



**OT 502 – Old Testament Survey II**  
**Course Syllabus: Fall 2023**  
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<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24:44-48 ESV)

### **I. The Purpose of this course:**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the characters, events, themes, and teachings of Judges through Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament. Emphasis will be placed upon learning the content of these books, but also applying this content to life. Bible study methods and foundational truths of the Christian faith will also be illustrated through this survey of Judges to Ecclesiastes.

### **II. Personal and Educational Objectives**

- Understand the original purpose of each book from Judges to Ecclesiastes
- Identify the historical and covenantal context of each book (author, audience, setting, etc.)
- Recognize the primary themes of each book
- Identify how the book points to Christ and the gospel
- Understand how each book fits in with the overall purpose of Scripture
- Apply the Scriptures to their own spiritual walk with God
- Seek to apply the Scriptures to the life of the church

### **III. Assignments**

- **Homework:** Homework will usually involve reading the biblical text we are studying along with the appropriate chapters from your textbooks and answering questions about the readings.
- **Quizzes:** Quizzes may be given (announced and unannounced) on a weekly basis. These assessments are not meant to trick you but to ensure you have carefully interacted with the assigned readings.
- **Tests:** There will be both a Mid-Term (Oct 19) and a Final Exam (Dec 5).
- **Student Presentation:** Each student will be responsible to make a twenty-minute presentation focusing on an assigned Psalm. The presentation should include: 1) an explanation of the type/genre of your Psalm, 2) an examination of the historical and literary context of the Psalm, 3) an exploration of the use of imagery of the Psalm, 4) its use (explicitly or implicitly) in the New Testament, 5) and an assessment of how this Psalm can point us to the Person and work of Jesus Christ. This presentation will make use of the text *How to Read the Psalms* by Tremper Longman III (info below).

- **Participation:** This is a seminary class; thus, students must be actively engaged in class. This includes coming prepared and being ready and willing to discuss- the subject in a manner where “iron sharpens iron.”

**Grading as follows:**

- **Exams 40%**
- **Weekly Assignments (reading & writing) 30%**
- **Presentation 20%**
- **Quizzes 10%**

**IV. Textbooks**

**Required Resources**

Miles V. Van Pelt, editor, *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised* (Crossway, 2016)

Tremper Longman III, *How to Read the Psalms* (IVP, 1988)

**V. Schedule**

Week	Date	Bible Reading	Textbook Reading
1	Aug 22	Introduction to Course	BTI, intro, pp 23-42
2	Aug 29	Judges-Ruth	BTI, ch.7 & 17
3	Sep 5	I Samuel	BTI, ch.8, pp 203-216
4	Sep 12	2 Samuel	BTI, ch.8, pp 216-222
5	Sep 19	I - 2 Kings	BTI, ch.9
6	Sep 26	1 – 2 Chronicles	BTI, ch.24
7	Oct 3	Ezra – Nehemiah – Esther	BTI, ch.21 & 23
8	Oct 10	Fall Break	
9	Oct 17	Mid-Term Exam	
10	Oct 24	Job	BTI, ch.15
11	Oct 31	Psalms, part 1	BTI, ch.14, HTRP ch.1-5
12	Nov 7	Psalms, part 2	HTRP, ch.6-8, Student Presentations
13	Nov 14	Psalms, part 3; Proverbs	Student Presentations, BTI, ch.16
14	Nov 21	Thanksgiving Break	
15	Nov 28	Ecclesiastes-Song of Solomon	BTI, ch.18-19
16	Dec 5	Final Exam	

I look forward to exploring the world of the Old Testament with you! If you need to speak with me, I am available after class or you may reach out to me using the contact information below.

May the Lord be glorified in our study of His inerrant and infallible Word.

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17 ESV)

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