



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

OTSR9301/BISR9301 OLD TESTAMENT OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

Ph.D. Supervised Reading Colloquium
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Fall Semester 2019-2020

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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.

Core Value Focus

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for 2019-2020 is *Spiritual Vitality*: "We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word."

Curriculum Competencies

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least minimal competency in the areas of: Biblical Exposition, Christian and Theological Heritage, Discipleship Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation. The curriculum competency specifically addressed in this course is Biblical Exposition.

Course Description

This Ph.D. supervised reading colloquium covers a variety of topics essential for a complete understanding of the Old Testament and its interpretation. The student is expected to read thoroughly the assigned material and to participate actively in the discussions of the material. Written reviews and/or summaries of the works are expected. This colloquium addresses specifically Old Testament overview and background.

Required Textbooks

Overview

Brisco, Thomas. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Broadman & Holman, 1998.
McKenzie, Steven L. and M. Patrick Graham, eds. *The Hebrew Bible Today: An Introduction to Critical Issues*. Westminster John Knox, 1998.
Redford, Donald B. *Egypt, Canaan, & Israel in Ancient Times*. Princeton Univ., 1992.
Walton, John. Editor. *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary on the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

Background and Archaeology

Bright, John. *A History of Israel*. 4th ed. Westminster, 2000.
Dever, William G. *Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come From?*. Eerdmans, 2003.
Josephus, Flavius. *Antiquities of the Jews: Complete and Unabridged*. CreateSpace, 2013
Mazar, Amihai. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, 10,000-586 BCE*. Doubleday, 1990.
Provan, Iain, V. Phillips Long, and Tremper Longman III. *A Biblical History of Israel*. Westminster, 2003. Selections: First four chapters

Reference

Stern, Ephraim. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, Vol. II. The Assyrian, Babylonian, and Persian Periods (732-332 BCE)*. Doubleday, 2001.

Theology

Brueggemann, Walter. *Old Testament Theology: An Introduction*. In *Library of Biblical Theology*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2008.
Klink, Edward W., III, and Darian R. Lockett. *Understanding Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

Hermeneutics

- Baker, David W. and Bill T. Arnold, eds. *The Face of Old Testament Studies: A Survey of Contemporary Approaches*. Baker, 1999.
- Barton, John. *Reading the Old Testament: Method in Biblical Study*. Revised and Enlarged. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1996.
- Broyles, Craig C., ed. *Interpreting the Old Testament: A Guide for Exegesis*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2001.
- Dockery, David S., Kenneth A. Mathews, and Robert B. Sloan. *Foundations for Biblical Interpretation*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994. "General Articles" and "Foundations for Old Testament Interpretation," pp. 1-352.
- Kitchen, K. A. *On the Reliability of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003.

Text and Canon

- Lim, Timothy H. *The Formation of the Jewish Canon*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013.
- Würthwein, Ernst. *The Text of the Old Testament*. 3rd edition. Revised and expanded by Alexander Achilles Fischer. Translated by Errol F. Rhodes. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2014.

Student Learning Outcomes

The student will:

1. Read and review the required texts as stipulated in the schedule below.
 - a. Each student will prepare four book reviews. The reviews will consist of: bibliographic data on author; thesis/purpose of book; summary of development of thesis; critique of book; synopsis of 2 reviews of the book from scholarly journals. The reviews should be 4-5 pages, single-spaced.
 - b. Each student will read the books being reviewed by fellow students in order to discuss the books during the meeting.
2. Participate actively in the discussion of the readings.
3. Attend every meeting. Because of the nature of the course, no absences are allowed. If emergency situations dictate an absence, the student will schedule a make-up session with the professor. Work is still due the day scheduled even if the student is absent. Any student missing more than one meeting must repeat the colloquium.

Course Schedule - All class meetings are 6:00-8:00 PM.

August 22

McKenzie, Steven L. and M. Patrick Graham, eds. *The Hebrew Bible Today: An Introduction to Critical Issues*. Westminster John Knox, 1998.

Reviewer: _____

Walton, John. Editor. *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary on the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. (Selections: introductions, purpose, critique.)

Reviewer: _____

Bright, John. *A History of Israel*. 4th ed. Westminster, 2000.

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Brisco, Thomas. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Broadman & Holman, 1998.

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September 26

Dever, William G. *Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come From?*. Eerdmans, 2003.

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Provan, Iain, V. Phillips Long, and Tremper Longman III. *A Biblical History of Israel*. Westminster, 2003. (Selections: First four chapters.)

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October 24

Klink, Edward W., III, and Darian R. Lockett. *Understanding Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

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Baker, David W. and Bill T. Arnold, eds. *The Face of Old Testament Studies: A Survey of Contemporary Approaches*. Baker, 1999.

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November 21

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- Bartholomew, Craig G., and David J. H. Beldman, eds. *Hearing the Old Testament: Listening for God's Address*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012.
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- Bridge, Steven L. *Getting the Old Testament: What It Meant to Them, What It Means for Us*. Peabody, MA: Hedrickson, 2009.
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