

COURSE SYLLABUS

Judges to Esther 6OT502

Summer Session, 2008

Monday – Wednesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, June 23 – 25
McLean Presbyterian Church

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- **PURPOSE:**
 - To encourage you in living an abundant life for the glory of God.

- **GOALS:**
 - Comprehension:
 1. To increase your knowledge of the English Bible from Judges to Esther.
 2. To increase your knowledge of introductory issues in each book from Judges to Esther.
 3. To increase your knowledge of the history of Israel from the period of the Judges to the post-exilic community.

 - Competence
 1. To sharpen your ability to interpret Judges to Esther in their historical, theological, and literary contexts.
 2. To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of Judges to Esther in your own life and in the life of the local church.

 - Character
 1. To be a person of growing faith.
 2. To be a person of increasing hope.
 3. To be a person of deepening love.

- **REQUIRED READINGS:**
 - The historical books of the Old Testament Scriptures: **JUDGES, RUTH, 1 & 2 SAMUEL, 1 & 2 KINGS, 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, ESTHER.**

 - Raymond B. Dillard and Tremper Longman III. *An Introduction to the Old Testament.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

 - Iain Provan, V. Philips Longs, Tremper Longman. *A Biblical History of Israel.* London: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003.

 - Eugene Merrill. *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel.* Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987.

 - Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the Old Testament.* Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999.

- **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Attendance:
 - ✓ You are required to attend each class.
 - ✓ If you know you cannot make it to a class session, notify me in advance.
- Paper Assignments: In place of a Mid-term exam, you will turn in two reading/term paper of NO MORE THAN 7 pages each (5-7 pages should be sufficient). The focus of this assignment is to see if you understand the concepts discussed in class, *not the length of your paper*. If you can be cogent and concise, no more than 7 pages will be necessary. Cite passages from Scripture as needed. Proofread your papers for spelling and grammatical errors. The topic of each paper and their due dates are provided below.
 - PAPER #1: Read *A Biblical History of Israel* (pgs. 1-104) and write an evaluation of their critique of modern scholarly historiography. More details will be provided on the first day of class. **Due: Friday, June 27, 2008.**
 - PAPER #2: You have the option to choose one of the two topics below. Due: Monday, July 7, 2008.
 - Demonstrate that the establishment of the monarchy was in keeping with God's place. In light of this, wherein lay Israel's sin in requesting a king?
 - Describe how Samuel/Kings differs from Chronicles in their description of the Davidic monarchy. Use examples from Scripture as proof.
- Exam: In order to fit in all the materials for this course in the given time, there will be only one FINAL EXAM.
 - ✓ The exam questions will come from the class lectures and required readings.
 - ✓ The exam date is Monday July 14, 2008. Students will come to the McLean to take the exam on this date.
- Total Grade:
 - ✓ Paper Assignment #1: 25% of total grade.
 - ✓ Paper Assignment #2: 25% of total grade.
 - ✓ Final Exam: 50% of total grade

- **INFORMATION ON PETER LEE:** If you have questions, cannot attend a class, or need any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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