



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Tuesday Nights 7-9PM

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ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR:

TEXTBOOK:

Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer., *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. 2nd Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introductory course for Old Testament study. The individual books and the main divisions of Hebrew Scripture are viewed with primary attention to their literary shape, theological teachings and relationship to the New Testament. Other key matters such as historical background, authorship, and sociological context are also addressed.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- 1.) To encounter and know the God of the Old Testament
- 2.) To be able to articulate the main theme of each OT book
- 3.) To understand the chronology of the OT and where each book fits within it
- 4.) To be able to bring a knowledge of the OT to bear upon one's faith and life
- 5.) To be further grounded in the Word of God

GRADING SCALE:

Quizzes: 450 Points (*There will be 11 quizzes given. Each quiz will have 16 multiple choice and/or matching questions worth 3 points each for a total of 48 points possible out of 45 points. There are 3 extra-credit points possible on each quiz. The lowest quiz score out of the 11 will be dropped.*)

Class Participation: 50 Points (*Students are expected to be attentive and participatory*)

Attendance Policy: In accordance with The Detroit Bible Institute policy all students must attend a minimum of 10 classes in order to receive credit for the course. Excused absences are considered at the discretion of the instructor and will not count against the student. In the event that a student does have an excused absence, the instructor reserves the right to assign extra homework and reading to make up for lecture time missed by student.

Grading Policy: Students must complete a minimum of 75% of all course work in order to pass (375 points are required in order to pass the class).

Behavioral Policy: Students will fail course and may be dismissed from class if they are found cheating, being dishonest about work done in the course, harassing other students or demonstrating destructive behavior.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

- Week 1 (9/9): Review Class Syllabus. Lecture on Our Approach to OT Survey and What is the OT and why study the OT (Ch. 1). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 1.
- Week 2 (9/16): Quiz on Chapter (1). Lecture on Historical Background of OT Events (Ch. 2) & Introduction to the Pentateuch (Ch. 3). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 2-3.
- Week 3 (9/23): Quiz on Ch. 2-3. Lecture on Genesis (Ch. 4-5); Exodus (Ch. 6). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 4-6.
- Week 4 (9/30): Quiz on Ch. 4-6. Lecture on Leviticus (Ch. 7); Numbers (Ch. 8); Deuteronomy (Ch. 9). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 7-9.
- Week 5 (10/7): Quiz on Ch. 7-9. Lecture on Intro to Historical Books (Ch. 10); Joshua (Ch. 11); Judges and Ruth (Ch. 12). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 10-12.
- Week 6 (10/14): Quiz on Ch. 10-12. Lecture on 1 Samuel (Ch. 13); 1 Samuel (Ch. 14); 1 Kings (Ch. 15); 2 Kings (Ch. 16). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 13-16.
- Week 7 (10/21): Quiz on Ch. 13-16. Lecture on First & Second Chronicles (Ch. 17); Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther (Ch. 18). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 17-18.
- Week 8 (10/28): Quiz on Ch. 17-18. Lecture on Poetical Books (Ch. 19-23). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 19-23.
- Week 9 (11/4): Quiz on Ch. 19-23. Lecture on Intro to the Prophets (Ch. 24); Isaiah (Ch. 25-26). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 24-26.
- Week 10 (11/11): Quiz on Ch. 24-26. Lecture on Jeremiah (Ch. 27-28); Ezekiel (Ch. 29-30). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 27-30.
- Week 11 (11/18): Quiz on Ch. 27-30. Lecture on Daniel (Ch. 31); Hosea, Joel and Amos (Ch. 32). Post-lecture weekly reading Ch. 31-32.
- Week 12 (11/25): Quiz on Ch. 31-32. Lecture on Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zeph, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi (33-34).

SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL READING:

William S. LaSor, David A. Hubbard, and Frederick W. Bush, *Old Testament Survey: The Message, Form and Background of the Old Testament*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996.