Genesis - Joshua (OT 0508)  
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Course Description

This course covers creation to the promised land through literary, historical, and theological analysis. Major themes are traced through redemptive history as each biblical book is examined. Important theological issues, such as creation, fall, covenant, and law, are examined in the context of the ANE and Israel's own historical setting. Such analysis is foundational for understanding the rest of Scripture and for how this section of Scripture has meaning for God's people today.

Course Objectives

a) To acquire a general knowledge of the content of the first six books of the Bible.

b) To help the student look at the broad picture and to see how the different parts of this section of the canon relate to each other.

c) To understand the foundational importance of the Pentateuch for the rest of Scripture, especially by looking at key theological issues.

d) To examine this section of Scripture in light of the culture and history of the ANE.

Required Texts


6) PCA Creation Report: made available to students on IQ Web
7) The following two-part article made available to students on IQ


**Assignments**

All Assignments are due no later than Monday, August 3 (postmarked on that date).

1) The books from Genesis to Joshua must each be read.

2) The Required Reading must be read (see the list above).

3) There will be a quiz everyday (see the quiz schedule).

4) Three Directed Reading Questions from *IOT* (see the handout).

5) A research paper on a law passage (Exodus 21 through Deuteronomy).
   See the handout on the guidelines for the paper.

**Grades**

1) There will one exam (see the questions for the exam) - 30%.
2) The research paper - 30%.
3) Daily quizzes - 30%.
4) The required reading, including the biblical books Genesis to Joshua - 7 %.
5) The Directed Reading Questions from *IOT* - 3 %.

**Lecture Schedule**

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Monday PM  The Days in Genesis One: A Review of the Options
Genesis One and the Meaning of Yôm

June 16
Tuesday AM  Genesis 2-3: The Origin of Our Problems
Genesis 4-11: The Outworking of Sin

Tuesday PM  Covenant: God's Way of Relating to Creation
The Patriarchs: God Will Fulfill His Promises

June 17
Wednesday AM  Joseph: God Rewards Faithfulness
Historical Review: God at Work for the Sake of His People
Israel in Egypt: We Cannot Save Ourselves

Wednesday PM  The Plagues: God Fights for His People
Redemption: God Provides for His People

June 18
Thursday AM  The Mosaic Covenant: Law and Tabernacle
Different Approaches to the Role of the Law
Sacrifices and Priesthood: Approaching a Holy God

Thursday PM  Leviticus 11-16: Cultic Purity
Leviticus 17-27: The Holiness Code
Numbers: Israel the Army of God

June 19
Friday  Deuteronomy: Covenant Renewal
Joshua: Receiving the Inheritance
A Biblical Theology of Land and Rest