

Old Testament Survey II - "Poets and Wisdom Literature" – OT-502

September 11 – December 4, 2017

Monday Evenings, 6-7:55 pm

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I. **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: overview, content, major themes, and highlights. Students will also become familiar with each book's author, purpose, chronological and historical setting.

II. **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

Papers assigned are:

30%	3	Quizzes
20%	2	1-2 page Reflection paper
20%		Outline of each book
30%		Final exam

Texts:

An Introduction to the Old Testament, Dillard and Longman III, Zondervan, 1995, *Chapters 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22*

How to Read the Psalms, Tremper Longman, III, P&R Pub, 147 pp

How to Read Proverbs, Tremper Longman, III, P&R Pub, 161 pp

The Beginning and End of Wisdom, Douglas S. O'Donnell, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 222 pp

Schedule:

Sep 11	Introduction, 1 Chronicles	Nov 06	Ezra, Nehemiah
18	2 Chronicles, Lamentations	13	Esther
25	Psalms	20	Job
		27	Ruth
Oct 02	Psalms		
09	Proverbs	Dec 04	Review
16	Ecclesiastes		
23	Song of Solomon		
30	Daniel		