



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BIB114NT – Survey of the Old Testament

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

This survey is an overview of the Old Testament books with an emphasis on orienting the student to the general content, themes, and style of each book and how they fit within the context of the biblical story.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*
1	Identify and explain the relationships between the major people, places, and events of the Old Testament as part of the unfolding narrative of Scripture.	2
2	Categorize the general content of each Old Testament book, correlating the themes and flow of thought of each with the major movements of the biblical plot.	4
3	Articulate how the content of each book relates to the broader biblical story, as well as how the Old Testament narrative builds upon and expands different concepts throughout the developing storyline.	5

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

In Survey of the Old Testament, you will take your first steps toward a literary study of the biblical narrative. As you become familiar with the story of the Bible, you will find yourself exploring the Old Testament as a tremendous work of ancient literature, finding shades of yourself in its characters, and allowing the different genres to expand your literary sensibilities. You will find yourself challenged by the Old Testament's lofty assertions concerning truth, reality, and the human condition. More than anything, this course is designed to deepen your appreciation of the Old Testament not only as an ancient text that retains significant literary merit, but as a work that continues to inform your own faith in important ways.

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Each week, you will participate in a discussion board in which you will dialogue with your classmates in a collaborative environment about certain characters, themes, or events in the Old Testament. You will discuss how these topics relate to the unfolding biblical narrative, as well as how they challenge and inform your faith.

At the end of the course, you will submit a final paper that gives a brief synopsis of the Old Testament story and begins to articulate your position on how the biblical writers expect one's faith to arise from the texts you have spent eight weeks studying.

Required Media:

Arnold, B. T. and Beyer, B. E. (2015). *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. (Third Edition). Baker Academic. ISBN-13: 978-0801049538

Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses)	Total
Weekly Discussions (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Assessments (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Study Questions (8) - 50 pts. each	400
Final Paper (2 parts) - 100 pts. each	200
*Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1 - The Beginning

Media:

1. Week 1 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Genesis 1-11
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 1: "What is the Old Testament and Why Study It?"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 2: "Where and When Did the Events of the Old Testament Take Place?"
5. The Bible Project Video - "What is the Bible?"
6. The Bible Project Video - "The Story of the Bible"
7. The Bible Project Video - "TaNaK/Old Testament"

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Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Week 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 1-2 Week 1 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 1 - See Instructions in the course

Week 2 - The Promises

Media:

1. Week 2 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Genesis 12-50
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 3: "Introduction to the Pentateuch: The Birth of God's People"
4. The Bible Project Video - "Literary Styles in the Bible"
5. The Bible Project Video - "Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Week 2 Quiz
2. Assignment 2-2 Week 2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 2 - See Instructions in the course

Week 3 - The Law

Media:

1. Week 3 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Exodus 1-40
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 7: "Leviticus: Instructions for Holy Living"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 8: "Numbers: Failure in the Desert"
5. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 9: "Deuteronomy: Restoring the Covenant"
6. The Bible Project Video - "Design Patterns in Biblical Narrative"
7. The Bible Project Video - "Biblical Law"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Week 3 Quiz
2. Assignment 3-2 Week 3 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 3 - See Instructions in the course

Week 4 - The Conquest

Media:

1. Week 4 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Joshua 1-11, Judges 1-21, and Ruth 1-4
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 10: "Introduction to the Historical Books: The History of Israel's Nationhood"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 11: "Joshua: Conquest and Division"
5. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 12: "Judges and Ruth: Israel's Moral Crisis"
6. The Bible Project Video - "Plot in Biblical Narrative"
7. The Bible Project Video - "Character in Biblical Narrative"
8. The Bible Project Video - "Setting in Biblical Narrative"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Week 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 4-2 Week 1 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 4 - See Instructions in the course

Week 5 - The Histories

Media:

1. Week 5 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 1-31 and 2 Samuel 1-24
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 15: "First Kings: The Glory of Solomon and the Beginning of the End"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 16: "Second Kings: The End of National Israel"
5. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Chronicles"
6. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Ezra - Nehemiah"
7. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Esther"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Week 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 5-2 Week 1 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 51 - See Instructions in the course

Week 6 - The Wisdom Literature

Media:

1. Week 6 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Psalms 1-2; 8; 16; 22-23; 86-88; 90; 118
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 19: "Introduction to the Poetical Books: The Literature of God's People"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 21: "Psalms: The Songbook of Ancient Israel"
5. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 22: "Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs: Israelite Faith in Everyday Life"
6. The Bible Project Video - "The Art of Biblical Poetry"
7. The Bible Project Video - "Metaphor in Biblical Poetry"
8. The Bible Project Video - "The Book of Proverbs"
9. The Bible Project Video - "The Book of Ecclesiastes"
10. The Bible Project Video - "The Book of Job"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Week 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 6-2 Week 1 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 6 - See Instructions in the course

Week 7 - The Major Prophets

Media:

1. Week 7 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Daniel 1-12
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 24: "Introduction to the Prophets: Voices of God's Servants"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 27: "Jeremiah 1-20: Struggling with God's Call"
5. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 28: "Jeremiah 21-52 and Lamentations: Dealing with Disaster"
6. The Bible Project Video - "The Prophets"
7. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Isaiah 1-39"
8. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Isaiah 40-60"
9. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Ezekiel 1-33"
10. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Ezekiel 34-48"

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Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Week 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 7-2 Week 1 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Discussion 7 - See Instructions in the course

Week 8 - The Minor Prophets

Media:

1. Week 8 Overview Video
2. Bible Reading: Hosea 1-14, Jonah 1-4, and Malachi 1-4
3. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 32: "Hosea, Joel, and Amos: A Call for Repentance and Promise for Blessing"
4. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 33: "Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah: God's Plan for the Nations"
5. Arnold & Beyer, Chapter 34: "Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi: Rebuilding a People"
6. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Hosea"
7. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Jonah"
8. The Bible Project Video - "Overview: Malachi"
9. The Bible Project Video - "Messiah"

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Week 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 8-2 Week 1 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Final Paper – Part 1 - See Instructions in the course
4. Final Paper – Part 2 - See Instructions in the course
5. Discussion 8 - See Instructions in the course