

EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT OTEN 5300

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NOBTS MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

COURSE PURPOSE, CORE VALUE FOCUS AND CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES:

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. These values shape both the context and manner in which all curricula are taught, with “doctrinal integrity” and “academic excellence” especially highlighted in this course.

NOBTS also has seven basic competencies that guide our masters degree programs: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual & Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course addresses the “Biblical Exposition” competency especially helping the student learn to interpret the bible accurately.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to introduce the student to the study of the Old Testament. An understanding of the historical background, literary analysis, and theological message will be presented.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop a basic understanding of the purpose of the Bible, specifically the Old Testament
2. To understand the broad outline of the Old Testament
3. To related historical events to the Old Testament
4. To understand the basic meaning of the Old Testament message in light of its background
5. To see the Old Testament as the foundation upon which the New Testament developed

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

1. *Holy Bible*. In modern translation: RSV, NRSV, NASV, NIV or NASB
2. Lasor, Hubbard, & Bush. *Old Testament Survey: Message, Form and Background of the Old Testament* 2nd Edition

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

A. **Lectures:** Due to the comprehensive nature of the course, although the learning experience is text driven (both LH&B and the Bible), there will be lectures that will deepen and clarify what the student will cover in his/her reading. Information given in the lectures will be a part of the material that the student is responsible for on the mid-term and final exams.

B. Assignments:

1. Exams: There will be a Mid-term exam and a Final exam given. Dates for the exams are given on the class schedule below. These exams will be taken on Blackboard on the dates given. The Mid-Term and Final exam will only be available at a specified time on the day of the exam. These times will be announced in class and posted on the Blackboard Announcement page. These exams will include the material that will be covered up to the time of the exam. The Final is NOT comprehensive, but only covers the material from the Mid-Term. There will only be one attempt allowed to take the test, so the student should be prepared before attempting the test(s). A set time limit will also be given for the tests. The time limit will be posted with the times the exams will be open.

2. Reading Quizzes: A quiz will be given over that week's assignment (Textbook and Bible). The quizzes will be taken on Blackboard after the student has read the material. The quizzes will be available until the dates shown on the Class Schedule (right hand column). There will be a 30 minute time limit on each quiz. There will only be one attempt allowed on each quiz, so the student should be careful to prepare before attempting the quiz.

3. Chronology: (Timeline) – Each student will prepare a chronology of the Old Testament from Abraham to the period of Ezra-Nehemiah. Each chronology should include the names and dates of the patriarchs, other major figures such as kings of Israel and Judah, kings of rival states in the Ancient Near East, prophets, and other persons of interest, major wars, covenants and any other important events that affect the story of salvation history in the Old Testament. The student is free to choose the format that his/her information is to be presented, however, it must be his/her own work. The chronology should be put in digital format and submitted to the Digital Dropbox of Blackboard. Other means of getting it to the professor for grading can be discussed, however, the professor prefers the above method if at all possible. The data for the chronology should be derived from research performed using the sources listed in the “Bibliography” given in the “Course Document” section of Blackboard. Any resources used should be cited and included in the final presentation. Citations should be made in Turabian format using the 7th or later edition. Grading will be based on how complete the information is and the amount of research shown to obtain the information. The Chronology is due December 5th.

4. Interactive Discussions – Each student will post on Blackboard Discussion Board their own discussion thread on each of the areas given. Each student will also comment on at least two other student's posting during each given section. See the schedule and topics for the Discussion Board following the class schedule below.

C. Grading:

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| 1. Exams | 20% each = 40% |
| 2. Quizzes | 20% |
| 3. Chronology | 20% |
| 4. Discussion Board | 20% |

5. Extra Credit: Up to 3 points on the final average can be earned by doing an extra credit project. The student can present a book review of a least 3 pages where the student is awarded 1 point per 150 pages read. The book must be germane to the study of the Old Testament and approved by the professor. The student can also prepare a research paper on a topic approved by the professor. The paper must be at least six pages in length, cite at least 10 sources, and be germane to the study of the Old Testament.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- A. Absences: Due to the nature of the course (lectures) and the necessary fast pace of the class, unnecessary absences are discouraged. The NOBTS catalog guidelines regarding absences will be followed. Any student who misses more than 9 classroom hours cannot receive credit for the course. A grade of "F" will be given to any student who does not attend the required minimum number of hours.
- B. Plagiarism and Cheating: Any student who plagiarizes or who is caught cheating will be immediately reported to the Dean of Students and given a grade of "F" for the course.

Class Schedule: Exploring the Old Testament OTEN 5300

Wk	Date (Fri.)	LH&B Chpts	Description	Bible Reading	Quiz/ Test Dates -Notes
1	8/28	44-51	Authority, Revelation, Canon, Formation of the OT, Geography, Chronology, Archaeology,		9/2
1	8/28	1-3	Pentateuch, Genesis	Genesis	9/2
2	9/4	4-6	Exodus, Leviticus	Exodus, Leviticus	9/9
3	9/11	7-8	Num, Deut.	Num / Deut	9/16
4	9/18	9-11	Former Prophets, Joshua, Judges	Josh / Jud	9/23
5	9/25	12-13	1 st & 2 nd Samuel	1 st & 2 nd Samuel	9/30
6	10/2	14-15	1 st & 2 nd Kings	1 st & 2 nd Kings	10/7
7	10/9		Mid Term Exam		10/14
8	10/16	16, 18-19	Prophets, Amos, Hosea	Amos & Hosea	10/21
9	10/23	20-22	Micah, Isaiah	Micah / Isaiah	10/28 - Break
10	10/30	23-24	Zeph, Nahum, Hab, Jer	Zeph / Nah / Hab, Jer	11/4
11	11/6	25-27, 43	Ezekiel, Daniel & Obadiah	Ezek / Dan / Ob	11/11
12	11/13	28-30	Hag, Zech, Mal	Hag, Zech, Mal	11/18
13	11/20	17, 31-32	Poetry, Psalms	Psalms	11/25
14	11/27	33-34	Wisdom, Proverbs	Proverbs	12/2 - Thanksgiving
15	12/4	35-36	Job, Ecclesiastes	Job / Eccl.	12/5
16	12/11	37-42	Song of Songs, Ezra-Neh, Esther, 1-2 Chron., Ruth, Lamentations	Songs, Ez-Neh, Est, Chrons, Ruth, Lam.	12/8 - Chronology Due
17	12/16		Final Exam		12/11

Dates highlighted in yellow are dates the class will meet on the campus

Interactive Discussion Board Schedule and Topics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
8/29	Genesis – Creation
9/12	Exodus – Deuteronomy
9/19	Joshua – Judges
10/3	Samuel – Kings
10/10	8 th Century Prophets
10/17	7 th -6 th Century Prophets
10/31	Exilic and Post Exilic Prophets
11/14	Poetry
11/21	Wisdom

The topics to discuss are given on the Discussion Board on Blackboard. Also some information is given in Course Information regarding the nature of your postings.

Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan

September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 Genesis 5:1-6:2, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 Genesis 11:1-12:20, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 Genesis 13:1-15:6, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19
- 8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
- 9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
- 10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
- 11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
- 12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
- 13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
- 14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
- 15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
- 16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
- 17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
- 18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
- 19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
- 20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
- 21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
- 22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
- 23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
- 24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
- 25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
- 26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
- 27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
- 28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24
- 29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
- 30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

OCTOBER

- 1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
- 2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35
- 3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2
- 4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4
- 5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6

- 6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9
7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13
8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17
9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19
10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22
11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24
12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27
13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2
14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6
15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8
16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10
17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14
18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17
19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20
20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23
21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3
22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5
23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8
24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11
25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15
26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22
28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26
29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29
30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31
31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

NOVEMBER

- 1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35
2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3
3 Leviticus 25:1-55, Mark 8:1-21, Psalm 30:7-12, Proverbs 7:4-5
4 Leviticus 26:1-46, Mark 8:22-9:1, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 7:6-8
5 Leviticus 27:1-34, Mark 9:2-29, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 7:9-12
6 Numbers 1:1-54, Mark 9:30-50, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 7:13-17
7 Numbers 2:1-3:16, Mark 10:1-22, Psalm 32:1-7, Proverbs 7:18-21
8 Numbers 3:17-4:20, Mark 10:23-45, Psalm 32:8-11, Proverbs 7:22-23
9 Numbers 4:21-5:31, Mark 10:46-11:11, Psalm 33:1-9, Proverbs 7:24-27
10 Numbers 6:1-7:29, Mark 11:12-33, Psalm 33:10-17, Proverbs 8:1-3
11 Numbers 7:30-89, Mark 12:1-27, Psalm 33:18-22, Proverbs 8:4-5
12 Numbers 8:1-10:10, Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 34:1-7, Proverbs 8:6-7
13 Numbers 10:11-11:35, Mark 13:1-20, Psalm 34:8-14, Proverbs 8:8-9
14 Numbers 12:1-14:4, Mark 13:21-37, Psalm 34:15-22, Proverbs 8:10-13
15 Numbers 14:5-45, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 35:1-10, Proverbs 8:14-17
16 Numbers 15:1-41, Mark 14:22-42, Psalm 35:11-16, Proverbs 8:18-19
17 Numbers 16:1-50, Mark 14:43-72, Psalm 35:17-21, Proverbs 8:20-21

- 18 Numbers 17:1-19:8, Mark 15:1-21, Psalm 35:22-28, Proverbs 8:22-24
- 19 Numbers 19:9-21:9, Mark 15:22-47, Psalm 36:1-6, Proverbs 8:25-26
- 20 Numbers 21:10-22:41, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 36:7-12, Proverbs 8:27-29
- 21 Numbers 23:1-24:25, Luke 1:1-23, Psalm 37:1-6, Proverbs 8:30-31
- 22 Numbers 25:1-26:22, Luke 1:24-56, Psalm 37:7-13, Proverbs 8:32-33
- 23 Numbers 26:23-65, Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 37:14-20, Proverbs 8:34-36
- 24 Numbers 27:1-28:31, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 37:21-26, Proverbs 9:1-2
- 25 Numbers 29:1-30:16, Luke 2:21-38, Psalm 37:27-33, Proverbs 9:3-6
- 26 Numbers 31:1-54, Luke 2:39-52, Psalm 37:34-40, Proverbs 9:7-9
- 27 Numbers 32:1-42, Luke 3:1-20, Psalm 38:1-8, Proverbs 9:10-12
- 28 Numbers 33:1-56, Luke 3:21-38, Psalm 38:9-14, Proverbs 9:13-15
- 29 Numbers 34:1-35:34, Luke 4:1-21, Psalm 38:15-22, Proverbs 9:16-18
- 30 Numbers 36:1- Deuteronomy 1:46, Luke 4:22-44, Psalm 39:1-6, Proverbs 10:1-2

DECEMBER

- 1 Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29, Luke 5:1-20, Psalm 39:7-13, Proverbs 10:3-5
- 2 Deuteronomy 4:1-49, Luke 5:21-6:11, Psalm 40:1-5, Proverbs 10:6-8
- 3 Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25, Luke 6:12-36, Psalm 40:6-10, Proverbs 10:9-11
- 4 Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20, Luke 6:37-7:10, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 10:12-14
- 5 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22, Luke 7:11-35, Psalm 41:1-6, Proverbs 10:15-17
- 6 Deuteronomy 11:1-12:19, Luke 7:36-8:3, Psalm 41:7-13, Proverbs 10:18-21
- 7 Deuteronomy 12:20-14:21, Luke 8:4-25, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:22-25
- 8 Deuteronomy 14:22-16:22, Luke 8:26-56, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 10: 26-27
- 9 Deuteronomy 17:1-19:13, Luke 9:1-22, Psalm 44:1-8, Proverbs 10:28-30
- 10 Deuteronomy 19:14-21:23, Luke 9:23-45, Psalm 44:9-16, Proverbs 10:31-32
- 11 Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25, Luke 9:46-62, Psalm 44:17-26, Proverbs 11:1-4
- 12 Deuteronomy 24:1-26:19, Luke 10:1-24, Psalm 45:1-5, Proverbs 11:5-6
- 13 Deuteronomy 27:1-28:14, Luke 10:25-11:4, Psalm 45:6-12, Proverbs 11:7-8
- 14 Deuteronomy 28:15-68, Luke 11:5-28, Psalm 45:13-17, Proverbs 11:9-11
- 15 Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20, Luke 11:29-54, Psalm 46:1-11, Proverbs 11:12-13
- 16 Deuteronomy 31:1-29, Luke 12:1-21, Psalm 47:1-9, Proverbs 11:14-15
- 17 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52, Luke 12:22-40, Psalm 48:1-7, Proverbs 11:16-18
- 18 Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Luke 12:41-59, Psalm 48:8-14, Proverbs 11:19-21
- 19 Joshua 1:1-3:17, Luke 13:1-21, Psalm 49:1-9, Proverbs 11:22-23