

Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BIB229NT – Old Testament: Historical Books

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

This course focuses on the effects of cultural and ethnic diversity on personal, family, and community values, resulting in similarities and patterns in families and groups. Students examine cultural and ethnic diversity with the goal of developing sensitivity and awareness in identifying ethnicity and family patterns.

BIBLICAL & THEOLOGY STUDIES PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

	<i>By the completion of the Biblical & Theology Studies program, students will be able to</i>
1	Apply basic research methods and utilize quality resources for personal Bible study, sermon/lesson preparation, and academic theological research.
2	Implement sound principles of biblical interpretation to understand and apply the biblical text in proper historical context through exegesis and theology.
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.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

	<i>After completing this course, the student will be able to...</i>	Bloom's*	PLOs~
1	Explain how matters of history, archaeology, geography, literary structure, and cultural background impact one's understanding of the Old Testament Historical Books.	2	1, 2, 3, 6
2	Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the content, historical context, key themes, and theology of the Old Testament Historical Books, including the key aspects of the Davidic Covenant.	3	1, 2, 3, 6

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3	Relate the contribution of the extended narrative of the Old Testament Historical Books to biblical literature as a whole.	5	1, 2, 3, 6
4	Perform competent exegesis of selected texts from the Old Testament Historical Books, demonstrating literary discernment and theological acumen.	6	1, 2, 3, 6
5	Develop applications from the Old Testament Historical Books that pertain to personal spiritual growth and ministry in the local church.	6	3, 4

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

In this course, we will integrate a biblical worldview by examining how the historical books (from Joshua to Esther) reveal God's sovereignty, His covenant promises, and His kingdom purposes. Through interactive discussions, quizzes, and reflection papers, you will explore the successes and failures of Israel's leaders, the historical dealings of God with the nation of Israel, and the unfolding plan of salvation across this pericope of redemptive history. Special emphasis will be placed on how these texts inform our understanding of biblical theology and their relevance for personal discipleship and ministry in the local church.

Media to Purchase:

Schnittjer, G. E. (2023). *Old Testament Narrative Books: The Israel Story*. B&H Academic. ISBN-13: 978-1087747521.

Grading Grid:

Assessments	Total Points
Weekly Discussions (8) – 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Quizzes (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

Media:

1. Leuchter and Lamb, Chapter 2 (Joshua)
2. Bible Project - Joshua Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1 Joshua Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 1-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 1-3 Joshua Quiz
4. Wk1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Leuchter and Lamb, Chapter 3 (Judges)
2. Bible Project - Judges Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1 Literary Structure of Judges Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 2-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 2-3 Reading Quiz
4. Wk2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Chisholm Jr., Chapter 2 (Primary Themes of the Historical Books)
2. Bible Project - Ruth Video
3. Chisholm Jr., Chapter 3 (Preparing for Interpretation)

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1 Ruth Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 3-2 Reading Quiz
3. Assignment 3-3 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
4. Wk3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

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1. Leuchter and Lamb, Chapter 4 (The Book of Samuel)
2. Bible Project - 1 Samuel Video
3. Bible Project - 2 Samuel Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1 Samuel Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 4-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 4-3 Reading Quiz
4. Wk4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Leuchter and Lamb, Chapter 5 (Kings)
2. Bible Project - Kings Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-Kings Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 5-2 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 5-3 Reading Quiz
4. Wk5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Chisholm Jr., Chapter 4 (Interpreting Narrative Texts)
2. Leuchter and Lamb, Chapter 7 (Chronicles)
3. Bible Project - Chronicles Video

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1 Chronicles Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 6-2 Reading Quiz
3. Assignment 6-3 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
4. Wk6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Chisholm Jr., Chapter 5 (Proclaiming Narrative Texts)
2. Leuchter and Lamb, Chapter 6 (Ezra-Nehemiah))
3. Bible Project - Ezra-Nehemiah Video

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Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1 Ezra-Nehemiah Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 7-2 Reading Quiz
3. Assignment 7-3 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
4. Wk7 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. Bible Project - Esther Video
2. Chisholm Jr., Chapter 1 (What is Narrative Literature)

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1 Esther Paper - See Instructions in the course
2. Assignment 8-2 Reading Quiz
3. Assignment 8-3 Reflection Paper - See Instructions in the course
4. Wk8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course