



OTEN5300 Exploring the Old Testament
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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the literary, historical, and theological contents and contexts of the Old Testament. Significant interpretive issues are noted, major theological themes covered, and their relevance for Christian living addressed.

Student Learning Outcomes

In order to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately, the student, by the end of the course should:

1. Be able to apply his/her knowledge and comprehension of the literary, historical, and theological contents and contexts of the Old Testament to the practice of interpreting and communicating the Bible accurately to the community of faith.
2. Value the following concepts as needful in interpreting and communicating the Bible accurately:
 - a. The authority of the Old Testament in all matters of faith and practice for Christian living and Church growth.
 - b. Old Testament interpretive issues and major theological themes for Christian living.
3. Be able, with the help of resources, to interpret and communicate the Old Testament accurately.
4. Develop practical skill in studying the Old Testament through standard resources.

Textbooks

1. The Holy Bible in a modern translation (e.g., RSV, NRSV, NASB, NIV, CSB).
2. LaSor, William Sanford, David Allan Hubbard, and Frederic Wm. Bush. *Old Testament Survey*. 2^d ed. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

1. The material for each lesson is introduced in a lecture format.
2. The theological and ministry implications of the Old Testament are explored through class discussion.
3. Accountability for the readings from the textbooks is administered through daily quizzes.
4. Students will understand the Old Testament more fully through reading the biblical text and the textbook.

Course Requirements

The student will:

1. Read the assignments in the Bible and textbook (see syllabus) and take the quizzes that cover the reading assignments for that day. Quizzes will be given at the beginning of each class. **NO MAKEUP QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN.**
2. Complete four exams. Students missing an exam must contact the professor prior to the exam, if possible. The student must schedule a makeup exam within one week of returning to class. Students missing a scheduled exam will be assessed a penalty of five points on the makeup exam.
3. Access Blackboard for lecture notes and other items related to the course.

Course Evaluation

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Quiz Average	30%
Participation in Class Discussion	10%
Four exams (15% each exam)	60%

Technical Assistance

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

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. 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.

Course Schedule

Jan	21	Introduction to the course Introduction to the Old Testament – OTS, pp. 585-618 The Primeval History – Genesis 1-11; OTS, pp. 3-31; 619-31
	28	The Patriarchal History – Genesis 12-50; OTS, pp. 32-51 The Exodus Event and Sinai – Exodus; OTS, pp. 52-79
Feb	4	The Tabernacle and Holiness before God – Leviticus; OTS, pp. 80-98 Wilderness Wanderings – Numbers; OTS, pp. 99-110
	11	Moses' Last Words – Deuteronomy; OTS, pp. 111-127 Sectional Exam
	18	Conquest of the Land/Apostasy – Joshua; Judges; OTS, pp. 131-164 Establishment of the Kingdom – 1 Samuel-2 Samuel; OTS, pp. 165-96
	25	Taking Away of the Kingdom – 1 Kings-2 Kings; OTS, pp. 197-220 Isaiah – Isaiah 1-39; OTS, pp. 221-230; 276-312
Mar	4	Isaiah (cont.) – Isaiah 40-66; OTS, pp. 688-694 Jeremiah – Jeremiah; OTS, pp. 328-355
	11	Ezekiel – Ezekiel; OTS, pp. 356-369 Sectional Exam
Mar 15-19 Spring Break		
	25	“The Twelve” – Hosea/Joel/Amos/Obadiah; OTS, pp. 243-269; 370-380 “The Twelve” – Jonah/Micah/Nahum/Habakkuk; OTS, pp. 270-275; 318-327; 381-389
Apr	1	“The Twelve” – Zephaniah/Haggai/Zechariah/Malachi; OTS, pp. 313-318; 390-422

- 8 The Writings/Psalms: Books I-II – Psalms 1-72; OTS, pp. 425-446
Sectional Exam
- 15 Psalms: Book III-V – Psalms 73-150; OTS, pp. 231-242
- 22 The Trials of Job – Job 1-42; OTS, pp. 471-496
- 29 Introduction to Wisdom/ Proverbs– Proverbs; OTS, pp. 447-470
Megilloth – Ruth/Song of Songs/Ecclesiastes/Lamentations/Esther; OTS, pp. 497-541
- May 6 Post-Exilic Judah and the Chronicler – Ezra; Nehemiah; 1 & 2 Chronicles; OTS, pp. 542-565
Apocalyptic Literature – Daniel 1-12; OTS, pp. 566-582

Thursday, May 13 - Final Exam - 6:00-8:00 PM

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