

Old Testament Survey I

OT 501: Genesis to Joshua

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Syllabus

September 10-December 10, 2018
Monday Evenings - 6:00-7:50 p.m.

Description:

The purpose of this course is to help students learn and effectively use the Old Testament. Students need to “know” Scripture. They need to be able to use the Scriptures, locate verses and themes, know major names and events, and be familiar with the context of important passages. This is foundational for ministry. Students also need to know the following items associated with each book studied within the scope of this course (Genesis to Joshua): overview, content, major themes, and highlights. Students will also become familiar with each book’s author, purpose, chronological and historical setting.

Objective:

The specific objectives of this course relate to character, skills and knowledge:

Character:

- A life centered around the Word of God
- A passion to study God’s Word
- The conviction that all of life is to be guided by God’s Word
- A regard for God’s Word as authoritative and inerrant
- A zeal for the Lord comparable to that of the Apostle Paul

Skills:

- An ability to do in-depth, inductive Bible Study
- A knowledge of how to study the Bible
- An ability to analyze portions of Scripture to discern the progression of ideas
- An ease in finding themes and key chapters and verses

Knowledge (of each book covered):

- Major outlines and progression of thought
- Location of major themes and subject matter
- Location of key chapters and verses
- Historical setting
- Purpose
- Interpretation

Assignments:

- *An Introduction to the Old Testament*, Dillard and Longman III, Zondervan Publishing, 1995 117 pp
- *The Christ of the Covenants*, O Palmer Robertson, Baker House 300 pp
- *Immanuel in Our Place*, Tremper Longman, III, P&R Pub 213 pp
- *Treaty of the Great King*, Kline – handout 32 pp
- Bible reading – Genesis to Joshua

Grading:

30%	3	Quizzes
20%	2	1-2 page Reflection papers
20%	2	Research papers
30%		Final exam

Schedule:

Sep 10	Introduction and Overview; Literary Analysis; Historical Criticism; Structure of Genesis; Genesis 1 and 2 – Creation
Sep 17	Genesis 3-4 Read <i>Intro to OT</i> , 17-56
Oct 1	Genesis 5-11 Read <i>Immanuel in Our Place</i> , 3-23; <i>Christ of the Covenants</i> 125
Oct 8	Genesis 12-50 Read <i>Christ of the Covenants</i> , 126-166
Oct 15	Exodus 1-24 Read <i>Intro to OT</i> , 57-71; <i>Treaty of the Great King (handout)</i> <i>Christ of the Covenants</i> , 167-199
Oct 22	Exodus 25-40 Read <i>Immanuel in Our Place</i> , 25-74 - <u>Reflection Paper #1 due</u>
Oct 29	Leviticus Read <i>Intro to OT</i> , 73-82; <i>Christ of Covenants</i> , 201-227
Nov 5	Leviticus Read <i>Immanuel in Our Place</i> , 75-129; <i>Christ of Covenants</i> , 271-300
Nov 12	Numbers Read <i>Intro to OT</i> , 83-90; <i>Immanuel in Our Place</i> , 131-159 <u>Reflection paper #2 due</u>
Nov 19	Numbers Read <i>Immanuel in Our Place</i> , 163-208
Nov 26	Deuteronomy Read <i>Intro to OT</i> , 91-106 – <u>Research Paper due</u>
Dec 3	Deuteronomy and the structure of the remainder of Scripture
Dec 10	Joshua Read <i>Intro to OT</i> , 107-117 - <u>Research Paper due</u>