2OT508—Genesis through Joshua

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<td>2/7</td>
<td>The Relevance of the Old Testament Challenges in Old Testament Interpretation Mirrors, Pictures and Windows</td>
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| 2/14  | History, Historiography and OT Interpretation
What Was Moses Saying?
Redemptive History and OT Interpretation | “Getting Acquainted Form”
D & L 13-37.
Long 17-87.
Pratt 279-86. |
| 2/21  | Introduction & Responses to Higher Criticism.
Interpretive Views of Genesis 1-2.
Covenant in Creation. | Genesis reading.
D & L 38-62.
Robertson 3-166.
Kline, “Covenant Theology…”
Genesis outline memorization. |
| 2/28  | Creation and Covenant: Implications.
Genesis: Primeval History.
Genesis: Patriarchal History | Glodo, “Tale of Two Kingdoms.”
Glodo, “Covenant Sign & Seal.”
Merrill 11-55. |
| 3/7   | **Exam 1**
Kistemaker Lectures |                                                                              |
| 3/14  | Exodus: Deliverance under Moses.
Exodus: Call of the Covenant Mediator.
D & L 63-80.
Merrill 57-91.
Robertson 167-199.
Exodus outline memorization. |
| 3/21  | Exodus: Rebellion and Restoration.
Exodus: Interpreting the Tabernacle.
Poythress 41-68.
Poythress 75-118. |
| 4/4   | Leviticus: Holiness in Worship Life
Leviticus: Holiness in Everyday Life | Leviticus reading.
D & L 81-91.
Leviticus outline memorization. |
| 3/28  | Spring break – no class |                                                                              |
| 4/11  | **Exam 2**
Numbers: Muster of the First Generation Army | Pratt 286-90.
Poythress 119-53.
Robertson 201-227; 271-300. |
| 4/18  | Numbers: Failure of the 1st Generation Army.
Numbers: Muster of the 2nd Generation Army | Numbers reading.
Numbers outline memorization. |
| 4/25  | Introduction to Deuteronomy.
Overview of Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy in Old Testament Theology | Deuteronomy reading.
D & L 102-119.
Poythress 69-74.
Deuteronomy outline memorization. |
| 5/2   | Introduction and exposition of Joshua
Merrill 93-140.
D&L 120-32.
Joshua outline memorization. |
| 5/9   | Dispensationalism.
Theonomy and Old Testament Ethics.
| 5/16  | **Exam 3** |                                                                              |
2OT508—Genesis through Joshua  
*Spring 2007*

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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. (3 credit hours)

Meetings:

The class will meet from 8:00-10:00 and 11:00-noon on Wednesdays.

Getting Acquainted Form.

Please download from the course web page the “Getting Acquainted Form,” complete it and return it to me by the weekend.

Course Requirements.

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<td>Three exams during the semester</td>
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<td>Bible book outline memorization</td>
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<td>Final examination</td>
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Examinations. Three regular closed-book (including no Bible) exams will be administered according to the course schedule. These will consist of objective, short answer and essay questions covering the content of the lectures, assigned reading and biblical material covered. There will be a section on each exam assessing your Bible reading with objective
(multiple choice, true/false, matching and fill in the blank) questions. These exams will take between one and two hours to write.

**Bible Book Outline Memorization.** Each student will memorize the outlines of Genesis through Joshua included with this syllabus. The outlines for the respective books must be memorized by the dates indicated on the syllabus. There will be no extensions given beyond the due dates for this requirement.

You will give evidence of assignment completion by reciting the respective outlines to a fellow student by the due date. You may make two attempts before having to wait for at least half a day before attempting again. Once you have correctly recited the outline, your fellow student will send notice through the course web page.

**Final Examination.** The final examination will consist of comprehensive essay questions designed to assess your knowledge of the course material and your ability to integrate this knowledge. This exam will be take home, open book and should take your no more than three hours total.

**Required Reading.** The following textbook materials are to be read during the course.

- Bible from Genesis through Joshua.

In addition, the following assigned reading materials will be provided on the course web page, the library reserve shelf and/or hard copy in class:

- Glodo, Michael J. Glodo. “Covenant Sign and Seal (Genesis 17).” Unpublished paper.


The course schedule indicates for which weeks particular readings are assigned. This reading is to be completed by class on the day assigned. While the lecture pace may vary slightly from the schedule, you should keep pace with the readings as assigned.

**Reserve Readings.**

The following materials have been placed on the library reserve shelf for the course.


Bible Book Outlines.

The following outlines of the books Genesis through Joshua should be memorized for the exams as indicated in the course schedule. Bullet points (•) are not subject to examination, but remind your of significant topics contained in their respective sections.

**Genesis.**

I. The primeval history (1-11).
   • Creation (1-2).
   • The fall of man (3).
   • The flood (6:9-10:32).
   • Tower of Babel (11:1-32).

II. The patriarchal history (12-36).
   • The promise to Abraham (12).
   • The cutting of the Abrahamic covenant (15).
   • Circumcision (17).

III. Joseph and the migration to Egypt (37-50).
   • Jacob’s death and blessing (49).

**Exodus.**

I. Israel in Egypt (1:1-11:10).
   • The plagues (7-11).

II. Exodus to Sinai (12-18).
   • The Passover (12)
   • Crossing the Red Sea (14)
   • The Song of Miriam & Moses (15)

III. Covenant and law (19-31).
   • The ten commandments (20:1-17).
   • Instructions for the Tabernacle (25-31).

IV. Rebellion and renewal (32-40).
   • The golden calf and Moses’ intercession (32-33).
   • Consecration of the Tent of Meeting (40).

**Leviticus.**

I. Laws on sacrifice (1-7).

II. Institution of the priesthood (8-10).

III. Uncleanliness and its treatment (11-16).
   • The Day of Atonement (16).

IV. Prescriptions for practical holiness (17-27).
Numbers.

I. The people of God prepare to enter the promised land (1:1-10:10).
II. From Sinai to Kadesh (10:11-12:16).
III. Forty years near Kadesh (13-19).
   • The rebellion of the spies (13-14).
IV. From Kadesh to the plains of Moab (20:1-22:1).
V. Israel in the plains of Moab (22:2-36:13).
   • Balaam and Balak (22-24).

Deuteronomy.

I. Preamble: covenant mediator (1:1-5).
II. Historical prologue: covenant history (1:6-4:49).
III. Stipulations: covenant life (5-26).
   • The ten commandments (5).
   • The shema (6).
IV. Sanctions: covenant ratification (27-30).
V. Dynastic disposition: covenant continuity (31-34).

Joshua.

I. The promised land conquered (1-12).
   • Jericho taken and cursed; Rahab spared (6).
II. The promised land distributed (13-22).
III. The promised land to be kept in covenant obedience (23-24).
Bibliography.

**Hermeneutics/Exegesis:**


Payne, Philip B. “The Fallacy of Equating Meaning with the Human Author’s Intention.” *JETS* 20/3 (1977) 243-52.


Histories & Historiography:


Introductions:


Theologies:
Course Syllabus


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Kline, Meredith G. *Kingdom Prologue.* South Hamilton, Mass: Meredith G. Kline, 1981.

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Textual and Canonical Issues:


Critical Methods:


**Literary Approaches:**


**Preaching:**


**Surveys/Handbooks:**

*Reference Works:*


*Commentaries & Studies.*

*Commentary Sets.*

Bible Student’s Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Reprints of a variety of classical Reformed scholars. Mostly homiletical in nature.
Though moderately higher critical for the most part, there are some
good evangelical contributors. The entire series is very valuable as
a recent work which engages in detailed Hebrew observations and
usually very thorough from a scholarly perspective.

JPS Torah. Excellent scholarly work on the Pentateuch from Jewish
scholars published by the Jewish Publication Society.

Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, repr. 1984. Though over 100 hundred
years old, still very useful for detailed analysis of Hebrew text.

Grove, IL: Intervarsity.  26 vols. available. Although brief, these
provide good coverage from both a scholarly and pastoral
perspective. Excellent for developing outlines of passages.

*One volume.*

Bruce, F. F., ed.  *The International Bible Commentary*.  Grand Rapids:
Zondervan.

Guthrie, Donald.  *New Bible Commentary*.  4th ed.  Grand Rapids:
Eerdmans.

*Genesis.*

Baldwin, Joyce.  TOTC.

Blocher, Henri.  *In the Beginning: The Opening Chapters of Genesis.*

Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982-87.


Jerusalem: Magnes Press, 1961-64.


Hamilton, Victor P.  NICOT.

Kidner, Derek.  TOTC.

Ross, Allen P.  *Creation and Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition

Sarna, Nahum.  JPS Torah.

Waltke, Bruce K.  *Genesis: A Commentary*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan,

Wenham, Gordon J.  *Genesis 10-15 and Genesis 16-50*. WBC.


*Exodus.*

Cole, R. Alan. TOTC.
Durham, John I. WBC.
Sarna, Nahum. JPS Torah.

*Leviticus.*

Harrison, R. K. TOTC.
Hartley, J. WBC.
Levine, Baruch. JPS Torah.
Noordtzij, A. Bible Student’s Commentary.
Wenham, Gordon J. NICOT.

*Numbers.*

Ashley, Timothy R. NICOT.
Budd, Philip J. WBC.
Harrison, R.K. Wycliffe Exegetical.
Milgrom, Jacob. JPS Torah.
Noordtzij, A. Bible Student’s Commentary.
Wenham, Gordon J. TOTC.

*Deuteronomy.*

Christiansen, Duane L. *Deuteronomy 1-11.* WBC.
Craigie, Peter C. NICOT.
Thompson, J.A. TOTC.
Tigay, Jeffrey H. *Deuteronomy.* JPS Torah.

*Joshua.*

Boice, James Montgomery. *Joshua: We Will Serve the Lord.*
Davis, John Jefferson. *No Falling Words.*
Woudstra, Marten H.  NICOT.

Revelation.


Bible, Science and Creation.


Morris, Henry.  The Genesis Record.


Other Issues.