

# 6OT702 Old Testament Biblical Theology

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## Course Description

The Old Testament contains a variety of voices, genres, and messages. Its diversity must be acknowledged and respected. However, the Old Testament also has an organic unity and development that is central to its unified message.

This course will explore the theological unity of the Old Testament and discuss its connection with the New Testament. All biblical preaching and teaching must be informed by an understanding of how particular passages and books fit into the overall message of the Bible. A special emphasis will be placed on Christological interpretation of the Old Testament.

## Class Meetings

Fridays 7:30-10:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am-4pm

October 23-24 Dr. Van Pelt

November 6-7 Dr. Futato

December 4-5 Dr. Futato

## Reading Assignment

B. Waltke, *An Old Testament Theology* (Zondervan, 2007).

Chapters 1-6 for Week One

Chapters 7-17 for Week Two

Chapters 32-35 for Week Three

## Graded Assignments

### 1. Term Paper

The term paper will be used to assess your comprehension of the material in week one.

Students will write a 10-12 page paper expanding on one of the concepts covered during the lectures of October 23-24. The paper should demonstrate a

basic competency in the lecture and reading materials, as well as additional work in secondary literature. Topics must be approved by the professor (Van Pelt) before November 19, 2009.

**Due:** December 19, 2009

Please submit electronically to Jennifer at [jmcgahey@rts.edu](mailto:jmcgahey@rts.edu). She will respond that she has received the paper, so if you do not hear from her within two days, assume that she did not get it and resubmit until you are certain it has been received.

## **2. Reading Report**

All students are to write a book report on the required reading. The report is to be approximately 5 pages. Students should choose one issue in the book and write a critical interaction that deals with that issue.

**Due: December 4, 2009**

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## **3. Final Exam**

The final exam will be used to assess your comprehension of the material in weeks two and three. The exam will be an online exam that will cover the lectures from weeks two and three. Details on accessing and taking the exam will be provided during class in week two.

**Due: December 12, 2009**

The exam will open on December 5 at 4pm and will close on December 12 at 4pm.

## **Grading**

Term Paper: 30 points

Exam: 60 points

Reading Report: 10 points

## **For those taking the 3 credit Genesis-Joshua, the following additional assignments must be completed:**

1. Read all of T. D. Alexander. *From Paradise to the Promised Land, An Intro to the Pentateuch*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.
2. Write a brief summary of each chapter of the above book. Each summary should capture, in your own words, the main thrust of the chapter, its pivotal points, its distinctive emphases, and anything of particular help to you, in light of your ministry calling.

## **General Lecture Outline**

Getting Acquainted

Introduction and Purpose of the Course

### **Lecture One: Introduction to Old Testament Biblical Theology**

- I. Introduction to Biblical Theology: Definitions
- II. Introduction to Biblical Theology: History
- III. Introduction to Biblical Theology: Centers and Themes
- IV. Introduction to Biblical Theology: Redemptive History
- V. Jesus Christ as the Theological Center of Biblical Theology
- VI. The Kingdom of God as the Thematic Framework of Biblical Theology
- VII. Covenant as the Canonical Structure of Biblical Theology
- VIII. Biblical Theology and Hermeneutics

### **Lecture Two: Doing Theology by the Book (Part 1)**

- I. The Theology of Genesis: The Blessing of God
- II. The Theology of Exodus: The Presence of God
- III. The Theology of Leviticus: The Holiness of God
- IV. The Theology of Numbers: The Faithfulness of God
- V. The Theology of Deuteronomy: The Oneness of God

### **Lecture Three: Doing Theology by the Book (Part 2)**

- I. The Theology of Psalms: The Kingship of God
- II. The Theology of Job: The Knowledge and Power of God
- III. The Theology of Proverbs: The Wisdom of God
- IV. The Theology of Ecclesiastes: The Mystery of God