

Birmingham Theological Seminary
Montgomery Extension
OT 1021 Old Testament Studies 1 (Genesis - Joshua)
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OT 1021 Genesis - Joshua OT Survey I
Class Hours: 2

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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to a study of the canon, of textual criticism, of Israelite history and an evaluation of critical scholarship. The Christ-centered interpretation of the Old Testament will take into consideration the organic and progressive structure of biblical theology. We will read, study and apply Genesis through Joshua.

A Word from the Professor: My desire is two-fold: That you learn the Bible and that the Holy Spirit teach you from the Bible. These two are similar, but not the same. They are very inter-dependent. During this course it will be difficult to separate them. But remember, when we do our best, God will take care of the rest. Always begin with prayer. Approach your work with love, devotion and submission to God's word. Also, approach it with a single-hearted, single-minded dedication to do your best to show yourself to God as a student who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of Truth. ~ II Timothy 2:15

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will be able to describe the formation of the Old Testament canon.
2. The student will be able to discuss issues of criticism in Old Testament scholarship.
3. The student will be able to define the concept and nature of biblical theology.
4. The student will be able to articulate an overview of Israelite history.
5. The student will be able to describe the covenantal approach to understanding the Old Testament.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

A good study Bible
The Old Testament Speaks, by Samuel Shultz (Harper Collins) ISBN # 0.06.250767.2

Collateral Texts:

A Manual for Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, by Kate L. Turabian University of Chicago Press ISBN 0226816273
An Introduction to the Old Testament, by E.J. Young (Tyndale)
An Introduction to the Old Testament, by Raymond Dillard and Tremper Longman III (Zondervan)

A Short Introduction to the Pentateuch, by G. Ch. Aalders (Tyndale)
God's Plan Unfolded, by Jack Scott
Hard Sayings of the Old Testament, by Walter Kaiser (Intervarsity)
Introduction to the Old Testament, R.K. Harrison Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing ISBN 0802531079
Survey of the Old Testament, Volume 1, Book 2, from the Adult Biblical Education Series
 (Available at Trinity Presbyterian Church bookstore, 262-3935, or speak to Kirby Smith)
The Theology of the Older Covenant, by J. Barton Payne (Zondervan)
The Typology of Scripture, by Patrick Fairbairn (Zondervan)
Quality Research Papers, Nancy J. Vyhmeister Zondervan Publishing ISBN 0310239451
 Logos Bible Software
 StyleEase Software

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Class attendance.
2. Completion of reading assignment on time.
3. Write a 10 to 12-page research paper about any subject that has caught your special interest. You should average two citations per page and at least five reference works other than your textbooks. Paper should contain the following constituent parts: title page, table of contents, introduction, research question (what are you investigating?), discussion and conclusion, bibliography. (The 10-12 pages begins with introduction and ends with conclusion; the paper allows student to expand on one or more objectives.) NOTE: All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Please number the pages. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade. The following are suggested topics:
 - Christ Revealed in the Law
 - Authorship of the Pentateuch
 - The Relation of the Old and New Covenant
 - A Study of the Old Testament Typology
 - Does the Old Testament Civil Law Still Apply Today? (Theonomy)
 - The Relation of the Law to the Covenant of Grace
 - Compare / Contrast Moses and Joshua as to their leadership Both Spiritual and Otherwise
 - Duplicates in Genesis (reoccurrences of similarities)

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. 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) weeks 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.

4. A mid-term and final exam
5. A brief (three minute) oral presentation devotional taken from Genesis through Joshua to be presented on assigned Dates.

GRADING

Reading	25%	Mid-Term Exam	25%
Paper	25%	Final Exam	25%

COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Bible Content</u>	<u>Reading (Schultz)</u>
Week One:	January 23	a.) Introduction b.) Genesis 1-3	Introduction
Week Two:	January 30	a.) Genesis 4-11 b.) Genesis 12-26	Chapters 1 - 2
Week Three:	February 6	a.) Genesis 27-50 b.) Egyptology	
Week Four:	February 13	a.) Exodus 1-20 b.) Exodus 21-40	Chapter 3
Week Five:	February 20	a.) Leviticus 1-12 b.) Leviticus 13-26	Chapter 4
Week Six:	February 27	< Mid-Term Exam >	
<<<<< SPRING BREAK – MARCH 5 – 18, 2012 >>>>>			
Week Seven:	March 19	a.) Numbers 1-21 b.) Numbers 22-36	Chapter 5
Week Eight:	March 26	a.) Deuteronomy b.) Deuteronomy	Chapter 5
Week Nine:	April 2	a.) Deuteronomy b.) Deuteronomy	
Week Ten:	April 9	a.) Joshua 1-12 b.) Joshua 13-24	Chapters 6 - 7
Week Eleven:	April 16	a.) Class Review, Christ Seen in the Law, b.) Final Oral Presentations	
Week Twelve:	April 23	Papers Due, Final Exam	
Week Thirteen:	April 30	< Make-Up Date >	

CONCORDANCES

George V. Wilgram, ed., *The Englishman's Hebrew and Chaldee Concordance of the Old Testament: Being an Attempt at a Verbal Connection between the Original and the English Translation; with indexes, a List of the Proper Names, and other Occurrences, etc.* London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 1843. With many subsequent editions and reprints.

Lexicons

Francis Brown, Samuel R. Driver, and Charles A. Briggs, eds., *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Known by the abbreviation BDB, it is still the standard lexicon in English. (ISBN: 1565632060).

Theological Dictionaries

G. Johannes Botterweck, Helmer Ringgren, and Heinz-Josef Fabry, eds. *The Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974-2001. This is an English translation of the *Theologisches Worterbuch zum alten Testament*. To date, 11 volumes (up to panim) have appeared in English.

R. Laird Harris, Gleason L. Archer, and Bruce K. Waltke, *Theological Workbook of the Old Testament*. 2 vols. Chicago: Moody Press, 1980. Similar in format to Botterweck, but much shorter, simpler and more conservative.

Ernst Jenni and Claus Westermann, *Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Translated by Mark E. Biddle. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1997. 3 vols. 1638 pages. ISBN: 1565631331. Includes a handy index to additional forms used within individual entries.

Willem A. VanGemeren, ed., *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. 5 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997. Volumes 1-3 contain lexical articles, volume 4 has topical articles, and volume 5 provides indexes.

Lexical Aids, Reading Helps, etc.

Terry A. Armstrong, Douglas L. Busby, and Cyril F. Carr, *A Reader's Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980. Reprinted in a single volume by Regency Reference Library in 1989 (ISBN: 0310369800). All Hebrew words used 50 times or less arranged by chapter and verse.

Dead Sea Scrolls

James C. VanderKam, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994. 210 pages. VanderKam, professor of Hebrew Scriptures at Notre Dame University, reviews the history of the Scrolls and their use in scholarship of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The treatment takes for granted an acceptance of the historical-critical method.