OLD TESTAMENT 508
Summer 2012

OLD TESTAMENT EXPOSITION I:

GENESIS - JOSHUA

GOAL:

This course is an exposition of the Hexateuch, the first six books of the Hebrew Bible. As such, it is a course that studies beginnings: the beginning of the universe, the creation of man, the appearance of sin, the founding of the nation of Israel, and so forth. Our approach will be both exegetical (historical-grammatical) and theological (the unfolding of redemptive history). In this manner, we will attempt to understand the import of the writings in their time as well as for today. We will also spend significant time analyzing the Ancient Near Eastern background of the Hexateuch, particularly focusing on Egyptian and Canaanite cultures. Finally, an examination of Messianic prophecy and typology will be vital to our discussion. In this respect, the student should become aware of the many issues in Hexateuchal studies, and how these have been understood and interpreted. Ultimately, this course should provide a good foundation for the student to apply Scripture to all of life.

TEXTBOOKS:

The following books are required for this course:

1. Students who have not taken the Hebrew language (I-II) are required to bring an English Bible to class (preferably the ESV or the NASV). Students who have had Hebrew (I-II) must bring a Hebrew Bible to class


REQUIREMENTS:
The grade for the course will be determined on the basis of the following factors:

1. The student is required to submit a 15-20 pp. typewritten paper on a topic assigned during the first day of class. The paper is due on Monday, August 6. It may either be turned in to my campus mail box or to Linda Dixon at the front desk. Late papers will be docked one grade per day. 90% of the final grade.

2. The student is expected to read the three textbooks in their entirety and all six books of the Pentateuch. You will be required to report the amount of reading you have done for the course at the time that you turn in your paper. You may submit the report along with your paper either in my campus mail box or via e-mail. 10% of the final grade.

OUTLINE OF THE COURSE

Topic

DAY ONE July 9

Syllabus
Exegesis of Deuteronomy 32:45-47

CREATION

Who Wrote the Pentateuch?
The Incomparable Creation
Views of Time in Creation

Tselem: Man in the Image of God
Near Eastern Background of Creation
Man and Woman in the Garden

FALL

The Runner Stumbles: Causes of Fall
Results of the Fall

DAY TWO July 10

REDEMPTION

Seed of the Serpent
Seed of the Woman
Fusion of the Seeds

Call of the Seed
Sacrifice of the Seed
Clash of the Seeds
DAY THREE July 11

The Bones of Joseph
Yahweh and Pharaoh
Yahweh and the Gods of Egypt

Passover and the Red Sea Event
Ten Commandments

DAY FOUR July 12

The Word Tabernacled Among Us

The Exodus Pattern in the Ark Episode
Priesthood in Israel
Nadab and Abihu
Sacrificial System

Dietary Laws
Sabbath, Sabbatic Year, Jubilee
Concept of Kinsman-Redeemer

DAY FIVE July 13

Grumbling and the Bronze Serpent
Israel and Idolatry
The Shema

Deuteronomy as a Vassal Treaty
Ten Commandments as Structural
The Book of Joshua