

**UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN
CURRICULUM VITAE**

- I (a) Name: Olugbemirolusegun Berekiah
 (b) Date of Birth: 22 April 1972
 (c) Department: Religious Studies
 (d) Faculty: Arts
- II (a) First Academic Appointment: 22 December 2008
 (b) Present Post (with date): Lecturer I (1 October 2015)
 (c) Date of last Promotion: Lecturer I, 1 October 2015
 (d) Date last considered (In cases where Promotion was not through): Not Applicable
- III University Education (with dates)
 (a) Immanuel College of Theology in affiliation with the University of Ibadan 1997 - 1999
 (b) University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2000 - 2004
 (c) University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2004 - 2006
 (d) University of Ibadan, Ibadan 2008 - 2014
- IV. Academic Qualifications (with dates and granting bodies)
 (a) Diploma in Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 1999
 (b) Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2004
 (c) Masters of Arts (M.A.) Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2006
 (d) Ph.D Old Testament Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. 2014
- V. Professional Qualifications and Diplomas (with dates)
 (a) National Diploma (OND) in Mechanical Engineering, Federal Polytechnic, Bida, Niger State. 1992
 (b) Diploma in Theology (Dip.Th.) Immanuel College of Theology, Ibadan. 2000
- VI. Scholarships, Fellowships and Prizes (with dates) in respect of Undergraduate and Postgraduate work only
 Overall Best Student, Immanuel College of Theology, an affiliate of the University of Ibadan. 2004
- VII. Honours, Distinctions and Membership of Learned Societies
 (a) Member, National Association for Biblical Studies (NABIS)
 (b) Member, Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), U.S.A.
 (c) Member, African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)
 (d) Member, Old Testament Society of South Africa (OTSSA)
 (e) Member, West African Association of Theological Institutions, (WAATI)
 (f) Member, Nigerian Association for the Study of Religion (NASR)
- VIII. Details of Teaching / Work Experience
 (a) Lecturer, Methodist Theological Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State, (an affiliate of the University of Ibadan) October 2005 - September 2007
 (b) Tutor, Cliff College International Learning Centre (Methodist Theological Institute, Sagamu Centre) July 2006 - July 2007

- (c) Lecturer, Immanuel College of Theology, Samonda, Ibadan, (an affiliate of the University of Ibadan) October 2007 - December 2008
- (d) Assistant Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, 27 December 2008- 1 October 2012
- (e) Lecturer II, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, 1 October 2012 to 1 October 2015
- (f) Lecturer I, Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, 1 October 2015 to date

Supervision

B.A. Long Essay: 18 Completed
2 On-going

M.A. Project : 5 Completed
3 On-going

Ph.D Thesis: 5 On-going

Courses Taught

RCS 111 Formative Period of Israelite History
RCS 211 Critical Introduction to the Old Testament
RCS 214 Old Testament Background
RCS 223 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
RCS 311 Hebrew Grammar and Syntax
RCS 312 Religion of Israel and Judah
RCS 321 Ancient Prophets in Israel
RCS 322 Messianic Concepts and Figures
RCS 421 Hebrew Exegesis
RES 722 Intertestamental Literature
RES 726 Situation Theology
RES 727 Issues in Succession Narratives

Administrative Experience

Staff Scribe, Methodist Theological Institute Sagamu	2005 – 2007
Director of Missions Methodist Theological Institute, Sagamu	2005 – 2007
Staff in Charge of Infrastructure and Productivity, Methodist Theological Institute Sagamu	2005 – 2007
Staff Scribe, Immanuel College of Theology, Samonda, Ibadan	2007 - 2008
Staff in charge of accommodation and infrastructure, Immanuel College of Theology, Samonda, Ibadan	2007 - 2008
Member, Direct Teaching and Laboratory Cost Committee	2009 - 2010
Member Departmental Social welfare Committee	2010 – 2011
Member, Departmental E.T.F. Committee	2010 - 2012
Member, Departmental Finance Committee	2010 - 2013
Course Registration officer 200L Students	2010 – 2013
Treasurer, Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies	2010 – 2014
Secretary, Archdiocesan Council, Methodist Church Nigeria, Archdiocese of Ibadan	2011 - Date
Member Departmental Budget Committee	2012 – 2015
Member, Faculty Finance Committee	2012 - 2015
Course Registration officer 200L Students	2013 – 2014

Member Affiliated Institutions Committee	2013 - 2016
Course Registration officer 300L Students	2014 – 2015
Member, Departmental Committee for U.I Distance Learning Centre	2014 to date
Member Departmental Post Graduate Committee	2014 to date
Chairman, Departmental E-Library Committee	2014 to date
Secretary, Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies	2014 to date
Course Registration officer 100L Students	2015 – 2016
Course Registration officer 200L Students	2016 – 2017
Faculty Representative on the Board of Survey	2016 – 2017
Congregation Representative on Senate	2016 - 2018
Deputy Coordinator, University of Ibadan Distance Learning Programme	2016 to date
Member, Faculty Central Language Laboratory Committee	2016 to date
Course Registration officer 300L Students	2017 to date
Staff Secretary, Department of Religious Studies	2017 to date
Member, Faculty Curriculum Committee	2018 to date
Liaison officer (Nigeria), Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia	2010 to date
Convocation Lecture delivered at Methodist Theological Institute, Sagamu	7 June 2018

IX. Research :

(a) Completed:

- i. *B^erith* as a socio-political and economic regulatory mechanism in Ancient Israel and Traditional Egba-Yoruba Culture.
- ii. The Provenance of the primeval history (Genesis 1-11) from the evidence of Indigenous African Traditions.
- iii. A Historical-Liturgical Critique of זורקתי מים “I will sprinkle clean water” in Ezek 36.25-27 and Its Translation Options in English
- iv. The Exegetical Import of Grammatical and Textual Critical Evidence in The Levirate Text of Deuteronomy For The African Context.

(b) In Progress:

The Socio-Economic Value of Levirate Marriage Portrayed in Deuteronomy and Ruth:

The research employs the Rhetorical Critical method to decipher the fundamental social and economic values implied or expressed in the practice of levirate marriage in ancient Israel as documented in the books of Deuteronomy and Ruth. The work was started in June 2018 and is expected to be completed before November 2019.

(c) Project Dissertation and Thesis:

- i. The Biblical Creation Account in Genesis Chapters One and Two - An Exegetical Interpretation and Analysis an M.A Dissertation in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. December 2005
- ii. *B^erith* as a socio-political and economic regulatory mechanism in Ancient Israel and Traditional Egba-Yoruba Culture a Ph.D. Thesis in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. August 2014

X. Publications

(a) Books already published:

1. Opeke, R. O., Familusi, O. O., and **Berekiah, O. O.** (2018). (Eds.) *The Heart of The Act: Church, Politics and Social Transformation, A Festschrift in Honour of His Grace, Most Rev. Michael Kehinde Stephen.* Ibadan: Ibadan University Press, ISBN 978-978-8529-34-7

(b) Chapters in Books already published

2. Berekiah, O. O. (2007). The Deuteronomist Perspective on the Effects of the Corruption of Worship on the Israelite Society - A Lesson for the Contemporary Nigerian Society. In Abogunrin, S.O, Akao, J. O., Akintunde Dorcas O, Dada, A. O, Toryough, G. N. and Oguntoye P. O. (Eds.) *Biblical Studies and Corruption in Africa: Biblical Studies Series No.6;* Ibadan: Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies, 50-61pp. ISBN 0757602 (Nigeria)
3. Atowoju, A. A. and Berekiah, O. O. (2008). Covenant as Means of Regulating Human Actions Detrimental to Ecological and Environmental Balance in Ancient Israel. In Dairo, A. O., Bateye, B. O., Olanisebe, S. O., Oladosu, S. O. and Daudu, A. I. *Biblical Studies and Environmental Issues in Africa.* Ibadan: Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies, Western Zone, 146-162pp.
4. Berekiah, O. O. (2012). A Critical Appraisal of the Deuteronomic Reform in Ancient Israel: Problems and Prospects for Socio-Religious Transformation in Nigeria. In Akao, J. O., Akintunde, Dorcas O., Dada, A. O., Toryough, G. N., and Oguntoye, P. A. (Eds) *Biblical Studies and Social Transformation in Africa.* Ibadan: Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies, 138-164pp. ISBN 075-7602
5. Berekiah, O. O. (2012). Theocracy versus Hierocracy: A Case of Democracy Versus Oligarchy in Ancient Israel as an Issue for Contemporary African Societies. In Ayantayo, J.K, Dada, A.O, and Labeodan, Helen. A. (Eds.) *Religion and Governance in Nigeria: Religious Studies Series, Vol.4.* Ibadan: Samprints & Graphics Co. 270-285pp. ISBN 9789789234134 (Nigeria)
6. Berekiah, O. O. (2015). A Response to Gender-Related Violence and Stigmatisation of People Living With HIV/ AIDS From Old Testament Perspective. In Ajayi, S. A. and Ayantayo, J. K. *Women In Development: Essays in Memory of Professor Dorcas Olubanke Akintunde.* Ibadan: John Archers. 179-192pp ISBN 978-978-946-899-7. (Nigeria).
7. Berekiah, O. O. (2017). The Concept of ‘am adonai in Deut. 27: 9 and Implications for Covenant, Church and Corruption in the Nigerian Context. In Francis Falako, F., Olademo, O., Oladunjoye, O., and Dairo, A. O. (Eds.) *Biblical Studies and Socio-Political Issues in the Nigerian Context: A Festschrift for The Right Reverend James Adedayo Oladunjoye, Ph.D.:* Lagos: Concepts Publications Limited. 153-174pp. ISBN 978-978-55101-7-1. (Nigeria)
8. Berekiah, O. O. (2017). African Biblical Studies In Retrospect And Prospect: A Reflection On The Practice And Praxis Of Biblical Studies In Africa. In Gwamna, J. D., Dada, A. O, and Amolo, H. (Eds.) *The Present State and the Future of Biblical Studies in Africa: Essays in Honour of Samuel Oyinloye Abogunrin.* Ibadan: Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies. 70-86pp. ISBN 978-978-960-214-8 (Nigeria).

9. Berekiah, O. O. (2018). Implications of the Deuteronomistic Concept of Prophecy as Vehicle of Socio-Political Transformation for the Christian Church in Post-Modern Africa. In Opeke, R. O., Familusi, O. O., and Berekiah, O. O. (Eds.) *The Heart of The Act: Church, Politics and Social Transformation, A Festschrift in Honour of His Grace, Most Rev. Michael Kehinde Stephen*. Ibadan: Ibadan University Press. 93-111pp. ISBN 978-978-8529-34-7
 10. **Berekiah, O. O.** and Atoyebi, S. O (2019). An Inter-Textual Exegesis of Genesis 2:7 And John 20:22: Implications for Church Planting and Propagation of Christianity in Africa. In Fatokun, S. A., Ayantayo, J. K., Familusi, O. O., Mepaiyeda, S. M., and Okanlawon, S. O. (Eds). *African Christianity in Local and Global Contexts: A Festschrift in Honour of Prof Isaac Deji Ayegboyin FNAL @ 70: Religious Studies Series Vol.7*. Ibadan: Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Ibadan. 261-271pp. ISBN 978-978-967-952-2
- (c) Articles that have already appeared in Refereed Conference Proceedings:
11. Berekiah, O. O. 2012: An Indigenous African Understanding of The Covenant Concept in Gen.9:16 And its Bearing On The Tradition Critical Reading of The Apocalyptic Section Of Isaiah. Abstract.
- (d) Patents: Nil
- (e) Articles that have already appeared in learned journals:
12. Berekiah, O. O. (2009). An Exegetical Analysis of the Role of the כֹּהֵן ("kohen"-Priest) In Malachi 2:7 In The Perspective of Religious Pedagogy in Contemporary Nigeria. *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies* XLI/1, 126-138. ISSN 0030-5596 (Nigeria)
 13. Berekiah O. O. (2011). Deborah in the Roll of Judges as Rationale for Gender Neutral Hermeneutics in Deuteronomistic Theology. *African Journal of Biblical Studies (AJBS): XXIX/1&2*, 44-62. ISSN 075-7602 (Nigeria)
 14. Berekiah, O. O. (2012). A Tradition-critical Analysis of בְּרִית עוֹלָם (*b'rit 'olam* - Everlasting Covenant) in Isaiah 24:5 and its Implication For Maintaining Ecological Balance in Yoruba Indigenous Religious Perspective. *Insight: Journal of Religious Studies Vol.8*, 31- 46. ISSN 2141-0852 (Nigeria)
 15. Berekiah, O. O. (2014). Sacrifice in Religious Traditions: A Case for Shared Origins in Human Cultures and the Provenance of Gen.1-11. *African Journal of Biblical Studies Vol. XXXII 1&2: 199-212*. ISSN 075-7602 (Nigeria).
 16. Berekiah, O. O. (2015) Theological Issues In Democratic System And Values: A Reflection On The Deuteronomic Model of Monarchy In Ancient Israel. *RELIGIONS Journal of the Nigerian Association for the Study of Religions, Vol.25*, 40-56. ISBN 0794-3989 (Nigeria)
 17. Berekiah, O. O. (2015). G-d Made Man Versus Man Made Gods: Othering / Reordering Religious Language and usages as a Quest for Global Peace and Security in Hosea 2:16-18. *Ibadan Journal of Humanistic Studies Vol.25:139-150* ISSN 2141-9744 (Nigeria)
 18. **Berekiah, O. O.** and Atoyebi, S. O. (2016). Grammatical-Textual Critical Implications of the Levirate Text of Deuteronomy In An African Context. *African Journal of Biblical Studies*

Vol.XXXIV 1&2: 23-48. ISSN 075-7602 (Nigeria) (60% Contribution).

19. Berekiah, O. O. (2018). A Historical-Liturgical Critique of זרקותי מים “I will sprinkle clean water” in Ezek 36.25-27 and Its Translation Options in English. *The Bible Translator* Vol. 69. No.1: 9-18. ISSN 2051-6770 (London, New Delhi, Singapore, Washington DC and Melbourne)

(f) Book, Chapters in Books and Articles already accepted for Publication:

20. Berekiah, O. O. (2017). “Land Rest Legislation In The Holiness Code And Its Implications For Soil Preservation And Ecological Balance” *Ife Journal of Religious Studies*. Vol.13 (Nigeria)

(g) Technical Reports and Monographs:

Nil

XI. Major Conferences, Attended with Papers Read (in the last 5 years)

- (a) National Conference of the West African Association of Theological Institutions (WATI) 29-31 July 2014 at Immanuel College of Theology, Samonda, Ibadan.
Paper Read: The David-Uriah-Bathsheba narrative (2Sam.11:1-12:14) as polemic against ethnic violence
- (b) The Faculty of Arts International Conference on “Imagining Order/Other –the Humanities and Global Peace and Security” At the Faculty of Arts, University of Ibadan 18-22 May, 2015
Paper Read: G-d Made Man Versus Man Made Gods Othering/Ordering Religious Language and Usages as a Quest For Global Peace In Hosea 2:16-18
- (c) Annual Meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature; Hosted by The American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. 21-24 November, 2015.
Paper Read: Cross-Cultural Intertextuality, Orality and an Indigenous African Provenance of Gen. 8:6-17.
- (d) 29th Annual Conference of the Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies, (NABIS) 5-8 July, 2016 at Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo, Oyo State Nigeria
Paper Read: Sustaining Progress in African Biblical Studies Through Science and Technology
A refecation on Isaiah 10: 15 and Ecclesiastes 10:10
- (e) Western Zonal Conference of the Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies (NABIS WEST) at The Redeemed Christian Bible College, Redemption Camp, Lagos – Ibadan Express Way, 28-31 March, 2017.
Paper Read: The Implication of the Anti-usury Legislation of the Covenant Code for Business Ethics in the African Soio-economic Space.
- (f) 31st Annual Conference of the Nigerian Association for Biblical Studies, (NABIS), at the Town Campus, University of Uyo, Uyo, Akwa-Ibom State, Nigeria. 3-6 July, 2018