

Dr. Willem J. de Wit, Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology

Bio

Willem J. de Wit (ويلام دا ويت) was born in the Netherlands, in the heart of the Green Heart of Holland. While the Dutch have the reputation of being very liberal, he rather grew up in a context of Reformed faith and piety, at home, at school, and in church. Studying in Utrecht and working in Amsterdam implied a confrontation with secular culture, which resulted in the book *On the Way to the Living God*, for which he received the degree of doctor. A member of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands, he joined ETSC in 2008 and is currently lecturer (assistant professor) of Biblical studies and systematic theology.

Degrees

- Bachelor/master in theology (specialization: Biblical Studies): Utrecht University
- Doctor (specialization: systematic theology): VU University Amsterdam

Writings

- *On the Way to the Living God: A Cathartic Reading of Herman Bavinck and an Invitation to Overcome the Plausibility Crisis of Christianity*. Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2011. [More information](#).
- “Expectations and the Expected One: 4Q521 and the Light It Sheds on the New Testament.” Doctoraalscriptie (master’s thesis), Utrecht University, 2000. [Download as pdf](#).
- Scholarly and popular articles in English, Dutch, and Arabic. [See *widw.nl/pub*](#).

Courses at ETSC

- *Graduate core courses*
Ancient Middle Eastern Source Texts: Context and Reception of Genesis 1–11
Bible, History, and Theology Research Seminar
Research Principles and Methods
- *Graduate specialization courses*
Hebrew Texts for Theologians A: The Book of Psalms and the Problem of Evil
Hebrew Texts for Theologians B: The Book of Isaiah
Greek Texts for Theologians I: Syntax, Textual Criticism, Usage of *theos* for Jesus
Greek Texts for Theologians II: Messianic Expectations, Historical Jesus, Early Christology
- *Undergraduate courses in Cairo, Alexandria, and Minya*
Introduction to Systematic Theology
Pneumatology
Eschatology

Theses advised

- Sameh Ibrahim Farag. “Many Will Come from the East and the West . . .’: Abraham in Philo of Alexandria and in the Gospel of Matthew.” Master’s thesis, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, 2012.
- Fouad Shaker. “Jethro in Jewish Traditions: Pagan or Proselyte.” Master’s thesis, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, 2011.
- Rania Nabil Gergawy. “‘You Are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God’: The Intertestamental Background for the Interconnected Usage of ‘Messiah’ and ‘Son of God’ in the Synoptic Gospels.” Master’s thesis, Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, 2009.

See also

- [Personal website: wjdw.nl](http://www.wjdw.nl), [Photos of life in Egypt and at the seminary on Facebook](#)