

Targum Onkelos as a Hermeneutical Tool

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The primary purpose of this article is methodological. The author presents examples of the variegated ways that Targum Onkelos can be taught, with a double purpose in mind: first, to enable students to acquire a reasonable knowledge of the Aramaic specific to Targum Onkelos; second, to enhance students' ability to use Targum Onkelos as a hermeneutical tool. The two opening sections, "The accessibility and the difficulty involved in reading Targum Onkelos" and "The importance of Targum Onkelos" serve as an essential introduction to the subsequent discussion.