

Reformed Theological Seminary – Washington, D. C. Campus

GENESIS TO JOSHUA 6OT508/01

COURSE SYLLABUS

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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.

Students are very highly encouraged to take this course before any other OT Biblical Studies course.

- **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. *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.
 - **Term Paper:** This will be discussed on the first day of class.
 - **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.
 - *Due Dates of Assignments:* Dates will be discussed on the first day of class

- *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

The following scale will be used to determine your final grade: A (97-100), A- (94-96), B+ (91-93), B (88-90), B- (86-87), C+ (83-85), C (80-82), C- (78-79), D+ (75-77), D (72-74), D- (70-71), F (below 70).

- **OFFICE HOURS:**

- I meet with students by appointment. Contact me if you would need to meet. I'd love to get together with you to discuss Scripture, theology, ministry, and life.