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Abstract:

God’s mission is the thread that is woven into the whole fabric of the Bible and forms a coherent framework of reading and interpreting the Bible. The task for both missiologists and biblical scholars in today’s global perspective and wounded church is not only to read the Bible missionally but also critically and contextually. What is proposed is a missional hermeneutic of the Bible, an integrative approach that employs *missio Dei* as the key hermeneutical lens and takes into consideration the contexts of the *author*, the *text*, and also the *reader*. The essay also examines two key aspects in current biblical studies that have a bearing in mission studies, namely, globalization or empire and migration.