



NEW ORLEANS
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OTEN 5314: English Exegesis 1&2 Chronicles

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The mission of NOBTS is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value

Each academic year, a core value is emphasized. This academic year, the core value is Spiritual Vitality: "We are a worshipping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word."

Course Description

This course will provide a thorough study of selected texts, through verse-by-verse and paragraph-by-paragraph analysis, comparison of various English versions, 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. Prerequisites: OTEN5300 Exploring the Old Testament; BSHM5310 Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will be able to demonstrate:

1. That they comprehend the introductory matters pertaining to the books and the content of Chronicles as God's Word.
 2. That they value the Bible as the revelation of God to people and that they value the process of hermeneutics in the interpretation of Scripture.
 3. That they can apply truths found in the Old Testament to a modern audience for the purpose of life transformation.
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Course Texts

1. The Holy Bible: Any modern version (preferably NASB, HCSB, NIV)
2. J. A. Thompson, 1 & 2 Chronicles, New American Commentary (B&H Publishing, 1994).
3. **Recommended:** Steven D. Mathewson, The Art of Preaching Old Testament Narrative (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002).

Course Requirements and Grading

1. **Preparatory Reading and Quizzes of 1&2 Chronicles:** The student will read each biblical text at least twice (2x's) prior to class lectures each week. Reading the text from two different translations is recommended. The student will take weekly quizzes over the reading assignments from the 1&2 Chronicles texts.
2. **Commentary Reading:** The student will read a commentary of their choosing on the weekly biblical reading.
3. **Secondary Readings and Questions** (journal articles and book chapters): The student will read journal articles and chapter readings throughout the semester. Questions will be provided and the answers submitted through blackboard.
4. **Paper: "A Survey of the Purpose and Theological Themes of 1&2Chronicles:"** The student will compose a 6-8 page double-spaced paper discussing various views on the purpose and significant theological themes of 1&2 Chronicles. A minimum of five (5) academic sources will be cited within the paper. Acceptable sources include, but are not limited to critical commentaries and Old Testament introductions and surveys. The paper will include a title page and a selected bibliography. A table of contents is not necessary.
5. **Exegetical Worksheets (4-6 double spaced pages/assignment):** The student will complete an exegetical worksheet as provided by the professor. Insights will come from narrative analysis and from personal study of critical commentaries in addition to the textbook. A minimum of five (5) critical commentaries will be used in the completion of this assignment. An additional five (5) sources must be used including word study resources, dictionaries, and journal articles. A minimum of eight (8) sources will be cited. Each worksheet will include:
 - a. Sermon Brief (1 page): The student will prepare a coherent, one- page sermon outline based on their exegesis of the text.
 - a. The student will prepare a 4-6 page exegetical analysis of the chosen text. Pertinent information includes: historical, geographical, thematic, theological, and literary issues.
 - b. Bibliography (1 page): All commentaries, dictionaries, and journal articles used in preparation of this assignment will be listed. A minimum of five (5) commentaries will be used in the assignment.
 - *Exegetical Worksheet #1: The student's chapter selection will be chosen from one of the following: 1 Chron. 13, 21, or 22.*
 - *Exegetical Worksheet #2: The student's chapter selection will be chosen from one of the following: 2 Chron. 1, 7, 15, 20, or 35*

Note: Please consult the file "Turabian Tutor" in Course Documents for a simplified presentation, including examples, of Turabian formatting.

Grading Scale

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

Course Evaluation

- 15% --Weekly prep—reading/quizzes
- 15% -- Weekly secondary readings/questions
- 30% -- Thematic paper
- 40% -- Exegetical sermon briefs

Course Schedule

- Unit 1** June 1, 2015 1 Chr. 1-9; 10-12
(Reading 1) Alexander, "Royal Expectations in Genesis to Kings: Their Importance for Biblical Theology" *Tyndale Bulletin* 49.2 (1998).
- Unit 2** June 8, 2015 1 Chr. 14-18
Paper "Survey of the Purpose and Theological Themes" due on Friday, June 12th at midnight.
- Unit 3** June 15, 2015 1 Chr. 19-20; 23-26
(Reading 2) Kaiser, "Preaching and Teaching Narrative Texts of the OT," in *Preaching and Teaching from the OT: A Guide for the Church* (Kaiser, 2003).
- Unit 4** June 22, 2015 1 Chr. 27-29
- Unit 5** June 29, 2015 2 Chr. 2-6; 8-10
Exegetical Paper 1 due on Friday, July 3rd at midnight. Chapter options include 1 Chron. 13, 21, or 22
- Unit 6** July 6, 2015 2 Chr. 11-14; 16-19
(Reading 3) Kaminski, "Preaching from the Historical Books," in *Preaching the OT* (Gibson, 2006).
- Unit 7** July 13, 2015 2 Chr. 21-23; 26; 28-29
(Reading 4) Chisholm, "Proclaiming Narrative Texts" in *Interpreting the Historical Books: An Exegetical Handbook* (Chisholm & Howard, 2006). Walsh, *OT Narrative*, chap. 1&2
- Unit 8** July 20, 2015 2 Chr. 30; 32-34; 36
Exegetical Paper 2 due on Friday, July 24th at midnight. Chapter options include 2 Chron. 1, 7, 15, 20, or 35.
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