

2OT508—Genesis through Joshua

Abbreviated Syllabus – Spring 2010

A more detailed syllabus, including a course schedule, will be available prior to the start of the semester.

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Course Description.

This course takes an expository approach to the major developments in the history of redemption: creation, covenant, promise, and fulfillment of the promises. This portion of the biblical revelation covers the period from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to Israel in the Promised Land. (3 credit hours)

Class Meetings:

The class will meet from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays from February 3 through May 12 (except March 24 which is spring break.)

Course Requirements.

Three exams during the semester	75%
Bible book outline memorization	5%
Exegetical project	<u>20%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

Examinations. Three regular closed-book (no Bible or notes) exams will be administered according to the course schedule in the final syllabus. These will consist of objective, short answer and essay questions covering the content of the lectures, assigned reading and biblical material covered. There will be a section on each exam assessing your Bible reading with objective (multiple choice, true/false, matching and fill in the blank) questions.

Bible Book Outline Memorization. Each student will memorize the outlines of Genesis through Joshua included with this syllabus and recite them to another person by the dates indicated on the verification sheet. You may make two attempts before having to wait for at least half a day before attempting again. Once you have correctly recited the outline, your fellow student will sign the

verification sheet. The verification sheet is to be turned in at the end of the semester.

Exegetical Project. A short exegetical project will be assigned in four segments. The final project will consist of a 8-10 page (double spaced) paper. Details will be provided in the final syllabus.

Required Reading.

The following textbook materials are to be read during the course. Assigned reading is subject to examination (see above).

- Bible from Genesis through Joshua.
 Dillard, Raymond B. and Tremper Longman III. *An Introduction to the Old Testament, 2nd ed.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994/2006. pp. 13-132. ISBN-13: 978-0310263418
 Poythress, Vern S. *The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses.* Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1991. Pp. 3-153, 311-361. ISBN-13: 978-0875523750
 Merrill, Eugene H. *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel, 2nd ed.* Grand Rapids: BakerAcademic, 2008. pp. 11-159. ISBN-13: 978-0664220907
 Robertson, O. Palmer. *The Christ of the Covenants.* Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1980. pp. 3-228, 271-300. ISBN-13: 978-0875524184

In addition, the following assigned reading materials will be provided on the course web page, the library reserve shelf and/or hard copy in class:

- Glodo, Michael J. Glodo. "Covenant Sign and Seal (Genesis 17)." Unpublished paper.
 ------. "A Tale of Two Kingdoms." *Modern Reformation*, Sept.-Oct. 1994: 17-20.
 Kline, Meredith G. "Covenant Theology under Attack." *New Horizons* February 1994: 3-6.
 Pratt Jr., Richard L. *He Gave Us Stories: The Bible Student's Guide to Interpreting Old Testament Narratives.* Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth and Hyatt, 1990. pp. 279-90.

The course schedule in the final syllabus will indicate for which weeks particular readings are assigned. While all reading is subject to examination, review questions will be provided in the final syllabus to assist you in review.

Reserve Readings.

All assigned reading will be available in the reserve reading section of the Library.

Course Materials & Lecture Outlines.

All lecture handouts, some supplemental readings and lecture outlines will be available on the [IQ.web](#) page for the course. Each week's handout will be available for downloading by the morning of class days. Limited quantities of printed copies will be distributed to those preferring or requiring hard copies.

Bible Book Outlines.

The following outlines of the books Genesis through Joshua are to be memorized according to the instructions in the syllabus and by the dates indicated on the verification sheet which will be included with the final syllabus. Only the numbered elements (not the ones with “•”) and their chapters are to be memorized.

Genesis.

- I. The primeval history (1-11).
 - Creation (1-2).
 - The fall of man (3).
 - The flood (6-10).
 - Tower of Babel (11).
- II. The patriarchal history (12-36).
 - The promise to Abraham (12).
 - The cutting of the Abrahamic covenant (15).
 - Circumcision (17).
- III. Joseph and the migration to Egypt (37-50).
 - Jacob's blessings and death (49).

Exodus.

- I. Israel in Egypt (1 -11).
 - The plagues (7-11).
- II. Exodus to Sinai (12-18).
 - The Passover (12)
 - Crossing the Red Sea (14)
 - The Song of Miriam & Moses (15)
- III. Covenant and law (19-31).
 - The ten commandments (20).
 - Instructions for the Tabernacle (25-31).
- IV. Rebellion and renewal (32-40).
 - The golden calf and Moses' intercession (32-33).
 - Consecration of the Tent of Meeting (40).

Leviticus.

- I. Laws on sacrifice (1-7).
- II. Institution of the priesthood (8-10).
- III. Uncleanness and its treatment (11-16).
 - The Day of Atonement (16).
- IV. Prescriptions for practical holiness (17-27).

Numbers.

- I. The people of God prepare to enter the promised land (1-9).
- II. From Sinai to Kadesh (10-12).
- III. Forty years near Kadesh (13-19).
 - The rebellion of the spies (13-14).
- IV. From Kadesh to the plains of Moab (20-21).
- V. Israel in the plains of Moab (22-36).
 - Balaam and Balak (22-24).

Deuteronomy.

- I. Preamble: covenant mediator (1).
- II. Historical prologue: covenant history (1-4).
- III. Stipulations: covenant life (5-26).
 - The ten commandments (5).
 - The *shema* (6).
- IV. Sanctions: covenant ratification (27-30).
- V. Dynastic disposition: covenant continuity (31-34).

Joshua.

- I. The promised land conquered (1-12).
 - Jericho taken and cursed; Rahab spared (6).
- II. The promised land distributed (13-22).
- III. The promised land to be kept in covenant obedience (23-24).

Bible Book Outline Verification Sheet.

Evidence of Bible book outline memorization is to be provided using this sheet. Find a partner in the class and recite the outline to that partner by the due date. Have your partner verify your memorization by signing and dating appropriately.

The sheet is to be submitted on or before April 30. Late submission will result in a loss of credit.

You may make three attempts at reciting the outline before having to wait a minimum of two hours before attempting again.

Student name.....

<i>Book</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Partner's Signature Verification</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>
Genesis	2/11	.....	.....
Exodus	2/25	.....	.....
Leviticus	3/11	.....	.....
Numbers	4/1	.....	.....
Deuteronomy	4/15	.....	.....
Joshua	4/29	.....	.....