



**BBNE6302 Archaeology of the Ancient Near East**  
**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**  
**Biblical Studies Division**  
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### **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.

### **CORE VALUE FOCUS**

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Characteristic Excellence. What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.

### **CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES**

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: **Biblical Exposition.**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A survey is made of the historical, cultural, and archaeological evidence of the rise and development of the major cultures of the Ancient Near East from the Neolithic through the Persian Periods. Particular emphasis is placed upon the impact of these cultures on the pre-history and history of Israel. Included in the survey are Sumer, Akkad, Canaan, Egypt, Hittite, Aram, Assyria, Babylon, and Persia.

### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. The student with a historical and cultural overview of ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt and the Levant.
2. To expose the student to both primary and secondary sources on the ANE, providing a basis for future reference.
3. To enable the student to evaluate the role and value of archaeology, culture, and history in the Ancient Near East in relationship to Old Testament Studies.
4. To acquaint the student with the physical aspects--topography, geography--of Egypt, Anatolia, and Mesopotamia.

## COURSE TEXTBOOKS

### Required:

Marc Van De Mieroop, *A History of the Ancient Near East, ca. 3000-323 BC*. Blackwell History

of the Ancient World. NY: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013. **HANE**

Donald Redford. *Egypt, Canaan, and Israel in Ancient Times*. Princeton Univ, 1992. **ECI**

Joan Oates. *Babylon*. Rev.Ed. London: Thames & Hudson, 1979, 1988. **BAB**

Kenneth A. Kitchen, *On the Reliability of the Old Testament*. Eerdmans, 2006. **ROT**

Selected articles are to be read from a multi-volume Bible dictionary, either the *Anchor Bible Dictionary* **ABD** or the Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible **ZPEB**

### Recommended:

W. W. Hallo and W. K. Simpson. *The Ancient Near East: A History*. New York: Harcourt Brace

Jovanovich, 1971. **ANEH**

J. G. Macqueen. *The Hittites and their Contemporaries in Asia Minor*. Rev. London: Thames and Hudson, 1975, 1986, 1996.

A. T. Olmstead. *History of Assyria*. Chicago: University of Chicago, 1960.

A. T. Olmstead. *History of the Persian Empire*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago, 1948.

James Pritchard. *The Ancient Near East*. Vol. I, II: Anthology of Text and Pictures. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1958.

Georges Roux. *Ancient Iraq*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. NY: Penguin Books, 1964, 1980, 1993.

Peter C. Craigie. *Ugarit and the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983.

Michael Coogan. *Stories of Ancient Canaan*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1978.

Seton Lloyd. *The Archaeology of Mesopotamia: From the Stone Age to the Persian Conquest*. London: Thames & Hudson, 1984.

John A. Wilson. *The Culture of Ancient Egypt*. Chicago: Univ. Press, 1951.

## Course Procedure and Requirements

1. The course will be conducted much as a seminar with a maximum of student interaction as possible. Students will be expected to have read the assigned materials prior to class time (see class schedule) so that one can enter into class discussion.
2. Lectures will be given in class where necessity of time and information demand.
3. Each student is expected to complete a research paper on a topic of choice. Papers should be approx. 20 pages in length, including bibliography. (Turabian Format).

## Suggested Topics:

Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar

Babylonian Wisdom Literature

Mari and Nuzi: Cultural Implications for the Patriarchal Period

Mesopotamian Law Codes and the Law of Moses

Royal Correspondence of the Assyrian Empire (or Babylon or Persia)

The Ebla Tablets and the Old Testament

Ancient Nineveh

The Amarna Revolution

The Edomites and Moabites

Egyptian View of Afterlife

The Assyrian War Machine

Aramaean Merchants: Their Influence Upon Trade and Language in the ANE  
 Aramaic Diplomatic Correspondence in the 6th to 5th Centuries BC  
 The Philistines and the Sea Peoples: History, Culture, and Religion  
 Canaanite & Ugarit: Religion and Its Influence on Israelite Religion  
 The Babylonian Pantheon  
 The Assyrian Pantheon  
 Treaty Forms of the Ancient Near East and the Old Testament  
 The Mycenaean Influence Upon Palestine  
 The Role of Women in Ancient Near East Culture  
 Tel Emar and the Old Testament Patriarchs

Others may be chosen in consultation with the instructor. All papers and projects must be typed and follow Turabian form and style guidelines. Endnotes may be used in place of footnotes, and bibliography must be included in term paper.

### Course Evaluation

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Class participation	25%
Map Quiz	10%
Article Reviews	25%
Paper & Presentation	40%

### Course Schedule

**Read** K. Kitchens *On the Reliability of the OT* where appropriate

- January 23** Course Introduction-Geography of Mesopotamia and Egypt  
**ZPEB** articles on "Tigris" "Euphrates" "Nile" "Mesopotamia"
- 30** Prehistoric and Early Dynastic Egypt & Mesopotamia **BAB 1-41**  
 Sumer and EB Mesopotamia **HANE 1-62**  
 Read articles on Sumer/Sumerians
- February 6** Akkad **HANE 63-84**  
 Old Kingdom Egypt **ECI 1-55**
- 13** Sumerian Renaissance **BAB 42-52**; Amorites **BAB 52-59**  
 Amorites and Old Babylon **BAB 60-82 HANE 85-105**
- 20** Old Assyria & Babylon **HANE 106-125, BAB 83-114**
- 27** Middle Kingdom & Hyksos (2nd Intermed. Period) **ABD "Hyksos"**  
**ECI 56-122**
- March 6** New Kingdom Egypt, **ECI 122-213**  
 Amarna **ECI 214-237**
- 20** Ramesside Dynasty (19th) **ECI 122-213**  
 "Ugarit" "Phoenicians"

"Canaanites and Amorites

27 "Hittites" and "Hurrians" **ABD** or **ZPEB** articles  
**HANE 129-170**

**April**

**3 \*\*\*MAP TEST\*\*\***

**Sea Peoples:** "Philistines" and others **ECI 241-56**  
Greece and Mediterranean Sea Lands in Bronze Age  
Mycenaea, Cyprus, Crete Read **ABD** or **ZPEB** articles  
"Greece" "Cyprus" "Crete" -- Bronze Age and Iron Age

**10 Israel & Its Neighbors ECI 257-280, HANE 190-206**  
**Read articles on "Ammonites" "Moabites" "Edomites"**

**17 Assyria BAB 115-126, HANE 229-269**

**24 Babylon BAB 126-198, HANE 270-285**

**May 1 Persia HANE 286-300**

**8 Paper Presentations**

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

[Other items may be included, such as: expectations for reading assignments, policy on late assignments, academic honesty, classroom demeanor, extra credit]

### **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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