

OTHB6313 HEBREW EXEGESIS: 1 & 2 KINGS

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3 Hours

Seminary Mission Statement:

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill The Great Commission and The Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Description:

This course combines an overview of 1 & 2 Kings and its place in the Former Prophets with an in-depth analysis of selected portions of the Hebrew text. Primary attention will be given to the grammatical, literary, historical, and theological features of the text. The study will include a discussion of the process leading to hermeneutical goals of teaching and preaching.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course the student will have demonstrated a proper knowledge of and an ability to use effectively in study, teaching and preaching:

1. The overall literary structure and content of 1 & 2 Kings.
2. The major theological themes and critical issues in the books.
3. The Hebrew text of 1 & 2 Kings.
4. Hebrew syntax and literary stylistics.

NOBTS Core Values Addressed:

Doctrinal Integrity: Knowledge and Practice of the Word of God

Characteristic Excellence: Pursuit of God's Revelation with Diligence

Spiritual Vitality: Transforming Power of God's Word

Mission Focus: We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This is the 2015-16 core value focus.

Textbooks:

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia.

1 Kings, Simon DeVries (Word Biblical Commentary)

2 Kings, T.R. Hobbs (Word Biblical Commentary)

One other Commentary on 1 Kings (your choice)

Recommended:

Brueggemann, Walter. *1 & 2 Kings*. (Smyth and Helwys, 2000).

Jerome T. Walsh. *1 Kings*, Berit Olam Series (Liturgical Press, 1996)

Robert L. Cohn *2 Kings*. Berit Olam: Studies in Hebrew Narrative and Poetry. (Liturgical Press, 2000).

Course Requirements & Evaluation:

1. Class attendance and preparation (20%)
2. Mid-Term Exam (25%)
3. Literary / Narrative Analysis (20%).
4. Book Review (10%)
5. Exegetic research paper (25%). Due Date Friday, December 11.

Exegetical Research Paper Topics

Choose a pericope of about 15-20 verses from either 1 or 2 Kings for the Literary Analysis and Exegetical Research Paper. Be sure to choose a cohesive literary unit.

1. Introduction: To the passage (not the entire biblical book) including the historical and cultural setting, important biblical background material, etc.
2. Translation: Your own translation, having the following quality goal: the precision of the NASB or the NKJV, with the readability of the NIV or NLV.
3. Textual Footnotes: Address the issues in important text critical notes, as well as any key words which you have translated in a nuanced manner.
4. Exegetical Outline: Provide an exegetical outline of the chosen passage, with at least one but no more than two sub-levels.
5. Exegetical Notes and Discussion: Explicate the meaning of the text, highlighting words studies, structural elements, pertinent background material.
6. Homiletical Outline: Assuming you will be teaching or preaching from this material, provide an outline of your presentation, including Title, Theme or Key Point, Outline with one sub-level, Conclusion.

Course Schedule:

Aug	25	Class Introduction	Read Introduction to I Kings in WBC
	27	Translate 2 Samuel 24:18-25	Read "OT Narrative" article
Sep	1	1 Kings 1:1-10	
	3	1 Kings 1: 11-27	
	8	1 Kings 28-38	
	10	1 Kings 1:39-48	Literary Analysis Discussion

	15	1 Kings 2:1-18	
	17	1 Kings 2:19-35	
	22	1 Kings 3:1-15	
	24	1 Kings 4:20-34	
	29	1 Kings 5:1-18	
Oct	1	1 Kings 6:1-13; 37-38	
	6	1 Kings 7:1-8; 8:1-21	
	8	1 Kings 9:1-23, 26-28	
	13	1 Kings 10:1-15	
	15	Mid-Term Exam	

OCTOBER 17 - 25 FALL Break

	27	1 Kings 11:1-13, 26-40	***Literary Analysis Due***
	29	1 Kings 11:26-40	
Nov	3	1 Kings 12:1-15	
	5	1 Kings 12:26-33	
	10	1 Kings 14:21-31	
	12	1 Kings 16:15-28	
	17	1 Kings 17:1-17	
	19	1 Kings 18:20-35	
Dec	1	1 Kings 18:36-46	
	3	1 Kings 19:1-18	
	8	2 Kings 1:1-16	
	10	2 Kings 16:1-18	

FINAL EXAM Class Presentations (10-15 min each)

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