

NTGK9416: New Testament Chronology
2007 Spring Semester
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SEMINARY PURPOSE STATEMENT

The mission of the 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 ADDRESSED**

The purpose of this course is to give doctoral students the opportunity to examine and understand the data relating to a chronology of the New Testament and to motivate them to do advanced individual and group research and reading in New Testament chronology.

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 "characteristic excellence" especially highlighted in this course.

NOBTS also has seven basic competencies that guide our Masters degree programs: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course seeks to increase the student's competency in "biblical exposition."

SEMINAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar consists of an intensive study of the data dealing with the chronology of the New Testament. The design is such as to elicit maximum participation on the part of the students.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course the student will:

- 1 Have a thorough understanding of a chronology of the New Testament times, including the life and ministry of Jesus, the ministry of Paul, and a chronology of the New Testament writings.
- 2 Have a more fully developed appreciation for the value of chronology in understanding and interpreting the writings of the New Testament.
- 3 Be able to apply the principles learned in the seminar to their own critical study of the New Testament.

COURSE METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this course is a combination of independent study by the student, using writing, reading and other means that promote learning and critical thinking. Book reviews, papers, and critiques of papers will be prepared and posted on Blackboard. The nine seminar meetings will be used for introductory lecture and for discussion of the text and the work of the students as book reviews and papers are presented. A final exam project will be written.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. The Greek New Testament
2. *The Making of the New Testament Documents*, written by E. Earle Ellis and published by Brill Academic Publishers. (ISBN # 0-391-04168-1)
3. *Redating the New Testament*, written by John A.T. Robinson and published by The Westminster Press.

SEMINAR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Regular attendance at the weekly seminar meeting.
2. The ability to work in the Greek text of the New Testament.
3. Each student will be required to prepare and present one research project on an area of NT chronology and present it in class plus review one assigned book on the subject, or prepare and present two research projects.
4. Each student will be responsible for reading all books assigned for review.
5. A research problem with subproblems and a brief description of methodology will be submitted to the professor in writing for approval before formal work on the research project has begun.
6. Copies of the assigned projects will be posted on Blackboard for the seminar members one week before the paper is to be presented.
7. Each student will be responsible for critiquing sections of other students' papers. A written summary of the critique will be presented to the student whose paper is being critiqued and to the professor by Noon on the Friday before the paper is to be presented.
8. A final chronology assignment will be due in the last week of the seminar.

PAPER ASSIGNMENTS

1. A Chronology of the Birth and Ministry of Jesus
2. A Chronology of the Passion Narratives and the Death of Jesus
3. A Chronology of the Formation of the Gospel Tradition
4. The Chronology of Acts One through Twelve
5. A Comparison of Gal. 1-2 and Acts 9-15 with Implications for Pauline Chronology
6. The Implications of the Gallio Inscription and The Accession of Festus for Pauline Chronology

7. Dating the Early Pauline Epistles: Thessalonians, Galatians, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and Romans
8. A Chronology of the Prison and Pastoral Epistles
9. A Chronology of Hebrews and James, 1 Peter, II Peter, and Jude
10. Dating the Johannine Writings
11. The Chronology and Development of the New Testament Canon

BOOKS FOR REVIEW

1. Brown, Raymond E. *The Birth of the Messiah*. 1977.
2. John A.T. Robinson. *Redating the New Testament*
3. E. Earle Ellis. *The Making of the New Testament Documents*
4. Finnegan, Jack. *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*. 1964.
5. Hoehner, Harold W. *Chronological Aspects of the life of Christ*. c1977.
6. Jewett, Robert. *A Chronology of Paul's Life*. 1979
7. John-Charles, Peter. *When Was Christ's Death and Resurrection?* 2001.
8. Ludemann, Gerd. *Paul The: Founder of Christianity*. 2002.
9. Ruckstuhl, Eugen. *Chronology of the Last Days of Jesus: a Critical Study*. Translated from the German by Victor J. Crapela. c1965.
10. Ogg, George. *The Chronology of the Life of Paul*. 1968.

CLASS MEETING DATES 1:00-5:00 PM

Feb 5	Introduction
Feb 19	Book Reviews
Mar 5	Book Reviews
Mar 19	Papers
April 2	Papers
April 16	Papers
April 30	Papers
May 7	Papers
May 14	Conclusion

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BLACKBOARD

Students must enroll in Blackboard at the beginning of the course. The announcements and student papers will be available there. The following are instructions for enrolling. If you have a problem, please contact the professor or ITC.

Instructions for Blackboard

To enroll in the class . . .

Step 1: Open your web browser to the seminary home page at <http://www.nobts.edu>

Step 2: Click on the NOBTS – Blackboard link in the left-hand column.

If you already have a Blackboard account log in and skip to Step 6. (You will never need more than one Blackboard account).

Step 3: When the new page opens, choose the Create Account button on the left.

Step 4: Enter in your information. (Note: Fields with a red asterisk are required fields). When finished entering your information, click Submit.

Step 5: When the next page loads, confirming your registration, click OK.

Step 6: Now, your personal NOBTS – Blackboard home page should appear. **To enroll in a class, click on the Courses tab at the top of the page.**

Step 7: Under the course Catalog Section, choose the appropriate category (Doctoral, Graduate, Leavell College). Click on the appropriate categories (based on the Academic Catalog).

Step 8: When you find your course, click on the Enroll button on the right hand side of the screen. Your course is **NTGK9416 New Testament Chronology**

Step 9: Enter the access code provided by the Professor. The code is **NTGK9416jdukes** (Note: The access code is case sensitive).

Step 10: Click OK when the confirmation page appears

To upload your exegetical paper in a file share with other students. . .

Click on the link for Communications. Then click on the link for Group Pages. You should see a link for "Seminar Papers." Once you have clicked on that link, you should be able to click on a link entitled "File Exchange." You should then see an icon and link entitled "Add File." Once you click on that link, you will be prompted to add a title for the document you will be posting. This does not need to be the file name, but should include your **name** and **topic**. Then click on the link entitled "Browse" to locate the document you want to upload to Blackboard.

To upload other assignments for the professor and grader only. . .

Instruction for Using the Digital Drop Box

1. Login to Blackboard and enter your course by clicking on the course name on the right side of the screen.
2. Click 'Tools' from the menu on the left side of the screen.
3. Click 'Digital Drop Box.'
4. Click the bar at the top that says 'Send File'
5. Enter the title of the file

6. Click the 'Browse...' button and find the file you want to send at its location on your disk or hard drive.
7. Enter any comments that you may want to include.
8. Click 'Submit.' You will receive a message that confirms that you file was sent.

If you have any questions along the way, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Instructions for Installing the TekniaGreek Font

1. Go to www.teknia.com and click on the "Fonts" link.
2. Click on the "TekniaGreek" link.
3. To download and install the latest version of the font, click on either "Macintosh TrueType font" or "Windows 95-XP" depending on the type of computer you have.
4. You may save the file to your computer or you may simply click on "Open" to install the font.
5. Once the file has been installed, click on the link to "Download a PDF file" so that you can view and print the keyboard layout. This will help when you will need to type in Greek.