



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BIB124NT – Survey of the New Testament

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

This survey is an overview of the New Testament books with an emphasis upon 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 New Testament as part of the unfolding narrative of Scripture.	2
2	Categorize the general content of each New 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 New Testament narrative builds upon, expands, and ultimately fulfills different concepts and expectations originally presented in the Old Testament.	4

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

1. In Survey of the New Testament, you will pick up the literary study of the biblical narrative in the gospel accounts and trek through to the conclusion of the biblical story. As you become familiar with how the New Testament fulfills Messianic expectations by expanding and deepening themes first presented in the Old Testament, you will find yourself exploring 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 New Testament's lofty assertions concerning truth, reality, and the human condition, and you will ultimately encounter the character of Jesus of Nazareth as he was portrayed in the pages of Scripture. More than anything, this course is

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designed to deepen your appreciation of the New Testament not only as an ancient text that retains significant literary merit but as the work that presents to readers the pure and undiluted gospel of Jesus Christ that continues to inform your own faith in important ways even today.

2. 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 New Testament. You will discuss how these topics relate to the unfolding biblical narrative, as well as how they challenge and inform your faith.
3. At the end of the course, you will submit a final paper that gives a brief synopsis of the New 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:

Elwell, Walter A. and Yarbrough, Robert A. (2013) *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey* (Third Edition). Baker Academic. ISBN-13: 978-0801039645

Grading Grid:

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

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Course Schedule:

Week 1: The Gospels – Part One

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: Matthew 1-28
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 1: “Why Study the New Testament?”
4. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 2: “The Middle East in the Days of Jesus”
5. Bible Project Video - “What is the Bible?”
6. Bible Project Video - “The Story of the Bible”
7. Bible Project Video - “Overview: TaNaK/Old Testament”
8. Bible Project Video - “Messiah”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 1-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 2: The Gospels – Part Two

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: John 1-21
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 3: “The Gospel and the Four Gospels”
4. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 5: “The Gospel of Mark: Son of God, Servant of All”
5. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 6: “The Gospel of Luke: A Savior for all People”
6. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 8: “Man from Galilee: The Life of Jesus Christ”
7. Bible Project Video - “The Gospel”
8. Bible Project Video - “The Gospel of the Kingdom”
9. Bible Project Video - “Word Study: Euangelion: Gospel”
10. Bible Project Video - “Parables of Jesus”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 2-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 3: The Church Begins

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: Acts 1-28
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 10: “Modern Approaches to the New Testament: Historical Criticism and Hermeneutics”
4. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 11: “The Modern Study of the Gospels”
5. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 12: “The Modern Search for Jesus”
6. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 13: “The World and Identity of the Earliest Church”
7. Bible Project Video - “Pentecost: Acts 1-7”
8. Bible Project Video - “The Apostle Paul: Acts 8-12”
9. Bible Project Video - “Paul’s Missionary Journeys: Acts 13-20”
10. Bible Project Video - “Bound for Rome: Acts 21-28”
11. Bible Project Video - “Holy Spirit”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 3-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 4: The Letters of Paul – Part One

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: Romans 1-16
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 17: “All Things to All People: Life and Teachings of the Apostle Paul”
4. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 18: “Romans: Right with God”
5. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 19: “Corinthians and Galatians: Apostolic Counsel for Confused Churches”
6. Bible Project Video - “New Testament Letters: Historical Context”
7. Bible Project Video - “New Testament Letters: Literary Context”
8. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Romans 1-4”
9. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Romans 5-16”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 4-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 5: The Letters of Paul – Part Two

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: Ephesians 1-6; 1 Timothy 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4; Philemon
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 20: “Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon: Letters from Prison”
4. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 21: “Thessalonians, Timothy, and Titus: A Legacy of Faithfulness”
5. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Ephesians”
6. Bible Project Video - “Overview: 1 Timothy”
7. Bible Project Video - “Overview: 2 Timothy”
8. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Philemon”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 5-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 6: The General Epistles – Part One

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: Hebrews 1-13; James 1-5
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 22: “Hebrews and James: Maintaining Full Commitment to Christ”
4. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Hebrews”
5. Bible Project Video - “Abraham and Melchizedek”
6. Bible Project Video - “Jesus the Royal Priest”
7. Bible Project Video - “Overview: James”
8. Bible Project Video - “Character of God: Slow to Anger”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 6-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 7: The General Epistles – Part Two

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1-5; 2 Peter 1-3; 1 John 1-5; 2 John; 3 John; Jude
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 23: “Peter, John, and Jude: A Call to Faith, Hope, and Love”
4. Bible Project Video - “Overview: 1 Peter”
5. Bible Project Video - “Overview: 2 Peter”
6. Bible Project Video - “Overview: 1-3 John”
7. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Jude”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 7-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Wk7 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 8: The Apocalypse

Media:

1. SME Content Video
2. Bible Reading: Revelation 1-22
3. Elwell & Yarbrough: Chapter 24: “Revelation: God is in Control!”
4. Elwell & Yarbrough: Epilogue: “Matters to Ponder”
5. Bible Project Video - “How to Read the Bible: Apocalyptic Literature”
6. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Revelation 1-11”
7. Bible Project Video - “Overview: Revelation 12-22”
8. Bible Project Video - “Water of Life”
9. Bible Project Video - “Tree of Life”

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Quiz
2. Assignment 8-2 Study Questions - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 8-3 Final Papers - See Instructions in the course
4. Wk8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course