

Birmingham Theological Seminary
OT1021 Old Testament Studies 1
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Class Hours: 2

Course Purpose:

The purpose of this course is to give students knowledge of the overall content of the Old Testament books from Genesis to Ruth including the major events, characters and teaching.

Course Objectives:

1. The student will know the introduction to and the background of the Old Testament.
2. The student will know the basic content of the books studied.
3. The student should learn how to interpret and apply the teaching and events of this portion of the Old Testament.

Required Text:

The Old Testament Speaks, by Samuel Shultz

An Introduction to the Old Testament, by E.J. Young (Tyndale)

Note: Shultz is the primary text. Page assignments are given for Shultz only. Each week read corresponding passage in Young. See first class assignment for an example.

Recommended Texts:

God's Plan Unfolded, by Jack Scott (Tyndale)

An Introduction to the Old Testament, by Raymond Dillard & Tremper Longman III
(Zondervan)

Biblical Theology – Old and New Testaments, by Geerhardus Vos (Eerdmans)

Hard Sayings of the Bible, by Walter Kaiser, Peter Davids, F.F. Bruce, & Manfred Brauch
(Intervarsity)

The Typology of Scripture, by Patrick Fairbairn (Zondervan)

Bible History – Old Testament, by Alfred Edersheim (Eerdmans)

A Manual for Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, by Kate L. Turabian
(University of Chicago Press)

The Holy Bible (any modern translation)

Course Requirements:

1. Reading assignments in text and Bible (see course outline)
2. One midterm and one final exam (35% of grade each)
3. 3. One paper on topic approved by the instructor (7-10 pages) (20% of grade). This paper is to demonstrate the student's ability to research a subject and present his/her conclusions in an understandable fashion. **Note: All papers are to be according to the Turabian Chicago style of writing format including the title. All are to be double spaced, 12 point, Times New Roman font. Any paper not conforming to these standards will be dropped one letter grade.**

4. Class participation (10% of grade)

5. All course materials must be submitted to the respective professors at the end of the semester (last day of classes). Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

Bibliography

Aalders, G. Ch, *A Hort Introduction to the Pehntateuch*

Ainsworth, Henry, *Annotations on the Pentateuch and The Psalms*, Soli Deo Gloria, 1991

Eds. Alexander T. Desmond & David W. Baker, *Dictionary of the Old Testament Pentateuch*, 2003

Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament*, Baker, 1999

Eds. Bill T. Arnold & H. G. M. Williamson, *Dictionary of the Old Testament, Historical Books*, InterVarsity Press, 2005

Eds. G. K. Beale and D. A. Carson, *Commentary on the New Testament Use of The Old Testament*, Baker Academic, 2007

Class Schedule (2012)

1/24 Class overview and introduction

1/31 Composition and Authorship Gen. 1-3 text, pg. 1-14
of Pentateuch, Creation –Fall Handout
Young's Introduction pp.15-46 *Young's pg.47-52*

2/7 Cain to the call of Abraham Gen. 4-11 text pg. 14-29

2/14 Abraham Gen. 12-23 text pg. 29-34

2/21 Isaac – Joseph Gen. 24-50 text pg. 34-40

2/28 The Exodus Ex. 1-15 text pg. 43-54

3/6 God's Provision for Body and Soul Ex. 16-31 text pg. 57-65

3/13 Spring Break

3/20 The Apostasy Ex. 32-34 text pg. 57-65

Mid Term (2nd Hour)

3/27 The Sacrificial System Leviticus text pg. 65-73

4/3 Preparation for Nationhood Numbers text pg. 75-87
Deuteronomy

4/10 The Conquest Joshua text pg. 89-102

4/17 When Judges Ruled Judges text pg. 103-114
Ruth

4/24 **Final Exam, Paper Due**