

# Biblical Theology of Missions MS6631

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## ***Catalogue Description:***

**MS6631 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS.** A study of God's purpose and activity in the Old Testament as revealed through Israel's responsibility to the nations and a consideration of the mandates entrusted to the Church in the New Testament. Two Credit Hours

*NOTE: We will emphasize the OT more than the NT in this course because of the relative neglect of the OT in the Theology of Missions.*

## ***Textbooks:***

John Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad*

Bruce Olson, *Bruchko* (read rapidly)

Walter C. Kaiser Jr., *Mission in the Old Testament*

Mark Kreitzer, *Good News for All Peoples: A Covenantal Understanding of Ethnicity and People Movements* (recommended but not mandatory).

*NOTE: The lectures on the recording do not match those on the syllabus. I have indicated the necessary corrections. Also, each lecture has more than one recorded session to cover the whole topic of the lecture.*

## ***Course Requirements:***

1) Be prepared for a broad overview quiz on introductory material in text and lectures 1-2. TOTAL: 10 Points.

2) Read the chapters assigned in the textbooks. Be prepared for two additional quizzes on the textbook and the text of passages: #2 after lecture 6 and #3 after lecture 10.

TOTAL: three quizzes. Quizzes cover Bible reading and notes for the proceeding weeks. 20% of grade.

3) Read the following passages in the Scripture. You will be asked on the final if you finished the reading.

Required Biblical Readings: Ge 1-3, 10-12, 17, 18, 22; Ex 19; Lev 18:24-30, 19:33-34; Nu 15:13-16, 29; Dt 4, 26; Ps(s) 2, 9, 18:37-50, 22, 66:1-9; 67; 72, 86:1-10, 87, 89, 96, 105, 110, 117; 2Sa 7; 1Ch 16; 2Ch 6; Isa 2, 19, 25, 42-45, 49, 52-53, 66:18-24; Jer 31:31-34; Eze 36:22-27; Dan 2, 7:1-14; Jonah. NT: Mt 1:1, 18-25, 4:17-23; 8:9-12, 24:14, 28:11-20; Lk 1:26-33, 2:29-32, 24:25-27; 44-49; Jn 3:16-21, 36, 4:21-24, 10:16, 16:8-11,

20:21; Ac 1:8, 2, 10-11, 15, 17:16-32, 22:3-22; Ro 1:5, 16-17, 3:19-26, 4, 9-11; 1Co 9; Gal 3; Eph 2; 1Ti 2:1-7; Ti 3:4-7; 1Pe 2:1-10; 1Jn 2:1-2; Rev 1:1-6, 5, 7, 15:1-4, 20, 22.

4) 2 page book review of Bruce Olson, *Bruchko* covering all of the following topics: (a) my impressions of Olson's missionary methods as compared to Paul's in 1Co 9; (b) my perspective on Olson's view of Scripture and its possible impact on the Motilone culture in the future. 5% of grade.

5) Ten to twelve (10-12) page paper with **at least seven** different references on **one** of the following topics. Use Turabian style, sixth edition, according to the new catalogue standards. By the third week of class, you must report on the form on the last page of the syllabus, what your chosen topic will be. 25% of grade.

**Possible Topics:**

- a) The Abrahamic Covenant and the missions mandate in the Old and New Testaments
- b) The Servant Songs of Isaiah and Paul's view of his mission to the heathen peoples.
- c) The meaning of "all the nations" in the Great Commission.
- d) Did the Old Testament include a command to Israel to go out to all the peoples of earth and proclaim the good news of God's salvation?
- e) How are the Cultural Mandate and the Great Commission related?
- f) What was Paul's mandate for cultural adaptation in 1Co 9 and how does that apply to the church overseas and here in the USA with respect to worship and music styles, order of worship, whether a seeker sensitive service is allowable at 11 AM on Sunday morning, evangelism methods, and etc.
- g) Any topic approved by the instructor.

6) Two Exams (@ 59 and 75 points respectively: 1) after lecture six and 2) final exam after lecture 12 = 50% of grade.

Multiple choice, matching, fill in, and short answer essay questions.

**GRADING SUMMARY**

Quizzes =	20%
Exams =	50%
Paper =	25%

Book Review = 05%

**TOTAL 100%**

## Lecture Schedule

### Lecture 1

**Reading:**

**Lecture:** Introduction to the Theology of Missions

### Lecture 2

**Reading:** (1) Read Olson, *Bruchko* during whole course. (2) **Read lecture appropriate Scripture readings during whole course BEFORE lectures begin.**

(3) Kaiser, *Mission in the Old Testament* (preface, introduction).

**Lecture:** Creation

### Lecture 3

**Reading:** (1) Read Olson, *Bruchko* during whole course

**Lecture:** culture mandate, and Fall

**Take first quiz (lectures 1, 2, & 3)**

### Lecture 4

**Reading:** (1) Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad!* (Preface, Chapter 1, 1-40)

**Lecture:** Creation, Noah's Flood, Babel, and the Call of Abraham (Pre-history, Flood, Table of Nations, Babel, Abraham's Call and Covenant [Ge 4-49])

### Lecture 5

**Reading:** (1) Kaiser, *Mission in the Old Testament* (chapters 1-2).

**Lecture:** Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants' impact on mission to the peoples

### Lecture 6

**Reading:** (1) Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad!* (Chapter 3, 71-114)

**Lecture:** Missions to the peoples in the Wisdom literature and Psalms (esp. 22, 67, 96)

**Take second quiz (over lectures 4, 5, and 6)**

**Exam: Genesis to Psalms, chapters in Greenway and Piper.**

Lecture 7

**Reading:** (1) Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad!* (Chapter 5, 167-218)

**Lecture:** Missions in Isaiah

Lecture 8

**Reading:** (1) Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad!* (Chapters 2, 41-70). (2) Kaiser, *Mission in the Old Testament* (chapters 3-4).

**Lecture:** The Prophets and missions success

Lecture 9

**Reading:** (1) Kaiser, *Mission in the Old Testament* (chapters 5-6).

(2) Piper, *Let the Nations be Glad!* (Chapter 4, 115-166)

**Lecture:** Babel-Pentecost Relationship. Missions in the Gospels

Lecture 10

**Reading:** Spiritual warfare notes in syllabus.

**Lecture:** The peoples, Paul, and covenant theology.

**Take third quiz**

Lecture 11-12

**Lecture:** Application

**Reading:** (1) Finish Olson, *Bruchko*.

**Exam: Psalms to New Testament, chapters in Kaiser and Piper**