

The Pentateuch
7:00 – 9:00P.M.
Detroit Bible Institute
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Class Dates: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17, 24

Textbook: The Pentateuch, James E. Smith

Instructor: Pastor Keith L. Nelson – email at secondolivet@gmail.com

Asst. Instructors: None.

Office Hours: Mondays, 6:00 – 7:00P.M.

Course Description: This will survey the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy and lift up the key themes and stories that has formed the text and the basis for the Judeo-Christian view. Students will gain an understanding of the importance of these texts in the life of the “Children of Israel” and the “New Testament Church and how they were seen and used by the New Testament authors.

Course Objective(s): The student will be able to relate each book of the Pentateuch to its historical situation and interpret them according to normal rules of hermeneutics.

- 1) The student will also be able to understand God’s working through history and his chosen servants within the Pentateuch,
- 2) Each student will also be able to trace the history of Israel and to delineate the key events in the life of God’s people.
- 3) The student will be able to develop the thematic presentation of the life of Christ (Messiah) in the Old Testament.

Assignments:

Final Exam – 100 Points

Reading – 100 Points (A reading log will be submitted by end of the Semester)

Homework – 100 Points (There will be no more than 6 homework quizzes)

Term Paper – 100 Points A one-page paper comparing and contrasting one of the majors personalities in the Pentateuch

Class Participation – 100 Points (You are expected to be appropriately vocal and participatory in class)

Make-up Assignments: Any assignments missed can be made up during office hours or by appointment. Late papers will be assessed a 10% penalty per week beginning at midnight of the due date. Emailed papers are permissible, but only in the Microsoft Word format. Emailed papers will be considered late as of midnight of the evening of class.

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 at the full 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 assignments to make up for lecture time missed by the student.

Grading Policy: Students must complete a minimum of 75% (375 points) of all coursework in order to pass the class. Letter grade and their achievement equivalents are listed in the DBI "Academic Catalog" under "Grading System."

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

Course Schedule:

April 1th: Introduction –	Read Genesis, chaps. 1-12
April 8 th : Review Genesis chaps 1 – 11	Read Genesis, chaps. 13-50
April 15th: Review Genesis 12 – 36;	Read Exodus chaps. 1 - 19
April 22nd: Review Genesis 37 – 50;	Read Exodus, chaps. 20-40
April 29 th : Review Exodus 1 – 19;	Read Leviticus chaps. 1 – 27
May 6 th : Review Exodus 20 – 40;	Read Numbers 1 – 10: 1-10
May 13 th : Review Leviticus 1-27;	Read Numbers chaps. 10 - 36
May 20th: Review Numbers 1-10:10	Read Deuteronomy chaps. 1 - 14
June 3rd: Review Numbers 10 – 36	Read Deuteronomy chaps. 15 – 34
(One Page Paper Due)	
June 10 th : Review Deuteronomy 1-34	(Reading Log due)
June 17th: Conclude and discuss the one-page papers and review final exam -	
June 24 th : Final Exam	

Suggested reading for further development: The Two Babylons, Alexander Hislop. Loizeaux Brother Press, 1959.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to amend course assignments and scheduling if necessary. Any amendment(s) made will **not** increase previously stated requirements laid upon the students

