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

25 Jan Lecture 1 Creation and Covenant
1 Feb Lecture 2 Critical Approaches to the Pentateuch
8 Feb Lecture 3 The Same, cont
15 Feb READING WEEK
22 Feb Lecture 4 Creation, cont.
1 Mar Test on Lectures 1-4
Lecture 5 Imago Dei
8 Mar Lecture 6 The Temple
15 Mar Lecture 7 Sin and Satan
22 Mar READING WEEK
29 Mar Lecture 8 God and Theophany: between Adam and Moses
5 Apr Lecture 9 Moses and the Gods of Egypt
12 Apr Lecture 10 Covenant and Conquest,
God and War
19 Apr NO CLASS (PROFESSOR AWAY)
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 3 May (Seniors 23 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," article, pp 1-47 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
Do not submit the completed exam to the office at GCTS.
The final exam must be submitted/postmarked 3 May (Seniors 23 April).
IV SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY


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


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


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