I    COURSE DESCRIPTION

A general introduction to the theology of the first five books of the Bible. The doctrine and nature of creation will be considered as the foundation of all further revelation. The nature of the image of God and its implications for the nature of God's kingdom and presence will also be studied. The primacy of covenant in all of God's dealings will also appear. The major objective will be to inform and strengthen the student's commitment to the scripture as the Word of God.

II    COURSE SCHEDULE

1 Feb    Lecture 1    Creation and Covenant
8 Feb    Lecture 2    Critical Approaches to the Pentateuch
15 Feb   Lecture 3    The Same, cont
22 Feb   READING WEEK
1 Mar    Lecture 4    Creation, cont.
8 Mar    Test on Lectures 1-4
          Lecture 5    Imago Dei
15 Mar   Lecture 6    The Temple
22 Mar   READING WEEK
29 Mar   Lecture 7    Sin and Satan
5 Apr    Lecture 8    God and Theophany: between Adam and Moses
12 Apr   NO CLASS (PROFESSOR AWAY)
19 Apr   Lecture 9    Moses and the Gods of Egypt
19 Apr   Lecture 10   Covenant and Conquest,
                  God and War
III COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A Required readings = REQUIRED TEXTS (WITH PAGES TO BE READ), as listed below. Required readings will count 20% of the course grade and must be reported by 9 May (Seniors 29 April). Use reading report attached to syllabus. Reading reports submitted late will not receive full credit, but will receive proportional credit at the discretion of the professor.

Required readings are as follows:

Required Texts

House, Paul R., Old Testament Theology (IVP, 1998)
Johnson, Phillip, Darwin on Trial (IVP, 1993)
Kline, Meredith, Kingdom Prologue (Two Age Press, 2000)
Niehaus, Jeffrey J., God at Sinai (Zondervan, 1995)
----------------------, Ancient Near Eastern Themes in Biblical Theology (Kregel, 2008)
----------------------, “An Argument against Theologically Constructed Covenants,” JETS 50, No. 2 (June, 2007), pp 259-273 On CAMS
----------------------, "Covenant and Narrative, God and Time," JETS 53, No. 3 (September, 2010), pp 535-559 On CAMS

B Old Testament Reading

1 For Lectures 1-7, read Genesis carefully.
2 For Lectures 8-9, read Exodus and Deuteronomy carefully.

C Little Test

One one-hour test will be given. The test will cover specified lectures (as indicated on the COURSE SCHEDULE). The test will count 30% of the course grade.

D Final examination

A final examination will be given, and will count 50% of the course grade. The final exam will be taken at home. It will be an essay-style exam. You may take one hour and a half to complete the exam in handwritten form. Once you have completed it, you must copy your handwritten version and submit the exam in typewritten form, single-spaced.

Please note: handwritten exams will not be accepted.
Please mail the exam directly to the professor
The final exam must be submitted/postmarked 9 May (Seniors 29 April).
IV SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY


Cassuto, Umberto, The Documentary Hypothesis (Jerusalem: Magnes, 1941).


Finn, A. H., The Unity of the Pentateuch (London: Marshall Bros., Ltd.)

Gaebelein, Frank E., The Expositor's Bible Commentary (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982).


Harris, Robert Laird, Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1957).


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