Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston
OT 500 Old Testament Survey
Provisional Course Outline
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Office hours: Mon. 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.,
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For an appointment outside of my normal office hours please call or email me your request.

Course Date and Time
• Each Wednesday September 10, 2014-December 10, 2014 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
• Although, the first session of in-class instruction is September 10, 2014, all GCTS-Boston students are required to attend the Integrative Seminar on September 6, 2014
• No class during reading weeks: October 14-18 and November 11-15
• No class on November 26, 2014 (the day before Thanksgiving)

Course Objective
This course concentrates on the overall content of the entire Old Testament with its historical, geographic, and cultural backgrounds. Only the English translation 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, “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 course quiz-30%, book review-20%, and a Final Exam-50%. Grading scale is on a 100% scale (90=A--; 92.5=A; 97.5=A+)

Course Relationship to the Curriculum
OT 500 Old Testament Survey fulfills the OT Survey requirement for all Diploma and Master’s degree programs.
Required Texts

1) Kaminski, C., *CASKET Empty: God’s Plan of Redemption through History Casket Study Guide* (available in the Boston or South Hamilton Bookstore, Amazon.com or at casketempty.com)

2) Kaminski, C., *CASKET Empty: God’s Plan of Redemption through History Old Testament Timeline* (available in the Boston or South Hamilton Bookstore, Amazon.com or at casketempty.com)

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**
Lecture: Introduction to Course and Genesis
Homework: Start reading Casket Empty Study Guide and read Genesis-Exodus in your Bible.

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**
Lecture: Exodus-Numbers
Homework: Continue reading Casket Empty Study Guide and read Numbers-Judges in your Bible.

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**
Lecture: Deuteronomy-Judges and Introduction to United Kingdom part I
Homework: Continue reading Casket Empty Study Guide and read Joshua-II Samuel

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**
Lecture: Quiz and Introduction to United Kingdom part II
Homework: Continue reading Casket Empty Study Guide, complete reading Joshua-II Samuel
Select choice from approved books for OT book review

**Wednesday, October 8, 2014**
Lecture: Northern Kingdom and Northern Prophets pt. 1

**Wednesday, October 15, 2014-No class Reading Week**
Wednesday, October 22, 2014
Lecture: Northern Kingdom and Northern Prophets pt. 2
Homework: Read Ezekiel, Jonah, Hosea, and book for book review

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Lecture: Overview of Southern Kingdom and Southern Prophets pt. 1 and Introduction to Wisdom Literature pt. 1
Homework: Read Jeremiah, Habakkuk and book for book review

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Lecture: Overview of Southern Kingdom and Southern Prophets pt. 2 and Wisdom Literature pt. 2
Homework: Read Nehemiah and Ezra and complete book review—due Nov. 19

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 No class Reading Week

Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Lecture: Exile and Temple pt. 1
Submit Book Review
Homework: Read Obadiah, Zephaniah, Zechariah, and Malachi
Study for final exam on December 10, 2014

Wednesday, November 26, 2014 No class day before Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Lecture: Exile and Temple pt. 2
Homework: Study for final exam on December 10, 2014

Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Final Exam

Additional Recommended but not Required Books and Articles


Laney, Carl J. “God’s Self-Revelation in Exodus 34:6-8,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 158.


