



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

OTHB 6312 Hebrew Exegesis: 1&2 Samuel
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NOBTS Mission Prepares servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Core Value Our seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity as the Bible is believed to be the Word of God, inspired and inerrant. The specific core value celebrated this academic year is Spiritual Vitality.

Course Description A thorough study of selected texts, through verse-by-verse and paragraph-by-paragraph analysis of the Hebrew text, consideration of pertinent historical and cultural issues, along with consultation of comprehensive commentaries. The course will emphasize proper methods for discovering the meaning of a text and applying it in teaching and preaching.

Course Prerequisites:

(1) OTHB5300 Introductory Hebrew Grammar and (2) OTHB6300 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for Exegesis.

Teaching Methodology The course methodologies include lectures, multiple student presentations, journal article and textbook readings.

Curriculum Competencies

1. **Biblical Exposition:** To interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.
2. **Disciple Making:** To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.
3. **Worship Leadership:** To facilitate worship effectively.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will be able to understand how to improve biblical exegesis through a close reading of the text through narrative exegetical strategies.
2. The student will demonstrate how to apply the benefits of biblical backgrounds, word studies, literary analysis, and genre nuances in the proclamation of the Hebrew text.
3. The student will be able to communicate clearly the meaning and application of the Hebrew text to a contemporary audience.

Course Objectives By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Apply Hebrew exegesis skills to a narrative text.
2. Use commentaries effectively in exegesis.
3. Develop contemporary expository messages from 1&2 Samuel historical-narrative texts.
4. Understand the basic theological significance of 1&2 Samuel and their implications for the New Testament anticipation of the Messiah.

Required Textbooks

BHS Hebrew Bible.

The Holy Bible: preferably NASB *and/or* *The Jewish Bible: Tanakh: The Holy Scriptures -- The New JPS Translation According to the Traditional Hebrew Text: Torah-Nevi'im-Kethuvim*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1985.

David G. Firth. *1 & 2 Samuel*. Apollos Old Testament Commentary. IVP Academic, 2009.

Recommended: Harry A. Hoffner Jr. *1 & 2 Samuel*. Evangelical Exegetical Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press. eBook only.

Thomas C. Foster, *How to Read Novels Like a Professor: A Jaunty Exploration of the World's Favorite Literary Form* (New York: Harper Perennial, 2017).

Course Requirements:

1. Class Participation and Presentations: The class will be conducted utilizing a seminar style approach. Students will take significant initiative to share textual and narrative insights during lectures and presentations. Students should expect to make multiple presentations from course readings and from exegetical exercises. Grade percentage: 10%

2. Class Notebook: The student will compile extensive textual notes from personal study and from class presentations. These notes will be compiled in anticipation of a lifetime of faithfulness in teaching and preaching God's Word. Grade percentage: 30%

3. Course Preparatory Readings and Presentations: Students will read various articles for preparatory insights to discover best practices for exegesis and hermeneutical competencies. Particular importance will be placed on preaching narrative texts and preaching Christ from the Old Testament. Grade percentage: 20%

4. Paper: "A Survey of the Purpose and Theological Themes of 1&2 Samuel" Each student will survey three (3) commentaries to discover the purpose and theological themes highlighted for Samuel. The assignment should not be more than two (2) pages, single spaced. Grade percentage: 10%

5. Exegetical and Sermon Projects: Each student will prepare and present three (3) exegetical and sermon exercises. Each exercise will cover an entire pericope and include the following elements: (1) Teaching/

Preaching Outline – ¾ page; (2) Background Issues – up to 1 page; (3) Hebrew and Narrative Notes – 2-4 pages. Grade percentage: 30%

Hebrew and Narrative notes from each pericope will flow from a close and intimate reading of the text. Notes will include, but are not limited to literary structure, word studies, key theological words, idioms, key phrases, translation difficulties, sentence structure, syntactical devices, Hebrew accents, nuance of verbal stems, narrative literary motifs, character development, and aspects of background and foreground.

Grading Scale

A: 93-100% B: 85-92% C: 77-84% D: 70-76% F: below 70%

Point Values

Class Participation and Presentations – 10%
Class Notebook – 30%
Preparatory Readings and Presentations – 20%
Paper: Purpose and Theological Themes – 10%
Exegetical & Sermon Projects – 30%

Total – 100%

Note: No final exam will be given in this course. Rather, the Class Notebook will be due on Monday, 12/9/2019.

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2. Class Notebook – The notebook is due Monday, 12/9/2019.

3. Course Preparatory Readings and Presentations:

A. Preaching Christ from the OT

	Preaching Christ from the OT	Student	Date
1.	Robinson – Expository Preaching	Boucher	8/29
2.	Mayhue – Rediscovering Expository Preaching	Escarra	9/3
3.	Chou – Preaching Christ - Overview	Hicks	9/5
4.	Block – Christotelic Preaching	Holder	9/10
5.	Gentry – Review of Block	Hui	9/12
6.	Johnson – Christo-Promise	Machen	9/17
7.	Poythress – Christocentric Preaching	Pierce	9/19
8.	DeRouchie – Lifting the Veil	Shuler	9/24
9.	Carter – Response	VanDyke	9/26
10.	Sequeira - Response	White	10/1

B. Preaching OT Narratives

Journal Articles	Date
Alexander, “Royal Expectations in Genesis to Kings.”	8/26
Kaiser, “Preaching and Teaching Narrative Texts of the OT.”	9/6
Wright, “Five Questions to ask when Preaching/Teaching OT Stories.”	9/13
Wright, “God’s Story and Our Stories.”	9/20
Wright, “Seven Dangers to avoid when Preaching and Teaching OT Stories.” – Pt. 1	9/27
Wright, “Seven Dangers to avoid when Preaching and Teaching OT Stories.” – Pt. 2	10/4
Garsiel, “The Book of Samuel: Its Composition, structure, and significance.”	TBA

4. Paper: “A Survey of the Purpose and Theological Themes of 1&2 Samuel” – Due 10/21/19

Each student will utilize the two (2) commentaries assigned and the course textbook. Unless otherwise noted, each commentary is on the Reserve Reading shelf at the Library Circulation Desk.

Due 10/21	Author	Series	Student Assignment
1.	Baldwin	Tyndale OT (Ref Rm)	Boucher
2.	Bergen	New Am. Com.	
3.	Brueggemann	Interpretation	Escarra
4.	Cartledge	Smith & Helwys	
5.	Chafin	Communicator's (Ref Rm)	Hicks
6.	Chisholm	Teach the Text	
7.	Evans, M	Inter. Bible Com.	Holder
8.	Evans, P	Story of God Bible Com.	
9.	Gordon	Regency Reference	Hui
10.	Hertzberg	OT Library	
11.	Howard	Intro to the OT Hist. bks.	Machen
12.	Jensen	Belief Theol. Com.	
13.	Klein	Word Biblical – 1 Sam	Pierce
14.	Mauchline	New Century Bible	
15.	McCarter	Anchor	Shuler
16.	Payne	Daily Study Bible	
17.	Peterson	Westminster Bible Comp.	VanDyke
18.	Thomas & Greear	Christ-Centered Exposition (Ref Rm)	
19.	Tsumura	NICOT	White
20.	Youngblood	Expositor's Bible Com (Ref Rm)	

5. Exegetical and Sermon Projects:

Cycle 1

	Exegetical Studies	Student	Date
1.	1 Samuel 3	Hicks	9/3
2.	1 Samuel 4	Machen	9/3
3.	1 Samuel 5	White	9/5
4.	1 Samuel 6	VanDyke	9/5
5.	1 Samuel 7	Shuler	9/10
6.	1 Samuel 8	Pierce	9/10
7.	1 Samuel 9	Escarra	9/12
8.	1 Samuel 10	Boucher	9/12
9.	1 Samuel 11	Holder	9/17
10.	1 Samuel 12	Hui	9/17

Cycle 2

	Exegetical Studies	Student	Date
1.	1 Samuel 15	Hicks	10/1
2.	1 Samuel 16	Machen	10/1
	1 Samuel 17	Griffin	10/3
3.	1 Samuel 18	White	10/8
4.	1 Samuel 19	VanDyke	10/8
5.	1 Samuel 20	Shuler	10/10
6.	1 Samuel 24	Pierce	10/10
7.	1 Samuel 25	Escarra	10/22
8.	1 Samuel 26	Boucher	10/22
9.	1 Samuel 28	Holder	10/24
10.	1 Samuel 30	Hui	10/29

Cycle 3

	Exegetical Studies	Student	Date
	2 Samuel 1	Griffin	10/31
1.	2 Samuel 3	Hicks	11/5
2.	2 Samuel 4	Machen	11/5
3.	2 Samuel 5	White	11/7
4.	2 Samuel 6	VanDyke	11/7
5.	2 Samuel 7	Shuler	11/12
6.	2 Samuel 8	Pierce	11/12
7.	2 Samuel 9	Escarra	11/14
8.	2 Samuel 10	Boucher	11/14
9.	2 Samuel 11	Holder	11/19
10.	2 Samuel 12	Hui	11/21

Bible Studies

- 2018 Ryan Kelly. *1-2 Samuel: A 12-week Study*. Knowing the Bible. Wheaton: Crossway Books.
- The Navigators. *1&2 Samuel*. LifeChange, 42. Colorado Springs, CO: Navigators.
- 2016 John F. MacArthur. *1 Samuel: The Lives of Samuel and Saul*. MacArthur Bible Studies. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.
- John F. MacArthur. *2 Samuel: David's Heart Revealed*. MacArthur Bible Studies. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Commentaries & Monographs

- 2019 John L. Mackay. *1&2 Samuel*. Vol. 3 of ESV Expository Commentary: 1 Samuel–2 Chronicles. Iain M. Duguid, et al. eds. Wheaton: Crossway.
- David Toshio Tsumura. *The Second Book of Samuel*. New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans. *Note vol. 1 in 2007*.
- 2018 Paul Evans. *1-2 Samuel*. The Story of God Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- Richard Phillips. *2 Samuel*. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R.
- 2017 Robert Barron. *2 Samuel*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos.
- David Firth, *1 & 2 Samuel: An Introduction and Study Guide: A Kingdom Comes*, T&T Clark's Study Guides to the Old Testament. New York: Bloomsbury.
- Andrew E. Steinmann, *2 Samuel*, Concordia Commentary: a Theological Exposition of Sacred Scripture. Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.
- 2016 Stephen B. Chapman. *1 Samuel as Christian Scripture: A Theological Commentary*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- J. D. Greear and Heath A. Thomas. *Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Samuel*. Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary. Nashville: Holman Reference.
- Andrew E. Steinmann, *1 Samuel*, Concordia Commentary: a Theological Exposition of Sacred Scripture. Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.
- 2015 A[rnold] A. Anderson. *2 Samuel*. Word Biblical Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- Brenner-Idan, Athalya. *The Israelite Woman: Social Role and Literary Type in Biblical Narrative*. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.

- Harry A. Hoffner Jr. *1 & 2 Samuel*. Evangelical Exegetical Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press. [eBook]
- David H. Jenson. *1 & 2 Samuel: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.
- John Woodhouse. *2 Samuel: Your Kingdom Come*. Preaching the Word. Wheaton: Crossway.
- 2014 John Woodhouse. *1 Samuel: Looking for a Leader*. Preaching the Word. Wheaton: Crossway.
- 2013 Dale Ralph Davis. *2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity*. Focus on the Bible Commentaries. Fearn, Scotland: Christian Focus.
- 2012 Tod Linadfelt, Claudia V. Camp, and Timothy K. Beal. *The Fate of King David: The Past and Present of a Biblical Icon*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies. New York: T&T Clark.
- Richard Phillips. *1 Samuel*. Reformed Expository Commentary. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R.
- Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos. *Reading Samuel: A Literary and Theological Commentary*. Reading the Old Testament, 8. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys.
- 2011 A. Graeme Auld. *I & II Samuel*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.
- Feidhlimidh T. Magennis. *First and Second Samuel*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press.
- John E. Goldingay. *1 and 2 Samuel for Everyone*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.
- 2010 Dale Ralph Davis. *1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart*. Focus on the Bible Commentaries. Fearn, Scotland: Christian Focus.
- Francesca Aran Murphy. *1 Samuel*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids: Brazos.
- 2009 Keith Bodner. *1 Samuel: A Narrative Commentary*. Hebrew Bible Monographs. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press.
- David G. Firth. *1 & 2 Samuel*. Apollos Old Testament Commentary. IVP Academic.
- J. Robert Vannoy. *1-2 Samuel*. Cornerstone Biblical Commentary. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House.
- Ronald Youngblood. *1 Samuel-2 Kings*. Rev. ed. The Expositor's Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- 2008 Joyce G. Baldwin. *1 and 2 Samuel*. Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.
- 2007 2007 Andrew R. Krause, II Samuel 5-8 as royal apology in light of Hittite royal apology genre. TREN #048-0327

- David Toshio Tsumura. *The First Book of Samuel*. New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans. Note vol. 2 in 2019.
- 2004 Mary J. Evans. *The Message of Samuel: Personalities, Potential, Politics and Power*. Bible Speaks Today. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.
- 2003 Bill T. Arnold. *1 & 2 Samuel*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- Antony Campbell. *1 Samuel*. Forms of Old Testament Literature, 7. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 2002 Mary J. Evans. *1 and 2 Samuel*. New International Biblical Commentary. Grand Rapids: Hendrickson.
- 2001 Tony W. Cartledge. *1 and 2 Samuel*. Macon, GA: Smyth and Helwys.
- 2000 Robert Alter. *The David Story: A Translation with Commentary of 1 and 2 Samuel*. New York: W. W. Norton & Co.
- 1999 Robert P. Gordon. *I & II Samuel: A Commentary*. Library of Biblical Interpretation. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- Eugene H. Peterson. *First and Second Samuel*. Westminster Bible Companion. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 1998 David Jobling. *1 Samuel*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press.
- 1996 Robert D. Bergen. *1, 2 Samuel: An Exegetical and Theological Exposition of Holy Scripture*. The New American Commentary. Nashville: Holman Reference.
- 1990 Walter Brueggemann. *First and Second Samuel*. Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 1989 A. A. Anderson. *2 Samuel*. Word Biblical Commentary. Waco: Word Books.
- Robert Polzin. *Samuel and the Deuteronomists: A Literary Study of the Deuteronomic History*. New York: Harper & Row.
- 1986 Peter D. Miscall. *1 Samuel: A Literary Reading*. Indiana Studies in Biblical Literature. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 1984 P. Kyle McCarter. *II Samuel*. Anchor Bible Commentary. New York: Doubleday.
- 1983 Ralph Klein. *1 Samuel*. Word Biblical Commentary. Waco: Word Books.
- 1982 David F. Payne. *1 and 2 Samuel*. Old Testament Daily Study Bible. Louisville: Westminster John

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- 1980 P. Kyle McCarter. *1 Samuel*. Anchor Bible Commentary. New York: Doubleday.
- 1974 Peter R. Ackroyd. *Second Book of Samuel*. Cambridge Bible Commentary. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 1971 Peter R. Ackroyd. *First Book of Samuel*. Cambridge Bible Commentary. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 1965 Han Wilhelm Hertzberg. *1 and 2 Samuel*. The Old Testament Library. Louisville: Westminster John Knox.