

COURSE SYLLABUS

GENESIS TO JOSHUA 6OT508/01

Fall Session, 2010

Thursday Evenings, 7:30pm to 10:00pm, September 2 to December 16

McLean Presbyterian Church

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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.

- **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**
 - Comprehension:
 1. To increase your knowledge of the English Bible in Genesis to Joshua.
 2. To increase your knowledge of introductory issues in each book from Genesis to Joshua.
 3. To increase your knowledge of the development of redemptive themes as they progress in Genesis to Joshua.
 - Competence
 1. To sharpen your ability to interpret Genesis to Joshua in their historical, theological, and literary contexts.
 2. To sharpen your ability to apply the teaching of Genesis to Joshua in your own life and in the life of the local church.
 3. To prepare those who are called to the ministry for licensure and ordination exams at their local presbyteries.
 - 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.** There are approximately 1100 pages of required reading (with the exception of the Biblical books). Students are encouraged to do the readings before the start of class *in the order provided below*. For the Biblical books of Genesis to Joshua, students are free to use any English translation of their choice.
 - Biblical books of Genesis to Joshua in an English translation of student's choice.

 - T. D. Alexander. *From Paradise to Promised Land: An Introduction to the Pentateuch*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academy, 2002.

 - R. Dillard and T. Longman, III. *Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994. pp. 17-117.

- Geerhardus Vos. *Biblical Theology: Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1948. pp. 3-182.
- Meredith G. Kline. *Images of the Spirit*. Self-published, 1986. Chapters 1 and 2.
- Michael Horton. *God of Promise: Introducing Covenant Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2006.
- Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999. pp. 21-179.
- Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer. *Readings from the Ancient Near East*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999. Readings #5, 6, 12, 24.
- Peter Y. Lee. *Genesis to Joshua: Course Outline* (provided by instructor on the first day of class).

- **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Attendance:
 - ✓ You are required to attend each class.
 - ✓ If you know you cannot make it to a class session, notify me in advance.
- Reading Report:
 - ✓ This will be discussed on the first day of class.
- Paper Assignment: There will be two options for term papers. One will be a thematic paper where students can choose the development of a redemptive theme found in the Pentateuch and trace its development throughout the history of salvation. The second option is to read several books on the formation of the Pentateuch and provide a critical analysis of these various positions. Third is a Hebrew exegetical term paper. More direction will be provided on these options on the first day of class.¹

The length of the term paper of 10-15 pages. A bibliography is required with a minimum of 8 sources. The focus of this assignment is to see if you understand the concepts discussed in class, *not the length of your paper*. Cite passages from Scripture as needed. Proofread your papers for spelling and grammatical errors. The due date is provided below.

- Exam: There will be one MIDTERM and one FINAL EXAM.
 - ✓ The exam will cover materials from the class lectures and required readings.
 - ✓ The Midterm will be take-home, thus will require a proctor, and the Final Exam will be done in class.

¹ Students who had taken Introduction to Hebrew are required to take this option.

- Due Dates of Assignments:
 - ✓ Reading Report Due December 2 (Thursday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Term Paper Due December 9 (Thursday) in class to instructor

 - ✓ Midterm Exam Due. October 28 (Thursday) in class to instructor
 - ✓ Final Exam December 16 (Thursday)

- Total Grade:
 - ✓ Reading Report: 10% of total grade
 - ✓ Term Paper: 30% of total grade
 - ✓ Midterm Exam: 30% of total grade
 - ✓ Final Exam: 30% of total grade

- **OFFICE HOURS:**

- Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon ~ 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the RTS office
- Or by appointment (contact the instructor to setup a time and place).

- **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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