



**OTHB6317 Hebrew Exegesis: Psalms**  
**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.

### **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: Though the emphasis in this course will be on Biblical Exposition, and Christian Theological Heritage, aspects of all competencies will be addressed in this course.

### **Course Description**

This course combines an overview of the Book of Psalms and its place in the Hebrew Bible with an in-depth analysis of selected portions of the Hebrew text. Primary attention will be given to the grammatical, literary stylistics, 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 the Book of Psalms
2. The major theological themes and critical issues in the books
3. The Hebrew text of the Book of Psalms
4. Hebrew syntax and literary style in Hebrew Poetry

### **Textbooks**

*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*

*Encountering the Psalms*, by C. Hassell Bullock (Baker, 2004)

*Psalms 1-50*, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed. Word Biblical Commentary. Peter C. Craigie.

Marvin Tate (Nelson, 2004)

*Psalms 51-100*, Word Biblical Commentary. Marvin Tate, 1991.

*Psalms 101-150*, Word Biblical Commentary. Leslie C. Allen. Nelson, 2002

### **Course Teaching Methodology**

The course will involve the following methodologies:

- Guided translation and interpretation of selected Psalms
- Student Presentations of translations and exegetical research
- Lectures on hermeneutical aspects of the Psalms

## Course Requirements & Evaluation

1. Class attendance and preparation (25%). Recitation of Psalm 23 in Hebrew
2. Book Review – Texts (10%). Due October 24
3. Mid-Term Exam (25%) Thursday, October 10
4. Exegetical Research Paper (40%). **Due Date December 6**

**Papers will be presented in class during the final exam period on December in lieu of a final exam.**

## 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.

## 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.

## Exegetical Research Paper:

The student is to write an exegetical research paper on a selection from the Book of Psalms which will include the following elements:

**Introduction** – To the passage (not the entire biblical book) including the historical and cultural setting, important biblical background material, etc.

**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*.

**Textual Footnotes:** Address the issues in important text critical notes, as well as any key words which you have translated in a distinctive manner.

**Exegetical Outline** – Provide an exegetical outline of the chosen passage, with at least one but no more than two sub-levels.

**Exegetical Notes and Discussion** – Explicate the meaning of the text, highlighting words studies, structural elements, pertinent background material.

**Teaching / 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 February 10

## Course Schedule

Tues	Jan	24	Introduction.	Discussion: C. Hassell Bullock.
Thurs		26	Psalm 1:1–6	Wisdom Psalm: The Way of Life
Tues		31	Psalm 2:1-12	The Lord’s Anointed Reigns
Thurs	Feb	2	Psalm 19:1–15	Wisdom Psalm of Creation & the Torah
Tues	Feb	7	Psalm 22:1–22	Lament: Deliverance of the Lord's Anointed
Thurs		9	Psalm 22:23–32	(Vow to Praise)
Tues	Feb	14	Psalms 13-14	Lament
Thurs	Sep	16	Psalm 23:1–6	The Good Shepherd

Tues	Feb 21	Psalm 32:1-11	Penitential Prayer of David
Thurs	23	Psalms 42-43	Prayer for God's Deliverance
Tues	Feb 28	Psalm 46	God Our Refuge and Strength
Thurs	Mar 2	Psalm 51	David's Prayer for Forgiveness
Tues	Mar 7	Psalm 53	The Foolish Heart of Man
Thurs	9	MidTerm Exam	Translation and Notes
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>		<b>MARCH 13-17</b>	
Tues	Mar 21	Psalm 58	Imprecatory Psalm: Vengeance
Thu	Mar 23	Psalm 72	Prayer of Praise of David
Tues	Mar 28	Psalm 78:1-39	History of God's Work
Thurs	30	Psalm 78:40-72	History continued. BOOK REVIEW DUE
Tues	Apr 4	Psalm 95	Song of Praise
Thurs	6	Psalm 96	Song of Praise
Tues	Apr 11	Psalm 110	The Lord's Reign
Thurs	13	Psalm 111:1-10	Acrostic Hallel Psalm
Tues	Apr 18	Psalm 113:1-9	Hymn of Praise and Hope
Thurs	20	Psalm 115:1-18	Praise for God vs. Gods of the Nations
Tues	Apr 25	Psalm 118:1-29	Thanksgiving for Deliverance
Thurs	27	Psalm 121:1-8	Song of Ascent
Tues	May 2	Psalm 136:1-26	History of God's <i>hesed</i>
Thurs	4	Psalm 148:1-14	All Creation to Praise the Lord
Thurs	May 11	CLASS PRESENTATIONS	

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