

BSCM2310-01 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
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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.

Course Objectives

This course will emphasize the ministerial competency of Biblical Exposition. It will also strengthen the Life Skills of reading and computer skills.

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.

Course Textbooks

The Bible. (NASB, NASB 1995 Update, KJV, NKJV, RSV, NRSV, ESV, NIV, HCSB, or NLT)

Hill, Andrew E. and John H. Walton. A Survey of the Old Testament. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000. (Hereafter referred to as H&W2)

Smith, Marsha A. Ellis, ed. Holman Book of Biblical Charts, Maps, and Reconstructions. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1993.

Course Methodology

The principal means of instruction will be through lecture and discussion. Audiovisual presentations will be utilized to supplement the classroom lectures and discussion. Individual reading assignments in the Bible and the textbooks will provide an integral part of the learning environment.

Course Requirements

1. CLASS PARTICIPATION. Attendance in class is a necessary part of instruction in this course. Students are allowed a maximum of nine absences during the semester. Three tardies count as one absence. The student will receive an automatic "F" when he/she exceeds nine absences; this is in accordance with seminary policy.
2. READING ASSIGNMENTS. Students are required to read the entire Old Testament (following the course schedule) and the assigned chapters in H&W2. To receive full credit, the assigned readings must be completed NO LATER THAN the assigned date on the schedule. As they complete the daily reading assignments, students should complete the Reading Log attached to this syllabus. For the Bible reading, students may listen to the OT on audio tape or CD.

Reading Quizzes. Students will take quizzes found on *Blackboard* under *Assignments*.

3. A research paper will be presented by each student. The paper will include interpretation, authorship, background information, outline of book, purpose and message, major themes, structure and organization, and exposition of selected passage. An example paper is found on *Blackboard* under *Course Documents*.
4. EXAMS. A mid-term exam and a final exam will be given. Each exam is self-contained and will cover the material presented in class lectures.
5. MAKEUP EXAMS. Students are responsible for arranging to take makeup exams when the exam has been missed. The student should contact the instructor or the LC office prior to the exam when he or she has a valid excuse. Therefore, if the student knows that he or she is going to miss a scheduled exam, he or she must: (1) notify the instructor or the LC office prior to the exam; and (2) have a valid excuse for missing the exam. If these two conditions are not met, the student will automatically incur an eight-point penalty on the makeup exam (the highest attainable score will be a 92). In all cases, students must take the makeup exam within one week of the scheduled exam that was missed.

Course Evaluation

Reading Log and Quizzes	20%
Research Paper	20%
Exams	60%

Course Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTURE TOPIC</u>	<u>BIBLE</u>	<u>H&W2</u>
Aug 23	Introduction to the course Introduction to the Old Testament (Approaching OT)		

	Introduction to the Old Testament (Formation of OT Scriptures)		289-303, 383-99
	Introduction to the Pentateuch		47-62, 576-85
	The Primeval History	Genesis 1-11	63-70
	The Patriarchal History	Genesis 12-50	70-80
Aug 30	A Miraculous Escape	Exodus 1-40	81-99
	Instructions for Holy Living	Leviticus 1-27	100-13
	Failure in the Desert	Numbers 1-36	114-30
	Restoring the Covenant	Deuteronomy 1-34	131-43
	Historical Overview of OT Times		145-66
Sep 20	Introduction to Former Prophets/ Historical Books		169-76
	Conquest and Division	Joshua 1-24	177-91
	Israel's Moral Crisis	Judges 1-21	192-203
	God Grants a King	1 Samuel 1-31	209-19
	David's Reign	2 Samuel 1-24	219-26
	The Glory of Solomon and the Beginning of the End	1 Kings 1-22	227-38
	The End of National Israel	2 Kings 1-25	238-49
	Introduction to Prophetic Literature/Latter Prophets		403-14
	Prophet of Judah's Royal Court	Isaiah 1-39	415-19
	Great Days are Coming!	Isaiah 40-66	419-24
	Struggling with God's Call	Jeremiah 1-20	425-28
	Dealing with Disaster	Jeremiah 21-52	428-32
	Rough Days Are Coming!	Ezekiel 1-24	440-44
	God's Planning an Exciting Future	Ezekiel 25-48	445-51

Oct 4	Introduction to the Book of the Twelve A Call for Repentance & A Promise for Blessing	Hosea/Joel/Amos	462-87
	God's Plan for the Nations	Jonah/Nahum	495-502; 509-13
	God's Plan for the Nations	Micah/Habakkuk	503-08; 514-20
	God's Plan for the Nations	Obadiah/Zephaniah	488-94; 521-25
	Rebuilding a People	Haggai/Zechariah	526-42
	Rebuilding a People	Malachi	543-51
	Introduction to the Writings/Poetic Books		307-26
	The Songbook of Ancient Israel	Psalms 1-150	341-55
	One Man's Search for Justice	Job 1-42	327-40
	Advice on Living in God's World	Proverbs 1-31	356-64
	Introduction to the Megillot/ Ruth/Song of Songs	Ruth/Song	204-08; 373-82
	Ecclesiastes/Lamentations/Esther	Ec./Lam./Esther	365-72; 433-39; 281-87
	The Kingdom of God—Now & Forever	Daniel	452-61
	A Time to Rebuild	Ezra/Nehemiah	267-80
	A Look Back	1 & 2 Chronicles	250-66
	Epilogue (Toward the NT/ What We Have Learned)		555-61; 562-70
Oct 4	FINAL EXAMINATION		

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- Matthews, Victor H. and James C. Moyer. *The Old Testament: Text and Context*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1997.
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- Ryken, Leland and Tremper Longman III. *A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1993.

READING LOG

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Aug 23		pp. 289-303; 383-99	
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	Exodus 1-40	pp. 81-99	
	Leviticus 1-27	pp. 100-13	
	Numbers 1-36	pp. 114-30	
	Deuteronomy 1-34	pp. 131-43	
		pp. 145-66	
Aug 30	Joshua 1-24	pp. 169-91	
	Judges 1-21	pp. 192-203	
	1 Samuel 1-31	pp. 209-19	
	2 Samuel 1-24	pp. 219-26	
	1 Kings 1-22	pp. 227-38	
	2 Kings 1-25	pp. 238-49	
	Isaiah 1-39	pp. 403-19	
	Isaiah 40-66	pp. 419-24	
Sep 20	Jeremiah 1-20	pp. 425-28	
	Jeremiah 21-52	pp. 428-32	
	Ezekiel 1-24	pp. 440-44	
	Ezekiel 25-48	pp. 445-51	
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