

THE SOCIAL SETTING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (NTGK 9410)

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NOBTS 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.

COURSE PURPOSE, CORE VALUE FOCUS, AND CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES:

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. These values shape both the context and manner in which all curricula are taught, with “doctrinal integrity” and “academic excellence” especially highlighted in this course.

NOBTS has seven basic competencies guiding our degree programs: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual & Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course addresses the “Biblical Exposition” competency by helping the student learn to interpret the Bible accurately.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this seminar is to involve the student in an extensive study of various social, political, religious, and economic backgrounds that can serve as aids for understanding the message of the New Testament. An introduction to the study of social settings and the social-science methodology is followed by an analysis of the various social backgrounds based upon extensive study of the historical documents from the New Testament time period.

II. REQUIRED TEXTS:

As indicated in the schedule of class meetings, the required texts should be read prior to the meeting in which they will be discussed. Other reading assignments will be given during the seminar meetings.

III. SEMINAR OBJECTIVES:

- A.** Students will become knowledgeable with respect to the primary and secondary literature that deals with the NT social setting
- B.** Students will understand and be able to apply various social-science models
- C.** Students will gain skills for developing the materials studied in the seminar into formats suitable for use in classroom teaching

- D.** Students will gain skills for researching and writing
- E.** Students will come to appreciate the NT books and their messages more as the texts are studied in their original context
- F.** Students will gain an appreciation for understanding both other cultures and their own in light of the specific culture's social systems and settings

IV. REQUIREMENTS IN THE COURSE:

A. All seminar members are to read the required texts and bring a brief review of the text to class on the day set for discussion of the book. The review should include the following items: bibliographic data, statement of the purpose and thesis of the book, a summary of the argument or social-science models, and a list of topics that can serve as a basis for discussion in class. (2-3 pages, single spaced)

B. Students will read one or more background works as assigned by the professor. The works will generally include major historical writings of the Greco-Roman and Jewish settings from 100 BC to AD 200. An extensive review (7-10 pages) of the work/s will be presented in class, with copies of the review distributed to seminar members. The review will include a detailing of the pertinent information from the source on the social setting of the time period.

G. Students will pick a topic from the course, have it approved by the professor, and submit an annotated bibliography on the theme in written form for class distribution. Some sources in other languages are both encouraged and expected. The annotated bibliography should include the following divisions of materials: ancient sources related to the topic, methodological studies, application studies, and periodicals. These papers will be due on Oct. 27.

H. Each student will prepare a teaching outline on the topic selected above for seminar discussion. The outline should be about 2-3 pages in length and copies should be made for the seminar members. The student will be expected to lead the seminar in the discussion of the topic, using the outline to guide the discussion. The outline will detail the history of research on the topic, the major approaches to the topic, an overview of the dominant view of the topic as related to NT studies, and two examples of how the topic can be used in the exegesis of specific NT passages. These papers will be due on Oct. 27.

I. Each seminar member will present a book review on one of the works assigned by the professor. The review will include the bibliographical info, a clear presentation of the organization/approach and thesis of the work, and a lengthy critique of how well the thesis was supported. A copy of the table of contents of the book should be attached. Copies of the review should be made for all seminar members.

J. Each seminar member will present a formal paper on an approved theme in relation to a NT text or texts. The problem statement and outline for the study must be approved before work begins. The papers must be driven by a hypothesis that can be falsified. The papers will be distributed one week in advance of the presentation date, with copies for all seminar members and one extra copy for the professor (2 total).

K. Each seminar member will serve as the primary reviewer for one of the other papers. Assignments will be made when the paper dates are assigned. All seminar members are required to submit a 2 to 3 page review of each paper, with the following issues addressed: form/style/grammar, bibliography, organization, logic flow, and quality of research/content. A copy will be given to the author of the paper and to the professor.

L. A Bible reading schedule is attached at the end of this syllabus. The seminary is emphasizing the core value of spiritual vitality and encourages all at the seminary to participate in this Bible reading emphasis.

V. CLASS SCHEDULE

- Week 1: Introduction to the course and the study of the social setting of the NT
Aug. 18 Methodology for studying the social setting of the NT
Reading: R. Rohrbaugh, *The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation*
Reading: Gerd Theissen, *Sociology of Early Palestinian Christianity*
- Week 2: Topic #1: Honor and Shame
Aug. 25 Reading: David deSilva, *Honor, Patronage, Kinship & Purity*
Review: Peristiany, J. G. and Julian Pitt-Rivers, *Honor and Grace in Anthropology*
Review: Neyrey, Jerome H., *Honor and Shame in the Gospel of Matthew*
Jewish Sources: 1. Philo; 2. The OT Apocrypha
- Week 3: Topic #2: Kinship
Sept. 1 Reading: Osiek, Carolyn and David L. Balch, *Families in the New Testament World*
Jewish Sources: 1. Dead Sea Scrolls; 2. Josephus
- Week 4: Topic #3: Interpersonal Behavior
Sept. 8 Reading: Stegemann, Ekkehard W. and Wolfgang Stegemann, *The Jesus Movement: A Social History of Its First Century*
Greco-Roman Sources: 1. Dio Chrysostom; 2. Pliny the Elder (selections)

- Week 5: Sept. 15 Topic #4: Purity Laws and the System of Purity
 Reading: Stegemann, Ekkehard W. and Wolfgang Stegemann, *The Jesus Movement: A Social History of Its First Century*
 Review: Rene Girard, *The Scapegoat*
Jewish Sources: 1. Rabbinic selections; 2. Talmudic selections
- Week 6: Sept. 22 Topic #5: Patron-Client Relationships
 Reading: Esler, Philip F., ed., *Modelling Early Christianity: Social-scientific Studies of the NT and Its Context*
 Reading: Dupont, Florence, *Daily Life in Ancient Rome*
 Review: Casson, Lionel, *Travel in the Ancient World*
Greco-Roman Sources: 1. Dio Cassius; 2. Selections from Misl. sources
- Week 7: Sept. 29 Topic #6: Boundary Markers and Cultural Mapping
 Reading: Fitzgerald, John T., ed., *Greco-Roman Perspectives on Friendship*
 Review: Neyrey, Jerome, ed., *The Social World of Luke-Acts: Models for Interpretation*
Greco-Rom Sources: 1. Ignatius, Polycarp, 2 Clem; 2. 1 Clem, Barn, Pastor
- Week 8: Oct. 6 Topic #6: Boundary Markers and Cultural Mapping
 Reading: David G. Horrell, ed., *Social-Scientific Approaches to NT Interp.*
 Review: Malina, Bruce J., and Jerome H. Neyrey, *Portraits of Paul: An Archaeology of Ancient Personality*
Christian Sources: 1 & 2. Selections in NT Apoc.-Pseud.
- Week 9: Oct. 13 Topic #7: Social Structures and Institutions
 Review: Oakes, Peter, ed. *Rome in the Bible and the Early Church*
 Review: Casson, Lionel, *Everyday Life in Ancient Rome*
- Week 10: Oct. 27 NT Interpretation in light of Social Science Criticism: Strengths and Limitations
 History of the Early Church in light of Social Science Criticism
 Submission of Bibliographies
 Presentations of Teaching Outlines
- Week 11: Nov. 3 No class meeting, time to work on Major Papers
- Week 12: Nov. 10 Presentations of Teaching Outlines
- Week 13: Nov. 17 Presentations of Major Papers (3 papers)
- Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 24
- Week 14: Dec. 1 Presentations of Major Papers (3 papers)
- Week 15: Dec. 8 Presentations of Major Papers (**MEETING = 10:00-3:00, 4 papers**)

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Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan

September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 **Genesis 5:1-6:2**, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 **Genesis 11:1-12:20**, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 **Genesis 13:1-15:6**, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19
- 8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
- 9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
- 11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
- 12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
- 13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
- 14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
- 15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
- 16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
- 17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
- 18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
- 19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
- 20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
- 21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
- 22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
- 23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
- 24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
- 25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
- 26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
- 27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
- 28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24
- 29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
- 30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

OCTOBER

- 1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
- 2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35
- 3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2
- 4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4
- 5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6
- 6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9
- 7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13

8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17
9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19
10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22
11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24
12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27
13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2
14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6
15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8
16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10
17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14
18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17
19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20
20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23
21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3
22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5
23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8
24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11
25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15
26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22
28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26
29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29
30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31
31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

NOVEMBER

1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35
2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3
3 Leviticus 25:1-55, Mark 8:1-21, Psalm 30:7-12, Proverbs 7:4-5
4 Leviticus 26:1-46, Mark 8:22-9:1, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 7:6-8
5 Leviticus 27:1-34, Mark 9:2-29, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 7:9-12
6 Numbers 1:1-54, Mark 9:30-50, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 7:13-17
7 Numbers 2:1-3:16, Mark 10:1-22, Psalm 32:1-7, Proverbs 7:18-21
8 Numbers 3:17-4:20, Mark 10:23-45, Psalm 32:8-11, Proverbs 7:22-23
9 Numbers 4:21-5:31, Mark 10:46-11:11, Psalm 33:1-9, Proverbs 7:24-27
10 Numbers 6:1-7:29, Mark 11:12-33, Psalm 33:10-17, Proverbs 8:1-3
11 Numbers 7:30-89, Mark 12:1-27, Psalm 33:18-22, Proverbs 8:4-5
12 Numbers 8:1-10:10, Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 34:1-7, Proverbs 8:6-7
13 Numbers 10:11-11:35, Mark 13:1-20, Psalm 34:8-14, Proverbs 8:8-9
14 Numbers 12:1-14:4, Mark 13:21-37, Psalm 34:15-22, Proverbs 8:10-13
15 Numbers 14:5-45, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 35:1-10, Proverbs 8:14-17
16 Numbers 15:1-41, Mark 14:22-42, Psalm 35:11-16, Proverbs 8:18-19
17 Numbers 16:1-50, Mark 14:43-72, Psalm 35:17-21, Proverbs 8:20-21
18 Numbers 17:1-19:8, Mark 15:1-21, Psalm 35:22-28, Proverbs 8:22-24
19 Numbers 19:9-21:9, Mark 15:22-47, Psalm 36:1-6, Proverbs 8:25-26

- 20 Numbers 21:10-22:41, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 36:7-12, Proverbs 8:27-29
- 21 Numbers 23:1-24:25, Luke 1:1-23, Psalm 37:1-6, Proverbs 8:30-31
- 22 Numbers 25:1-26:22, Luke 1:24-56, Psalm 37:7-13, Proverbs 8:32-33
- 23 Numbers 26:23-65, Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 37:14-20, Proverbs 8:34-36
- 24 Numbers 27:1-28:31, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 37:21-26, Proverbs 9:1-2
- 25 Numbers 29:1-30:16, Luke 2:21-38, Psalm 37:27-33, Proverbs 9:3-6
- 26 Numbers 31:1-54, Luke 2:39-52, Psalm 37:34-40, Proverbs 9:7-9
- 27 Numbers 32:1-42, Luke 3:1-20, Psalm 38:1-8, Proverbs 9:10-12
- 28 Numbers 33:1-56, Luke 3:21-38, Psalm 38:9-14, Proverbs 9:13-15
- 29 Numbers 34:1-35:34, Luke 4:1-21, Psalm 38:15-22, Proverbs 9:16-18
- 30 Numbers 36:1- Deuteronomy 1:46, Luke 4:22-44, Psalm 39:1-6, Proverbs 10:1-2

DECEMBER

- 1 Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29, Luke 5:1-20, Psalm 39:7-13, Proverbs 10:3-5
- 2 Deuteronomy 4:1-49, Luke 5:21-6:11, Psalm 40:1-5, Proverbs 10:6-8
- 3 Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25, Luke 6:12-36, Psalm 40:6-10, Proverbs 10:9-11
- 4 Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20, Luke 6:37-7:10, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 10:12-14
- 5 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22, Luke 7:11-35, Psalm 41:1-6, Proverbs 10:15-17
- 6 Deuteronomy 11:1-12:19, Luke 7:36-8:3, Psalm 41:7-13, Proverbs 10:18-21
- 7 Deuteronomy 12:20-14:21, Luke 8:4-25, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:22-25
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