



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BIB228NT | Old Testament: Pentateuch

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

An expository study of the five books of Moses (Genesis through Deuteronomy). The class will focus on understanding the literary genre, ancient Near Eastern context, structure, and biblical theology of these books. Key themes will include Creation, Covenant, Sacrifice and Atonement, and the Law as a tool for Israel's "sanctification." Skills will be developed for the communication and application of the text with an eye to personal discipleship and ministry in the local church.

Biblical & Theological Studies Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs*):

1	Apply basic research methods and utilize quality resources for personal Bible study, sermon/lesson preparation, and academic theological research.
2	Apply basic research methods and utilize quality resources for personal Bible study, sermon/lesson preparation, and academic theological research.
3	Demonstrate a functional understanding of Christian Scripture, Christian heritage, Christian beliefs, and Christian living.
4	Identify the relationship between biblical and theological knowledge, a personal relationship with God, and a commitment to service in the local church.
5	Evaluate differing viewpoints on key biblical and theological issues to identify biblical and logical consistency.
6	Support a commitment to the authority and inerrancy of the Word of God for all matters of faith and practice.
7	Formulate a system of doctrine that is thoroughly biblical, internally consistent, and functionally relevant for faith, life, and ministry.

***Every Biblical and Theological Studies course must include assessments of some, but not all of the PLOs. The highlighted ones are assessed in this course.**

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*	PLO(s)~
1	Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the content, chronology, authorship, key themes, and theology of the Pentateuch.	2	1,2,3,6
2	Describe how the Law and the structures that it established were designed to function as a tool for “sanctification” within the nation of Israel.	2	1,2,3,6
3	Relate the Pentateuchal themes of creation, covenant, sacrifice, and sanctification to biblical literature overall.	4	1,2,3,5
4	Perform competent exegesis of selected texts from the Pentateuch, demonstrating literary discernment and theological acumen.	6	1,2,3
5	Develop applications from the Pentateuch that pertain to personal spiritual growth and ministry in the local church.	6	1,2,3,4,6

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

~Indicates which PLO(s) are aligned with the CLO.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

The Pentateuch presents God's original purposes for humanity and the world, the fall of humanity into sin, and the first fruits of God's promise to draw a people back to Himself. Throughout the course, you should consider how the Pentateuch answers basic worldview questions and sets the stage for the full story of redemption. For instance, how does the Pentateuch answer the questions, “Who is God”, “Who am I?”, and “What is my purpose?” You should also ask, “How does the Pentateuch set the stage for the story of Israel and the coming of Christ?” The course will provide students the confidence and competency to articulate, teach, and live out the theology of the Pentateuch as followers of Christ.

Required Media:

Schnittjer, Gary E. (2023). *Torah Story: An Apprenticeship on the Pentateuch* 2nd Edition. Zondervan Academic. ISBN-13: 978-0310112778. Paper

The Holy Bible: ESV

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Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1	Total Points
Weekly Discussions (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Reading Quiz (8) - 12.5 pts each	100
Course Pre-Test (Week 1)	50
Text Selection and Initial Thesis for Exegetical Paper (Week 2)	50
Bibliography and Revised Thesis for Exegetical Paper (Week 3)	50
Midterm Exam (Week 4)	150
Exegetical Paper (Week 7)	200
Final Exam (50 Multiple Choice, 10 True/False, Essay) (Week 8)	200
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Intro to Week 1 and the Class Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 1 (An Apprenticeship on the Torah), Chapter 2 (Introducing the Torah), Chapter 3 (Macroview of Genesis)
3. Who Wrote the Pentateuch? Video
4. Is the Pentateuch One Book or Five? Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Pre-Test - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 1-2 Reading Quiz
3. Wk1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 2

Media:

1. Intro to Week 2 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapters 4 (The Beginning), Chapter 5 (The Garden and the Exile), Chapter 6 (The Flood and the Nations)
3. Bible Project Genesis 1-11 Video
4. Is Genesis 1-11 History? Video
5. The Theme of Genesis 1-11 Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Text Selection and Initial Thesis - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 2-2 Reading Quiz
3. Wk2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Intro to Week 3 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 7 (The Abraham Narratives), Chapter 8 (The Jacob Narratives), Chapter 9 (The Sons of Jacob Narratives), and Chapter 10 (the Last Days)
3. Genesis 12-50 Part 1 Video
4. Genesis 12-50 Part 2 Video
5. Genesis 12-50 Part 3 Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Paper Bibliography and Preliminary Application - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 3-2 Reading Quiz
3. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 4

Media:

1. Intro to Week 4 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 11 (Macroview of Exodus), Chapter 12 (The River and the Bush), Chapter 13 (The Plagues and the Sea), Chapter 14 (The Wilderness and the Mountain), and Chapter 15 (The Rebellion and the Dwelling)
3. Exodus Part 1 Video
4. Exodus Part 2 Video
5. Exodus Part 3 Video

Activity: Work on the body of your Exegetical text. The load for Weeks 4-6 are designed to give you time to work on your paper, so please take advantage of the time and **DO NOT** wait until Week 7 to begin writing. Please do not hesitate to ask your professor any questions, if needed.

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Midterm Exam
2. Assignment 4-2 Reading Quiz
3. Wk4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Intro to Week 5 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 16 (Macroview of Leviticus), Chapter 17 (Sacrifice) Chapter 18 (Purity and Worship), Chapter 19 (Holy Living)
3. Leviticus Part 1 Video
4. Leviticus Part 2 Video

Activity: Continue working on the body of your Exegetical text. The load for this week is designed to give you time to work on your paper, so please take advantage of the time and **DO NOT** wait until Week 7 to begin writing. Please do not hesitate to ask your professor any questions, if needed.

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1 Reading Quiz
2. Wk5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 6

Media:

1. Intro to Week 6 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 20 (Macroview of Numbers), Chapter 21 (The First Generation at Sinai), Chapter 22 (Two Generations in the Wilderness), Chapter 23 (The Second Generation on the Plains of Moab)
3. Numbers Part 1 Video
4. Numbers Part 2 Video
5. Numbers Part 3 Video

Activity: Continue working on the body of your Exegetical text. The load for this week is designed to give you time to work on your paper, so please take advantage of the time and **DO NOT** wait until Week 7 to begin writing. Please do not hesitate to ask your professor any questions, if needed.

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Reading Quiz
2. Wk6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Intro to Week 7 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 24 (Macroview of Deuteronomy), Chapter 25 (The Words), Chapter 26 (The Ten Words and the Command), Chapter 27 (The Rules and Regulations) Chapter 28 (A View of the Other Side)
3. Deuteronomy Part 1 Video
4. Deuteronomy Part 2 Video
5. Deuteronomy Part 3 Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Exegetical Project - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 7-2 Reading Quiz
3. Wk7 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

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Week 8

Media:

1. Intro to Week 8 Video
2. Schnittjer, Chapter 29 (Reintroducing the Torah)
3. Christ in the Pentateuch Video
4. Final Thoughts Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Final Exam
2. Assignment 8-2 Reading Quiz
3. Wk8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course