Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston
OT 500 Old Testament Survey Syllabus
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Course Location: GCTS, Boston 90 Warren St. Roxbury, MA
Course Time: September 12, 2015 Sat. 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (CUME Convocation, Orientation, and Spiritual Formation Seminars required for all Boston Campus students)
September 15, 2015-December 18, 2015 Tues. 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Reading Weeks (no classes) Oct. 12-16 and Nov. 9-13

Course Description
This course concentrates on the overall content of the entire Old Testament with its historical, geographical, 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 Objectives

1. Students will learn the basic themes of each Old Testament book. (Cf. M.Div. degree goals: 2., 5. MAR degree goal: 1.)
2. Students will become familiar with the historical, geographical, and cultural backgrounds of the Old Testament. (Cf. M.Div. degree goals: 4., 6. MAR degree goal: 1.)
3. Students will be able to articulate the significance of the covenants, the Tabernacle, and the presence of God in the Old Testament. (Cf. M.Div. degree goals: 3., 4. MAR degree goal: 1.)

Course Requirements
Students must complete all assigned readings and participate in class discussions. The final course grade will be determined on the basis of course quizzes 30%, homework assignments
10%, and a final exam 60%. Grading scale is based upon 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. Students in the GCTS, Boston Diploma program will learn the Hebrew alphabet in this course as part of the prerequisites for OT In-Depth courses.

**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)
Course Outline

September 15, 2015
• Lecture One: Introduction to course, Pentateuch part one.
• Homework: Read Pentateuch, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS, read Kaminski's chs. 1-2.

September, 22, 2015
• Lecture Two: Pentateuch part two.
• Homework: Read Pentateuch, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS, read Kaminski ch. 3.

September 29, 2015
• Lecture Three: Joshua-Ruth, United Kingdom part one.
• Homework: Read Joshua-II Samuel, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS and answer discussion questions, read Kaminski ch. 4.

October 6, 2015
• Lecture Four: United Kingdom part two, Northern Kingdom and Northern Prophets part one.
• Homework: Read Joshua-II Samuel, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS, read Kaminski ch. 5 and prepare for course quiz #1 on October 20.

October 12-16 Reading Week no class

October 20, 2015
• Quiz #1
• Lecture Five: Northern Kingdom and Northern Prophets part two.
• Homework: Read I and II Kings, read Amos, Hosea, Jonah and Nahum, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS and answer discussion questions, read Kaminski ch. 6.

October 27, 2015
• Lecture Six: Southern Kingdom and Southern Prophets part one.
• Homework: Read 1 and II Chronicles, read Micah and Isaiah, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS and answer discussion questions, read Kaminski ch. 7.

November 3, 2015
• Lecture Seven: Southern Kingdom and Southern Prophets part two.
• Homework: Read Jeremiah, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS, study for course quiz #2.

November 9-13 Reading Week no class

November 17, 2015
• Quiz #2
• Lecture Eight: Introduction to Poetical Books part one.
• Homework: Read Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastics, Songs of Solomon, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS and answer discussion questions.

November 24, 2015
• Lecture Nine: Introduction to Poetical Books part two, Exile lecture part one.
• Homework: Read Habakkuk, Ezekiel, and Daniel, read Hill and Walton essays posted to CAMS and answer discussion questions.

December 1, 2015
• Lecture Ten: Exile lecture part two, Temple lecture part one.
• Homework: Read Haggai, Zechariah, Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah and Malachi. Study for final exam.

December 8, 2015
• Lecture Eleven: Temple lecture part two.
• Homework: Study for final exam.

December 15, 2015-Final Exam
Additional Recommended but not Required Books and Articles


