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 12  Introduction: Avoidable errors—case studies
Sep 19  PROFESSOR IN CHARLOTTE
Sep 26  Adamic Covenant—Significance of Narrative  
Student Presentation: Williamson Ch 2  
Student Presentation: Niehaus “Covenant, an Idea”  
Student Presentation: Kline Ch 1-5
Oct  3  Adamic Covenant and Noahic Covenant  
Student Presentation: Williamson Ch 3  
Student presentation: Hahn Ch 4  
Student Presentation: Dumbrell Ch 2
Oct 10  Abrahamic Covenant—Covenant Cutting / Sustaining Idioms  
Student Presentation: Williamson Ch 4  
Student Presentation: Hahn Ch 5  
Student Presentation: Niehaus “God’s Covenant with Abraham”
Oct 17  READING WEEK—Hafemann, “The Covenant Relationship”
Oct 24  Mosaic Covenant—Narrative and the Covenant Sign  
Student Presentation: Williamson Ch 5  
Student Presentation: Hahn Ch 3
Oct 31  Mosaic Covenant and New Covenant - Law and Gospel  
Student Presentation: Thielman Ch 2
Nov  8  Stuff
Nov 14  READING WEEK—Dean, “Covenant, Conditionality,” etc.
Nov 21  PROFESSOR AWAY
Nov 28  THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Dec  5  Davidic Covenant—Narrative and the Cutting Idiom  
Student Presentation: Williamson Ch 6  
Student Presentation: Hahn Ch 7
Dec 12  New Covenant; Conclusion - open discussion  
Student Presentation: Niehaus “Covenant and Narrative”  
Student Presentation: Ladd Ch 4-5  
Student Presentation: Hahn Ch 8-9
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. 16 Dec (Jan graduates, 5 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. The reading report counts 60% of the course grade

IV Required Textbooks

Kline, Meredith, *God, Heaven and Har Magedon* (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2006)
V Other Required Readings

Dean, David Andrew, “Covenant, Conditionality, and Consequence: New Terminology and a Case Study in the Abrahamic Covenant,” JETS 57/2 (June, 2014), 281–308. CAMS


VI Recommended Resources


-----------------------------------, Created in God’s Image (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986).

Kline, Meredith G., Images of the Spirit (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980).


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