

## **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.*

### **Student 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.

### **Textbooks**

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

Hill, Andrew E., and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. (Hereafter referred to as H&W3)

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. In accordance with seminary policy, the student will receive an automatic "F" when he/she exceeds nine absences.
2. Class Projects. The students will be placed in teams to develop a notebook of summary information of each book of the Old Testament. The material should include authorship, type of writing, significant themes, basic outline of the book.

3. Research Paper. Each student will prepare a 5-7 page research paper on a significant event of the Old Testament approved by Dr. Green.
4. Pop Quizzes. A pop quiz will be given that relates to the reading assignments for the class.
5. Tests. A mid-term and final exam will be taken by each student.

#### Course Evaluation

Reading Log and Quizzes 20%

Research Paper 20%

Exams 60%

#### Course Schedule

Read the Entire Old Testament throughout the term.

Read the Entire required Text throughout the term.

Mid-term exam due on September 24

Final Exam due on October 1

Research Paper due on September 2

#### Bibliography

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