

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 arranged chronologically from Genesis to Joshua including the major events, characters, and teaching.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will know the basic content of the books studies.
2. The student will know how to interpret and apply the teaching and events of this portion of the Old Testament.
3. The student will know how to relate the Old and New Testaments including the two administrations of the Covenant of Grace and the place of the law in the covenant of grace.

Required Text: (the links below require an Internet connection)

The Old Testament Speaks, by Samuel Shultz

Recommended Texts:

God's Plan Unfolded, by Jack Scott

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

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

A Short Introduction to the Pentateuch, by G. Ch. Aalders (Tyndale)

The Theology of the Older Covenant, by J. Barton Payne (Zondervan)

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

Hard Sayings of the Old Testament, by Walter Kaiser (Intervarsity)

Classical Evangelical Essays in Old Testament Interpretation, by Walter Kaiser (Baker)

The Typology of Scripture, by Patrick Fairbairn (Zondervan)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading assignments in text (see course outline; read pages in textbook according to biblical passages covered in lecture)
2. Reading assignments in the Bible (see course outline)

3. Write a 12-15 page paper on one of the topics below. All papers should be double-spaced and should be written in Turabian format with a title page.

*Authorship of the Pentateuch

*The Relation of the Old and New Covenant

*A Study of Old Testament Typology

*Does the Old Testament Civil Law Still Apply Today? (Theonomy)

*The Relation of the Law to the Covenant of Grace

*The Old Testament Perspective on Life after Death

4. Write a paper consisting of 1 page for every 50 pages read of the assigned text(s). This paper should be a summary/response to the reading and will receive a pass or fail grade reflecting the students completion of the assignment.

COURSE GRADING

1. Mid-term 45%

2. Final exam 45%

3. Paper 10%

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