

# **ABUNDANT LIVING IN THE LAND!**



# **GENESIS TO JOSHUA**

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OT 508  
Summer 2005

## PURPOSE AND GOALS

### PURPOSE:

- To encourage you in living an abundant life to the glorify God.

### GOALS:

- Comprehension
  - To increase your knowledge of English Bible in *Genesis* to *Joshua*.
  - To increase your knowledge of introductory issues in each book from *Genesis* to *Joshua*.
  - To increase your knowledge of the historical origins of Israel and Israel's history from the exodus through the conquest of the Promised Land.
- Competence
  - To sharpen your ability to interpret *Genesis* to *Joshua* in their geographical, historical, theological, and literary contexts.
  - To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of *Genesis* to *Joshua* in your own life and in the life of the local church.
- Character
  - To be a person of faith in the God of abundance.
  - To be a person of hope in living an abundant life.
  - To be a person of abundant love.

## REQUIREMENTS

### READING ASSIGNMENTS

- You are required to read more than 40% of the following books:
  - Alexander, T. Desmond. From Paradise to the Promise Land: An Introduction to the Themes of the Pentateuch (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1995).
    - You are assigned all of this.
  - Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1999).
    - You are assigned 159 pages and selected photos and movies on the CD.
  - Poythress, Vern S. The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 1995).
    - You are assigned 138 pages.
- You are required to read less than 40% of the following books:

- Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. Readings From the Ancient Near East: Primary Sources for Old Testament Studies (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2002).
- Dillard, Raymond B. and Tremper Longman III. An Introduction to the Old Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994).
  - You are assigned 100 pages.
- Merrill, Eugene H. Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987).
  - You are assigned 125 pages.
- Waltke, Bruce K. Genesis: A Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001).
  - You are assigned 40 pages.

## LECTURES

- See Class Schedule
- The lecture outlines for the course are available in electronic form at <http://rts.edu/resources/faculty>.
  - Take the Dr. Mark Futato link.
  - Click on the Resources button.
  - User name: GenJosh.
  - Password: Abundant.
- The files are in MSWord outline format, so you can easily take notes on the outline, if you use a laptop in class.

## ASSESSMENTS

## EXAMS

- There is a mid-term that covers the first half of the course and a final that covers the second half of the course.
- The exams are objective and cover the following:
  - The lectures.
  - The Summary and Study Questions at the end of the chapters in Arnold and Beyer.

## GRADING

- Each exam is worth 40% of your final grade.
- The readings you are not examined on are worth 20% of your final grade.
  - By the day of each exam at 4pm you will e-mail me (mfutato@rts.edu) to indicate the percentage of the assigned reading you have done to date and that percentage will be your reading score. 100% of the

reading for the first half = 12 points and 100% of the reading for the second half = 13 points.

- I use the Seminary's published grading scale.
- There is an automatic penalty of one letter grade for a late exam (without excuse).

### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEK 1 (FEBRUARY 2)**

- Lecture
  - A View From The Mountain Top: A Biblical Theology of the Land
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
  - Recommended
    - Robertson (1996) 1-13
    - DBI 487-88
    - Wenham (1994)
    - Brueggemann (1977)

#### **WEEK 2 (FEBRUARY 9)**

- Lecture
  - Exploring the Land: An Introduction to Historical Geography
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 21-59
      - CD Photos: Northern, Central, Southeastern, Southwestern Israel
  - Recommended
    - Robertson (1996)
    - Rasmussen (1989) 12-68

#### **WEEK 3 (FEBRUARY 16)**

- Lecture
  - Exploring the Land: An Introduction to Historical Geography
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999)
      - CD Movies: Dan, Galilee, Harod, Jordan, Jerusalem
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #59
  - Recommended

- Baly (1957)
- Aharoni (1979)

#### **WEEK 4 (FEBRUARY 23)**

- Lecture
  - Visiting the OT World: Archaeology and Theology
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999)
      - CD Movies: Jericho, Megiddo, Hezekiah's Tunnel
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #7, #60
  - Recommended
    - Currid (1999)
    - Finegan (1989)

#### **WEEK 5 (MARCH 2)**

- Lecture
  - Back to the Beginning: Genesis 1-2 & Relating Theology and Science
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #5, #6, #12, #13
    - Futato (1998)
    - Kline (1996)
  - Recommended
    - Hagopian (2000)
    - Hummel (1986)

#### **WEEK 6 (MARCH 9)**

- Lecture
  - The Primary History: The Unity of Genesis to Kings
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) xiv-xix, 1-5
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 63-75
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 17-48
  - Recommended
    - Cassuto (1941)
    - Freedman (1993)

- Kikawada and Quinn (1985)
- Wenham (1999)

### **SPRING BREAK (MARCH 16)**

### **WEEK 7 (MARCH 23)**

- Mid-term

### **WEEK 8 (MARCH 30)**

- Lecture
  - Genesis: Blessing for the Nations
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) 6-62
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 77-101
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #62
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 48-56
    - Merrill (1987) 15-20
    - Poythress (1991) 3-8
    - Waltke (2001)
  - Recommended
    - Dever (2000)
    - Kitchen (1995)
    - Kline (1991)

### **WEEK 9 (APRIL 6)**

- Lecture
  - Exodus: Rescue and Relationship
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) 63-109
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 103-115
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #30
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 57-72
    - Merrill (1987) 57-92
    - Poythress (1991) 9-50
  - Recommended
    - Currid (2000)
    - Enns (2000)

### **WEEK 10 (APRIL 13)**

- Lecture
  - *Leviticus: God's Call to Abundant Holiness*
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) 110-142
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 117-126
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 73-82
    - Poythress (1991) 51-94
  - Recommended
    - Sprinkle (2000)

### **WEEK 11 (APRIL 20)**

- Lecture
  - *Numbers: Divine Faithfulness and Fresh Starts*
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) 143-161
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 127-139
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 83-90
  - Recommended
    - Ashley (1993)
    - Budd (1984)
    - Wenham (1981)

### **WEEK 12 (APRIL 27)**

- Lecture
  - *Deuteronomy: Renewing our Love and Loyalty*
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) 162-186
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 141-154
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #24, #26
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 91-106
    - Poythress (1991) 95-138
  - Recommended
    - Kline (1962)

- McConville (1993)
- McConville and Miller (1994)

### WEEK 13 (MAY 4)

- Lecture
  - Joshua: Receiving the Promise
- Reading Assignments
  - Required
    - Alexander (1995) 187-195
    - Arnold and Beyer (1999) 157-179
    - Arnold and Beyer (2002) #50, 55
    - Dillard and Longman (1994) 107-118
    - Merrill (1987) 93-140
  - Recommended
    - Davis (1988)
    - Howard (1995)
    - Howard (1998)

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