Old Testament Survey, Pt 1

The Church of Chicago

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

One of the issues that plague Christians with the Bible is that we often have a difficult time trying to understand how the Bible works and how it is fits together. This is evident in the way we stumble when we are asked questions like what seems to be the primitive acts of worship in the Old Testament laws and why do we embrace some of these commands and not all. The same is true of Abraham and God's covenant with him. While our primary focus will be to take a brief look at each book of the Old Testament a comprehensive understanding of the Bible will begin to develop and mature. This study will help the disciple get the "big picture". At the same time it will assist in drawing every disciple closer to Christ Jesus.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Have a working knowledge of the Old Testament
- See the pattern, progression and unity of the Old Testament
- To develop the central unifying theme of the Old Testament
- Summarize and outline one O.T. Bible (must be original)
- Gain a greater love for our Lord Jesus Christ through the Word of God

REQUIRED TEXTS

- 1. Holy Bible, *English Standard Version*
- 2. Paul N. Benware, Survey of the Old Testament

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- 1. Bible Dictionary
- 2. David Dockery, Gen Ed, Holman Bible Handbook
- 3. Geoffrey Bromley, Gen Ed, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

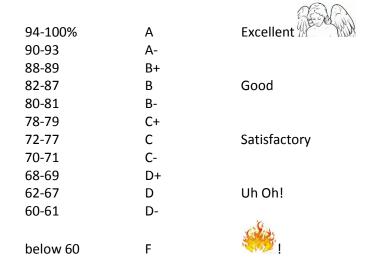
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Attend class. Press on as the days get short and the weather is less welcoming.
- 2. Complete the assigned reading of the texts as indicated. Reading assignments listed for each class session should be completed prior to class attendance in order to maximize the student's comprehension of the subject matter and contribution to the class discussion.
- 3. Assignments: 1) Completed on time. Late assignments result in one point subtracted per day. 2) Font type Calibri & 12 points 3) Submit late assignments to pastor@churchofchicago.org (use read receipt).
- 4. You may skip one full assignment and receive full credit. The final assignment cannot be skipped.

5. Final project: Summarize and outline one O.T. Bible book (must be original).

GRADING SCALE

The grading scale for this course is as follows:



KEEP TRACK OF YOUR GRADES

| Date | Reading 1 Point | Assignment(s) | Possible Points | Actual Points |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Sep 24 | | Genesis | 4.88 | |
| Oct 1 | | Exodus and Leviticus | 9.76 | |
| Oct 8 | | Numbers and Deuteronomy | 9.76 | |
| Oct 15 | | Joshua | 4.88 | |
| Oct 22 | | Judges and Ruth | 9.76 | |
| Oct 29 | | 1 Samuel | 4.88 | |
| Nov 5 | | 2 Samuel | 4.88 | |
| Nov 12 | | 1 Kings | 4.88 | |
| Nov 19 | | 2 Kings | 4.88 | |
| Dec 3 | | 1 and 2 Chronicles | 9.76 | |
| Dec 10 | | Ezra and Esther | 9.76 | |
| Dec 17 | | Nehemiah | 4.88 | |
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| | | TOTAL POINTS → | 99.96 | |

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

| Class Date | Reading for Class | TOPIC | Assignment due |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Sep 17 | Survey of the O.T. | Introduction: | |
| | pp. 1-24 | | |
| Sep 24 | pp. 25-50 | Genesis | Quiz: OT Framework |
| | Genesis 1-50 | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Oct 1 | pp. 51-67 | Exodus and Leviticus | Outline and Summary |
| | Exodus 1-20, 40 & | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| | Leviticus 1-5, 8-10 | | |
| Oct 8 | pp. 68-81 | Numbers and Deuteronomy | Outline and Comment |
| | Numbers 1-3, 11- | | Outline and Summary Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| | 14, 20-21, 32-35 | | Question sheet (answer 5) |
| | and Deuteronomy | | |
| | 1-13, 24-31, 34 | | |
| Oct 15 | pp. 82-90 | Joshua | Outline and Summary |
| | Joshua 1-10, 22-24 | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Oct 22 | pp. 91-101 | Judges and Ruth | Outline and Summary |
| | Judges and Ruth | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Oct 29 | pp. 102-108 | 1 Samuel | Outline and Summary |
| | 1 Samuel | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Nov 5 | pp. 109-114 | 2 Samuel | Outline and Summary |
| | 2 Samuel | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Nov 12 | pp. 115-124 | 1 Kings | Outline and Summary |
| | 1 Kings | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Nov 19 | PP. 125-131 | 2 Kings | Outline and Summary |
| | 2 Kings | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Nov 26 | | THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS | |
| Dec 3 | pp. 132-139 | 1 and 2 Chronicles | Outline and Summary |
| | 1 and 2 Chronicles | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Dec 10 | pp. 140-149 | Ezra and Esther | Outline and Summary |
| | Ezra and Esther | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |
| Dec 17 | pp. 150-156 | Nehemiah | Outline and Summary |
| | Nehemiah | | Question Sheet (answer 5) |