



English Exegesis of James: NTEN5317
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Biblical Studies Division

Spring 2018 Term 183

Monday 8x Hybrid CIV from Pensacola to Jacksonville

1/29, 2/12, 2/26, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9 4/23, 5/7

10:00 am – 11:50 am (CST); 11:00 am -12:50 pm (EST)

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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.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values.

- 1. Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding and interpreting of the Bible.
- 2. Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by reminding students that a dynamic relationship with God is vital for effective ministry.
- 3. Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
- 4. Characteristic Excellence:** What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.
- 5. Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment.

The core value focus for this academic year is **Servant Leadership**.

Curriculum Competencies

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competency addressed in this course is Biblical Exposition.

Course Description

An advanced course giving consideration to text-critical, grammatical, syntactical, literary, and historical issues through text analysis in a variety of genres. The course will emphasize sound hermeneutical principles for discovering the meaning of the text and for applying the text in teaching and preaching.

Student Learning Outcomes

The student learning outcomes of this course include the following:

1. Students should understand the state of research related to James
2. Students should gain an increased appreciation for the relevance of the exegetical study of James
3. Students should acquire the ability to apply their understanding of the historical background and context of James to a sound interpretation of the text

Textbooks

1. Nystrom, David P., *The NIV Application Commentary: James*, 1997.
2. Blomberg, Craig, and Mariam Karnell, *James (Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the NT)*, 2008.

Course Teaching Methodology

This course will be taught via multiple pedagogical methods, including but not limited to the following: lectures, readings, student assignments, class discussions, an exegesis paper, and student presentations. Both inductive and deductive approaches to learning will be utilized.

Course Requirements

1. Class attendance and participation in class discussions. (10%)
2. Read the two required textbooks and be prepared for quizzes on the textbooks and related passages in James. (20%)
3. Each student will prepare an exegetical paper on a specific text in James, a theological topic that applies to several texts, or a background issue related to James. The paper topic must be approved by the professor ahead of time. The paper should be a formal research paper about 15 to 20 pages double-spaced in length and done according to Turabian on form and style. (30%)
4. Students will make a presentation of their research paper in class via a PowerPoint or other visual presentation, with 10 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes of discussion by the class of the topic. (10%)
5. Two exams will be given. The mid-term exam will cover the initial introductory information about James and some content from James. The mid-term exam will be an in-class exam. The final exam will be a take-home exam that will be driven by exegesis. This exam will be given to students about 2 weeks before the end of the class (normal time of the final) and is due at the normal time for the final exam in the class. (15% each)

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and information to help in becoming a better writer.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

Evaluation of Grade

Attendance/participation	10%	Exegetical Paper	30%
Quizzes	20%	Presentation of Paper	10%
Mid-term Exam	15%	Final Exam	15%

Course Schedule: Each week, the readings in the two commentaries should be done on the topics and passages indicated in the course schedule, with quizzes at the beginning of the class on the readings and content in James.

Week 1: Introduction to the course and to the book of James, James 1:1 **(Class Date: 1/29)**

Week 2: James 1:2-12

Week 3: James 1:13-27 **(Class Date: 2/12)**

Week 4: James 2:1-13

Week 5: James 2:14-26 **(Class Date: 2/26)**

Week 6: Mid-term exam

Week 7: James 3:1-12 **(Class Date: 3/12)**

Week 8: James 3:13-18

Week 9: James 4:1-10 **(Class Date: 3/26)**

Week 10: James 4:11-17

Week 11: James 5:1-11 **(Class Date: 4/9)**

Week 12: James 5:12-20

Week 13: Exegetical Papers due **(Class Date: 4/23)**

Week 14:

Week 15: Student Visual Presentations of Papers & Class Discussion **(Class Date: 5/7)**

Week 16: Final Exam

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help info is provided on this website.

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