

4OT550: CHRISTOCENTRIC SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

This concise study of the continuity of the Old and New Testaments emphasizes the centrality of the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Key passages throughout the Old Testament are examined in light of the New Testament, showing the redemptive-historical unity of the Scriptures. 2 credit hours.

I. PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

This course shall attempt to accomplish the following goals:

- 1) to present an expository approach to the development of redemptive history in the Old Testament (in light of the New Testament);
- 2) to examine major theological themes including the divine covenants (e.g., Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic), the Kingdom of God, election, the sovereignty of God, etc.
- 3) to introduce salient features of “narrative analysis” and its aid in sound biblical interpretation;
- and 4) to assist the student in preparation for the biblical-theological exposition of relevant Old Testament texts while highlighting Christological methodologies such as “typology,” “promise/fulfillment,” and the “redemptive-historical approach” (in the tradition of G. Vos and M.G. Kline).

II. BOOK LIST

Required Textbooks-

1. Clowney, Edmund P. *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the Old Testament*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 1988.
2. Williams, Michael D. *Far as the Curse is Found: The Covenant Story of Redemption*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2005.

Recommended Textbooks-

Clowney, Edmund. *Preaching Christ From All the Scriptures*. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2003.

Dorsey, David A. *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary On Genesis-Malachi*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.

Goldsworthy, Graeme. *According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of the God In the Bible*. Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP, 2002.

_____. *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

- _____. *The Goldsworthy Trilogy (Gospel & Kingdom, Gospel & Wisdom, The Gospel in Revelation)*. Milton Keynes, UK: Paternoster Press, 2000.
- Greidanus, Sidney. *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
- Horton, Michael. *God of Promise: Introducing Covenant Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006.
- Kline, Meredith G. *Kingdom Prologue*. South Hamilton, MA: M.G. Kline, 1993; reprinted by Two Age Press, 2000.
- _____. *The Structure of Biblical Authority*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1975; reprinted by Wipf & Stock Publishers, 1997.
- Strom, Mark. *The Symphony of Scripture*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 1990.
- VanGemeren, Willem. *The Progress of Redemption*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1988.
- Vos, Geerhardus. *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1948.

III. COURSE SCHEDULE:

- September 05-** *Syllabus Review and Course Requirements*
Prolegomena: “Christ: The Key to the Old Testament”
Reading Assignment: John J. Yeo, “Christ: The Key to the Old Testament,” *Ministry & Leadership* (Spring/Summer 2008): 6-7. (Available online at: <http://www.rts.edu/site/resources/M-L.aspx>)
- September 06-** **The Divine Covenants: An Overview**
- September 06-** **Christ in the Book of Genesis (Chapters 1-3; 12-22; 49)**
- October 03-** **Christ in the Books of Exodus (Chapter 14) and Leviticus (Chapter 16)**
- October 04-** **Christ in the Book of Deuteronomy (Chapter 18)**
- October 04-** **Christ in the Book of 2 Samuel (Chapter 7)**
- October 04-** **Christ in the Book of Psalms (Chapters 1-2; 22 [Dead Sea Scrolls: 5/6 HevPs MT^{mss} 22:16//LXX]; 31; 34; 69; 89; 110)**

Clowney Book Review Due Friday, October 10th before 5:00 pm

- October 31-** **Christ in the Book of Isaiah (Chapters 7; 9; 11; 42; 53)**
- November 01-** **Christ in the Book of Daniel (Chapters 7; 9)**
- November 01-** **Christ in the Book of Jeremiah (Chapter 33)**

Williams Book Review Due Friday, November 14th before 5:00 pm

Paper Assignment Due: December 19, 2008 by 5:00 p.m.
IV. ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments should be read, completed, and/turned in on or before the due dates scheduled. In fairness to students who do their work on time, late assignments will be reduced one letter grade per day. If more time is needed on any assignment, reasonable excuses will be accepted.

A. Book Reviews

Each student will write two “book reviews” during the length of the course (see Course Schedule for specific due dates). Each review should be at least 2-3 typed, doubled-spaced pages in length. Each review should also be written in three parts. The first part should reflect the student’s understanding of the book based upon a brief summary of its contents. The second part must incorporate the student’s critique and/or positive evaluation of each text. In the third part, the student should mention whether or not he/she would recommend the book and why. These reviews will be worth **100 points each** (25% for each review totaling 50% of the final grade).

B. Expository Paper

Each student will submit an expository paper on an Old Testament text based upon the subject of Christocentric typology, i.e., redemptive history. The particular passage will be chosen by the student in consultation with the instructor of the course. The paper should be 12-15 typewritten, double-spaced pages in length, and must involve a detailed exposition of an Old Testament passage. The passage must also be examined in light of a corresponding New Testament passage. The paper should also follow proper academic style (cf., Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* [Seventh Edition; Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007]). The paper will be worth **100 points** (50% of the final grade).

C. Attendance

Although attendance will not be figured into the final course grade, your presence will be required in order to do well in the course. Lectures and class participation will be vital to a correct understanding of what is expected in the final paper. Missed assignments will not be “made up” without previous notification.

D. Disclaimer

This syllabus reflects the specific objectives and instructional format/content of the course “Christological Survey of the Old Testament.” However, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus for the good of the course as may appear necessary during the semester.

V. GRADING

A. Scale. The standard RTS grading scale will be used.

A (97-100)	C (80-82)
A- (94-96)	C- (78-79)
B+ (91-93)	D+ (75-77)
B (88-90)	D (72-74)
B- (86-87)	D- (70-71)
C+ (83-85)	F (below 70)

B. Basis for computation	
Book Reviews	50%
Expositional Paper	50%