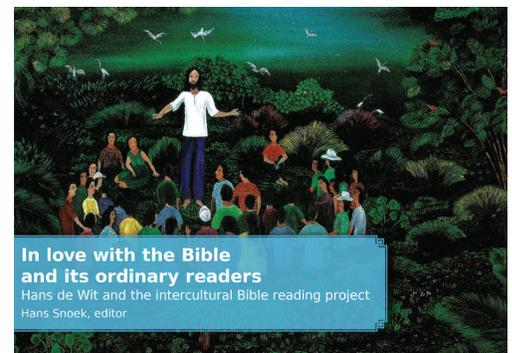
Hans de Wit and the Intercultural Bible Reading Project

Edited by Hans Snoek

This *Liber Amicorum* begins by tracing Hans de Wit’s exegetical and hermeneutical biography through the years. It offers readers the chance to better understand why de Wit, while he is an exegete at heart, has pled for an empirical-hermeneutical approach in the intercultural Bible reading project. In the remainder of the book, friends and colleagues describe de Wit’s legacy and engage in conversation with him, as they reflect on their transformative experiences with intercultural Bible reading.

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