

# BSCM2310-01 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Leavell College – Center for the Americas  
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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of Old Testament Survey is to prepare the student for more intensive studies in the Old Testament. Emphasis is placed upon gaining an overview of the Old Testament through a survey of geographical and historical backgrounds and a book by book study. Attention is given to the structure of each biblical book, significant interpretative problems, and major theological themes. *This course is a prerequisite to all Old Testament Interpretation courses.*

## STUDENT OBJECTIVES

By the end of the semester, the student will:

1. Develop an appreciation for and enjoyment of the Old Testament;
2. Be able to identify the key issues in the critical study of the Old Testament;
3. Demonstrate the purpose and message of each book of the Old Testament;
4. Be able to show the significance of the Old Testament as the foundation for the New Testament; and
5. Be able to discuss the meaning of Old Testament truths for contemporary living.

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

The Bible.

*A Survey of the Old Testament.* Hill, Andrew and John H. Walton. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

*Jesus on Every Page*. David Murray. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2013.

## METHODOLOGY

The principle means of instruction for this course will be lecture and discussion. Handouts and visual aids will be utilized to supplement classroom presentations and discussion. An integral part of the learning environment will be reading assignments and quizzes.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student will attend and participate in the class sessions. The class will adhere to the attendance policy stated in the catalogue. Any student missing more than three class sessions will receive an automatic grade of "F" for the course, unless excused by the Dean of Leavell College. Three tardies will count as one absence.
2. The student is required to read the assigned material **before** coming to class.
3. Quizzes will be given over the assigned reading materials. All quizzes will be given at the beginning of the class period. 50% of each quiz grade will be based on the completion of the assigned reading. Failure to complete the reading will result in an automatic 50% reduction of that week's quiz grade. The student will receive a zero for each missed quiz. The two lowest quizzes will be dropped.
4. The student will take one mid-term exam and a final exam.
5. **Please Note:** The student is responsible for scheduling make-up exams. **No make-up exams will be given unless a valid excuse is provided. The student must contact the professor before the exam unless circumstances prohibit it.** The professor reserves the right to include any material from the textbook or lecture on the make-up exam. **All make-up exams must be scheduled within two weeks from the scheduled date.**
6. The final grade for the course will be determined as follows:

15%---Quizzes, Class Participation, and Weekly Assignments

- 25%---Mid-term Exam
- 30%---Final Exam
- 20%---OT Reading (see point #7 below)
- 10%---Assigned Reading from Hill & Walton (HW) and Murray (M)
- 5% --- Extra credit. Throughout the semester, extra credit up to a 5% grade (1/2 letter grade) will be available for various assignments.

7. Each student is required to read the entire Old Testament. This is 20% of your class grade. ***Do not neglect this important aspect of the class.*** The schedule for these reading is:

- a. The Pentateuch (Genesis – Deuteronomy) – February 10<sup>th</sup>
- b. The Historical Books (Joshua – Esther) – March 10<sup>th</sup>
- c. The Poetic Books (Job – Song of Songs) – April 7<sup>th</sup>
- d. The Prophetic Books (Isaiah – Malachi) – May 12<sup>th</sup>

### COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	SUBJECT	DUE (Reading & assignments)
<i>January 21</i>	Introduction; Text & Canon	<b><i>Weekly Assignments</i></b> **Throughout the semester these assignments will compensate for the third hour of required

		coursework
<i>January 28</i>	The Pentateuch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Murray (M) Preface – Ch.6</li> <li>2. (Hill &amp; Walton) HW pp. 19-42</li> </ol> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection on Gen 1-3</p>
<i>February 3</i>	The Pentateuch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. M ch. 7 – 11</li> <li>2. HW ch.1</li> </ol> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection on Gen. 8:20-9:17</p>
<i>February 10</i>	The Pentateuch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Murray ch. 12 – end</li> <li>2. HW pp.145-165</li> <li>3. Finish Reading Pentateuch</li> </ol> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection on Gen. 12:1-9</p>
<i>February 17</i>	Historical Books	<p>HW ch. 7</p> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 3pg. summary and review of Murray</p>
<i>February 24</i>	Historical Books	<b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection paper on Gen. 15:1-20
<i>March 3</i>	<b>MID-TERM EXAM</b>	
<i>March 10</i>	Poetic Books	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HW ch.16</li> <li>2. Finish Reading Hist. Books</li> </ol> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection paper on Gen. 17:1-14</p>
<i>March 17</i>	FALL BREAK	
<i>March 24</i>	Poetic Books	<b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection paper on Ex. ch.19-24
<i>April 7</i>	Poetic Books	<p>Finish Reading Poetic Books</p> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection paper on Deut. ch.28-30</p>
<i>April 14</i>	Prophetic Books	<p>HW: ch. 22</p> <p><b>Assignment:</b> 2 pg. reflection paper on 2 Samuel ch.7</p>

<i>April 21</i>	Prophetic Books	<b>Assignment.</b> 2 pg. reflection paper on Jer. 31:31-34
<i>April 28</i>	Prophetic Books	<b>Assignment.</b> OT readings
<i>May 5</i>	Putting it all together; summary and review. Toward the NT	<b>Assignment.</b> OT readings
<i>May 12</i>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	Finish Reading Prophetic Books

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