

ABUNDANT LIVING IN THE LAND!



GENESIS TO JOSHUA

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OT 508
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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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