



Old Testament Survey - Syllabus

Course Text(s): **The Bible**
 Survey of the Old Testament, Paul N. Benware

Course Description:

This course is a survey of the history, literature, and content of the Old Testament, with an emphasis on the historical background of the Old Testament and the Christology contained within it. The course will consist of reading and studying the whole of the Old Testament. Students will continue reading the Old Testament throughout the extent of the school year, ultimately completing the entire Old Testament.

Course Objectives and Goals:

To enable the student:

- to gain knowledge of the content of the various books of the Old Testament and their identifying characteristics
- to gain knowledge of the chronology of Old Testament writings and events
- to gain knowledge of the various types of literature in the Old Testament
- to gain knowledge of the cultural settings of the Old Testament World (economic, political, social, and religious), with particular reference to the Hebrew, Egyptian, and Canaanite culture
- to develop skills in moral reasoning by reading and reacting to the foundational texts of Old Testament ethics
- to do reflective self-analysis by applying personal experience and critical thinking to the development of individual values

Class Methodology of Teaching:

- Class lectures
- Student interaction
- Interaction with the Biblical text
- Question and answer opportunities

Course Requirements:

1. Participate in class discussion.
2. Outside assignments (homework):
 - a. Reading: The text of the Old Testament
 - b. Textbook: Students must become familiar with ***Survey of the Old Testament*** by Paul N. Benware during the course of the study by using it in cooperation with their reading of the Old Testament
3. Class attendance and punctuality is required.
4. In case of an absence:
 - a. ***The student*** must view the lecture of the missed class before the next class.
 - b. ***The student*** is responsible for obtaining any handouts, homework assignments, etc. that were given when the student was absent.
 - c. ***The student*** is to be current on all assignments by the next class, keeping the same pace with the instructor and other students.
 - d. The textbook quiz and Old Testament reading quiz are due each week, regardless of an absence.

Textbook reading and quiz assignments are in your Intro Course. All quizzes must be completed by Wednesday at 11:59pm EST prior to the next class on Thursday.