

OTHB6302 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis: Genesis 12-36

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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 the Book of Genesis and its place in the Pentateuch 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 Biblical study, teaching and preaching:

1. The overall literary structure and content of the Book of Genesis
2. The major theological themes and critical issues in the book.
3. Selected passages in the Hebrew text of Genesis 12-36
4. Hebrew syntax and literary style

Seminary Core Values Addressed in This Course:

1. Doctrinal Integrity: Knowledge and Practice of the Word of God
2. Characteristic Excellence: Pursuit of God's Revelation with Diligence
3. Spiritual Vitality: Transforming Power of God's Word (2014-15 Emphasis)

Textbooks:

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia.

Genesis: A Commentary by B. Waltke & C. Fredricks

Genesis 11:27-50:26 by Kenneth Matthews (Broadman & Holman - NAC)

Recommended:

Genesis (Interpretation) by W. Brueggemann

Genesis 1-17 by Victor Hamilton (NICOT)

Genesis 18-50 by Victor Hamilton (NICOT)

Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and preparation (20%)
2. Characterization Study (20%) **Due Date-March 31**
3. Literary Analysis (part of final paper)
4. Mid-Term Exam (25%) **March 19**
5. Exegetic research paper (35%). **Due Date-May 5**

Exegetical Research Paper:

Each student is to write an exegetical research paper (15-20 pages) on a section of Genesis 12-36 (approx. 10-20 verses) which will include the following elements:

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.

Students will turn in a statement regarding their chosen passage on or before Feb 9.

Other passages may be chosen in consultation with the professor.

Characterization Study

Each student will write a Characterization Study of one of the key persons in Genesis 12-36, discussing the character typology, the narrator's and readers'/hearers' perspectives, and the development of the character by the narrator in the narrative plot. See "Narrative" article. Length 5-7 pages + bibliography (1 page).

Course Schedule:

Below are the daily/weekly translation assignments which will be covered in class.

Week 1

Jan20 Course Overview and Introduction

Jan22 Genesis 11:27 - 12:9

Week 2

Jan27 Genesis 12:10-20

Jan29 Genesis 13:1-18

Week 3

Feb 3 Genesis 14:1-12

Feb 5 Genesis 14:13-24

Week 4

Feb 10 Genesis 15:1-21

Feb 12 Genesis 16:1-16

Week 5

Feb 17 MARDI GRAS

Feb 19 Genesis 17:1-27

Week 6

Feb 24 Genesis 18:1-15

Feb 26 Genesis 18:16-33

Week 7

Mar 3 Genesis 19:1-14

Mar 5 Genesis 19:15-29

Week 8

Mar 10 Genesis 20:1-18

Mar 12 Genesis 21:1-20

Week 9

Mar 17 Genesis 22:1-19 DR. LAWSON YOUNGER Special Speaker

Mar 19 **MID-TERM EXAM**

MARCH 23-28 SPRING BREAK

Week 10

Mar 31 Genesis 23:1-19 **Characterization Study Due**

Apr 2 Genesis 24:1-21

Week 11

Apr 7 Genesis 24:22–49
Apr 9 Genesis 24:50–67

Week 12

Apr 14 Genesis 25:1–18
Apr 16 Genesis 25:19–34

Week 13

Apr 21 Genesis 27:1–17
Apr 23 Genesis 27:18–40

Week 14

Apr 28 Genesis 28:1–22
30 Genesis 32:1–17

Week 15

May 5 Genesis 32:18–32 **Exegetical Papers Due**
May 7 Genesis 33:1–20; Genesis 35:1–15

FINAL EXAM WEEK -- PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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