OT 500 Old Testament Survey
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Location: Boston, MA C.U.M.E.
Time: This course will fulfill the requirement for 37.5 hours in the following manner:

6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday
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Group Project and Presentation-4 hours
6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday Final exam

Course Objective
This course concentrates on the overall content of the entire Old Testament with its historical, geographical, and cultural backgrounds. Only the English version of the Bible will be used. While the basic content of each individual book will be given, emphasis will be placed on how each book fits into the overall story of the Old Testament. This course objective is consistent with Article #1 of the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Mission Statement which states: “To encourage students to become knowledgeable of God's inerrant Word, competent in its interpretation, proclamation and application in the contemporary world.”

Course Requirements
Students will be expected to complete all assigned readings and participate in class discussions. The final course grade will be determined on the basis of a Group assignment and Presentation 20%, Midterm Exam 20%, and a Final Exam 60%. Two or more unexcused absences will result in an automatic ½ point grade deduction from your final grade. There are no Reading Weeks for this course.

Required Texts
1) Kaminski, C., CASKET Study Guide, 2005
2) Kaminski, C., God’s Story in the Old Testament through CASKET

Sept. 16
Intro. to Course, Overview of Genesis and Exodus
Required Reading for Sept. 17
  Bible-Genesis 1-12, 15-17, 22, 27-28, Exodus 1-15, 20-24, 32-24 Leviticus 1-5,
  Numbers 1-14, Deuteronomy 4-9, 27-30, 32, Joshua 1-10, 24, Judges 1-3, 19,
  Ruth 1-4.
  CASKET Study Guide p. 222 read the required reading for weeks 1-2.
  Articles-Date of Exodus and Judges 19 and Sex Crimes

Sept. 17
Overview of Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua and Judges

Required Reading for Oct. 14
  Bible-I Samuel 1-9, 15-16, II Samuel 1-7, I Kings-All, Hosea-All, Amos-All,
  Obadiah-All, Jonah-All
  Casket Study Guide p. 222 read the required reading for weeks 3-5.

Oct. 14
Overview of Northern Kingdom and prophets lecture pt. 1

Required Reading for Oct. 15
  Bible-II Kings, II Chronicles, Job
  Casket Study Guide p. 222 read the required reading for weeks 6-9

Oct. 15
Midterm Exam
Overview of Northern Kingdom and prophets lecture pt. 2
Overview of Southern Kingdom and prophets lecture pt. 1

Required Reading for Dec. 2
  Bible-II Chronicles 36, Ezra-All, Nehemiah-1-5, Psalms 1-20, 51
  Casket Study Guide-finish remaining chapters

Dec 2
Southern Kingdom and prophets lecture pt. 2
Wisdom literature lecture

Required Reading for Dec 3
  Bible-Isaiah 1-9 and ch. 44, Jeremiah 1-11, 31-33, Ezekiel 1-10, Daniel-All
  Haggai-All, Zechariah-All, Malachi-All

Dec 3
Group Presentations
Exile and Temple lecture

Dec 9 Final exam 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Group Project Sunday School lesson plan

1) Development of a Sunday School Lesson Plan based on lectures, readings, and additional research focusing on the theme of “Grace in the Old Testament”. The 4 hours of this project includes two 45 minute group meetings (to be scheduled by the group members) and approximately 2 hours for the individual members to prepare their portion of the group assignment.

2) Should be 4-5 pages, typed and double spaced.

3) Presentations should be a summary of your Lesson Plan project NOT a word for word description of the actual Sunday School Lesson Plan.

4) Visuals or props for presentation are encouraged. However, your grade will be based on the content of your presentation and the written assignment.

5) Individuals will be assigned to groups on the first day of class.

6) This project should take no less than 4 hours to complete. Groups should plan to meet at least twice before the presentation for no less than 45 minutes at each meeting. The additional 2 hours is what you will likely need to prepare your individual section of the assignment.

7) Further details of the project will be given out in class.
Additional Recommended but not Required Texts and Articles