OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I – OTS 101

September 15, 2022–December 9, 2022

**Thursday, 6:30 PM – 7:50 PM CST**

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**I. Course Description\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A general survey of the Old Testament, highlighting its organization, overall themes, historical context, and major events, as well as key words, names, and places mentioned in each book. Written over a span of more than one thousand years by numerous authors, the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament were written in a variety of literary genres and provide the reader with a clear description of who God is through his dealings with humanity and the nation of Israel.

**II. Course Objectives and Indicators\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Students who complete this course should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to identify the purpose and themes of the books of the OT
2. Articulate the basic content of the OT as well as its message, theology, and teaching
3. Be familiar with the broad outline of the historical and geographical context in which the OT was written (able to recognize/identify key people, places, events, and dates, as well as some key worldview differences between ancient times and today)
4. Understand the message, structure, and content of each OT book

**III. Course Texts\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* The Bible (NASB, KJV, NKJV and HCSB)
* Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2008. (Referred By: A&B2)
* Brisco, Thomas V, *Holman Bible Atlas: A Complete Guide to the Expansive Geography of Biblical History*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers 1998
* Hill, Andrew E., and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*. 3d ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009 (Referred By: H&W3)
* Stevenson, John, *A Survey of The Old Testament: The Bible Jesus Used*. 2d ed. Ada: Baker Publishing Group, 2015. (Referred By: JS2)
* Additional readings shall be provided by the instructor as deemed applicable

**IV. Course Grade Requirements\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Attendance – 20 Points
2. Quizzes – 30 points
3. Final Exam – 50 points
4. Extra Credit - 10 points (If Necessary)

* Assignments will be available through LearnDash, and all assignments need to be submitted via LearnDash.

**V. Other Course Requirements and Information\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **Academic Integrity:**
   1. ***Warning on Plagiarism***: Plagiarism, in simple terms, is the use of another person’s ideas, also called “intellectual property,” without credit to the source of the idea.
2. **Attendance** – Virtual attendance is required. There are only 10 classes in this course, so even if you miss one class, it will tremendously affect your progress in the class.
3. **Special Needs:** Students who have impairments, disabilities, etc. that can affect their matriculation through the course should notify the instructor as soon as possible.
4. **Recording class lectures:** The instructor will record (video and audio) lectures at his discretion. Any student who wishes to record the lectures must notify the instructor beforehand for permission. All student recordings should be for personal use only and should not be shared outside of class.
5. **Late Work**– All assignments should be submitted through Google Classroom, which attaches a day and time stamp to submitted work. Each assignment will have a due date with a time. Assignments may be turned in late but will be penalized 5 points per day. You may also submit work early.
6. **Respect –** During class discussions, it is vital that each student demonstrates respect to all persons as well as to the learning environment. The instructor will also show respect to all students. This class will be a place for us to discuss and work through these topics without fear of ridicule.
7. **Grading Scale:** The grading scale for this course shall be the following:

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| **PASS** | **A** | **90 - 100** | **B** | **80 - 89** | **C** | **70 - 79** |
| **FAIL** | **D** | **60 - 69** | **F** | **0 - 59** |  | |

1. **Amending the syllabus:** The instructor does not intend to alter the syllabus, but the instructor reserves the right to do so in order to fill the requirements of the course.
2. **Intellectual Property/Etiquette:** All recorded class content (in any form) is the intellectual property of the instructor. Sharing class content with anyone not enrolled in the current course without the express permission of the instructor is a violation of the instructor’s intellectual property rights.
3. **Tech Requirements:** This course is online, via zoom, so reliable internet is necessary.

Please contact the instructor at (210) 639-9776 immediately if you encounter difficulty with your classroom connection.

VI. Course Schedule\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Assignment** |
| **Week 1**:  Thurs, Sept. 15 | Overview “**Getting the Big Picture**” |  |
| **Week 2**:  Thurs, Sept. 22 | Genesis – Part 1 |  |
| **Week 3**:  Thurs, Sept. 29 | Genesis – Part 2 |  |
| **Week 4**:  Thurs, Oct. 6 | Exodus |  |
| **Week 5**:  Thurs, Oct. 13 | Leviticus |  |
| **Thurs, Oct. 20** | **Fall Academic Break** |  |
| **Week 6**:  Thurs, Oct. 27 | Numbers |  |
| **Week 7**: Thurs, Nov. 3 | Deuteronomy |  |
| **Week 8**: Thurs, Nov. 10 | Joshua |  |
| **Week 9**: Thurs, Nov. 17 | Judges |  |
| **Thurs, Nov. 24** | **Thanksgiving Break** |  |
| **Week 10**: Thurs, Dec. 1 | Ruth |  |
| **Week 11**: Thurs, Dec. 8 | 1-2 Samuel |  |
| **Week**: | 1-2 Kings (**If Time Permits)** |  |