OT/NT 901 SEMINAR IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY
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I  Course Description

A seminar focusing on the theological message of the Bible with a survey of critical issues in contemporary scholarship and instruction on research methods and writing. Required of all Th.M. students with a concentration in the Biblical Studies Division (NT, OT, Biblical Theology). This course seeks to prepare the Th.M. student for advanced work in biblical exegesis and theology.

II  Class schedule

Sep 16  Introduction: Avoidable errors - case studies
Sep 23  Adamic Covenant
Student Presentation: Williamson  Ch 2
Student Presentation: Niehaus  “Covenant, an Idea”
Sep 30  Adamic/Noahic Covenant
Student Presentation: Williamson  Ch 3
Student presentation: Hahn  Ch 4
Student Presentation: Dumbrell  Ch 2
Oct  7  NO CLASS - PROFESSOR IN CHARLOTTE
Oct 14  READING WEEK   Biblical Theology: Issues, Methods, and Themes
Oct 21  Abrahamic Covenant
Student Presentation: Williamson  Ch 4
Student Presentation: Hahn  Ch 5
Student Presentation: Niehaus  “Covenant and Narrative”
Oct 28  Mosaic Covenant
Student Presentation: Williamson  Ch 5
Student Presentation: Hahn  Ch 3
Nov  4  NO CLASS - PROFESSOR IN CHARLOTTE
Nov 11  READING WEEK   Sealed with an Oath
Nov 18  NO CLASS - PROFESSOR AT ETS CONFERENCE
Nov 25  THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Dec  2  Mosaic Covenant and New Covenant - Law and Gospel
Davidic Covenant
Student Presentation: Williamson  Ch 6
Student Presentation: Hahn  Ch 7
Dec  9  New Covenant
Student Presentation: Williamson  Ch 7
Student Presentation: Hahn  Ch 8
Student presentation: Hahn  Ch 9
Dec 16  Conclusion - open discussion
Student Presentation: Niehaus  ANETBT
III  Course requirements

1  **Student presentation.** Each student will give a half hour presentation on the topics indicated in the schedule above. The presentation may involve the use of visual media. Handouts are recommended. The presentation counts 30% of the course grade.

2  **Reading Weeks.** Please note that there are assigned readings for each reading week. The student must submit in writing a statement that he/she has completed the reading assigned for each reading week. Submission due at the first class following each reading week, respectively: one hard copy page, no electronic submissions.

3  **Final paper.** The final paper must offer a comprehensive understanding of the divine-human biblical covenants (i.e., the covenants discussed during the course sessions). It must be 20 pages long. Footnotes or endnotes are acceptable. The final paper counts 60% of the course grade. Due 4 p.m. 20 Dec. (January grads 8 a.m. 19 Dec.)

4  **Reading Report.** Each student must read the assigned texts (but not Turabian, which is just a handbook). Please enter the amount you have read on the reading report at the end of this syllabus, and submit it with your final paper. Reading reports submitted late will receive fractional credit (including the possibility of no credit) at the professor’s discretion.

IV  Required Textbooks


V Other Required Readings


Niehaus, Jeffrey, “Covenant and Narrative, God and Time” JETS 53 (2010), 535-559

VI Recommended Textbooks


Students who have not been introduced to biblical theology in their previous studies are advised to expose themselves to at least one Old Testament theology and one New Testament theology as quickly as possible (or a book such as Charles H. H. Scobie, The Ways of Our God: An Approach to Biblical Theology. For the New Testament one should read one of the theologies by Ladd, Schreiner, Marshall, Thielmann or Caird. Suggestions regarding the theology of the Old Testament may be found at http://www.denverseminary.edu/article/annotated-old-testament-bibliography-2009/#theology
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