



OT 500 Old Testament Survey

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Objective of O.T. 500:

The aim of this class is to obtain a clear understanding of the diverse theological implications that are found within the corpus of the O.T. In order to achieve this theological task, we will incorporate the historic contexts of the themes that are under investigation and other exegetical tools (e.g., exile and covenant). Once this is successfully executed, the student will have a clearer and concrete comprehension of the general theological themes and ramifications of the O.T. This class will prepare and enable the student to explore in depth other historical, exegetical and theological concepts within the O.T. corpus.

For further questions regarding O.T. 500, I can be contacted by email at: testamentum@hotmail.com.

I will respond to your inquires within one or two business days.

The class will evolve in the following order:

The student has to be prepared to participate in class discussion. This is a significant component of O.T. 500. *All the reading assignments must be completed before the first day of class.*

Reading assignments for O.T. 500:

Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard, *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2006 (ISBN # 0310263417).

John H. Walton and Andrew E. Hill, *Old Testament Today: A Journey from Ancient Context to Contemporary Relevance*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013 (ISBN # 9780310498209).

- September 2017, pp. 38 – 119 (Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard).
- September 2017, pp. 121 – 264 (Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard).
- October 2017, pp. 265 – 370 (Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard).
- October 2017, pp. 371 – 469 (Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard).
- October 2017, pp. 470 – 502 (Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard).
- John H. Walton and Andrew E. Hill's book has to be incorporated in its entirety with the above reading assignments.

Bible readings:

- September 29 - October 3, 2017, Genesis 12; Exodus 18 and Joshua 1.
- October 6 - 10, 2017, Psalms 51; 2 Samuel 15-16 and 1 Kings 17-18.
- October 13 - 17, 2017, 2 Kings 5, 25.
- October 20 - 24, 2017, Jeremiah 52 and Genesis 17.
- October 26 - 29, 2017, Jeremiah 31 and Jonah 1- 4.

Class evaluation of O.T. 500:

The following section, step by step shows the percentage by which the student will be evaluated once the O.T. 500, class is culminated.

- **Reading assignments:**
 - a) Tremper Longman and Raymond B. Dillard, *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2006.

 - b) John H. Walton and Andrew E. Hill, *Old Testament Today: A Journey from Ancient Context to Contemporary Relevance*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013 (30%).

- **Participation in class (20%).**
 - a) Students are expected to participate to contribute to the development of the class. In this sense, the students will experience a reciprocal learning process that will enhance their ability to assimilate complex theological and hermeneutical concepts interconnected to the O.T. corpus.

- **Group presentation (25%).**
 - a) The students of O.T. 500 will make a presentation of an O.T. theme the final day of class. This pedagogical task will be achieved by selecting students to form several groups.

- **Final paper (25%).**
 - a) The final research paper can be between 15-20 pages (Times Romans [12]). The subject of the paper can be decided with the approval of the instructor during class. This investigation has to have substantial footnotes and bibliography. The bibliography is not part of the pages of the research paper. The bibliography has to be of academic level.

Grade criteria:

A / 100 - 95 %
A- / 94 - 90 %
B+ / 89 - 87 %
B / 86 - 84 %
B- / 83 - 80 %
C+ / 79 - 77 %
C / 76 - 74 %
D+ / 69 - 67 %
D / 66 - 64 %
F / 63 - 0 %

Further readings:

Brueggemann, Walter. *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997 (ISBN # 0800699319).

Birch, Bruce C., Walter Brueggemann, Terence E. Fretheim, and David L. Petersen. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005 (ISBN # 9780687066766).

Childs, Brevard S. *Old Testament Theology in a Canonical Context*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1986 (ISBN # 0800627725).

-----, *Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments: Theological Reflection on the Christian Bible*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993 (ISBN # 9780800698324).

Eichrodt, Walther. *Theology of the Old Testament Vol. 1*. Louisville [Ky.]: Westminster John Knox, 1961 (ISBN # 9780664223083).

-----, *Theology of the Old Testament Vol. 2*. Louisville [Ky.]: Westminster John Knox, 1967 (ISBN # 9780664223090).

Rad, Gerhard von. *Old Testament Theology Vol. 1*. Louisville [Ky.]: Westminster John Knox, 2001 (ISBN # 0664224075).

-----, *Old Testament Theology Vol. 2*. Louisville, [Ky.]: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001 (ISBN # 9780664224080).

Rendtorff, Rolf *The Canonical Hebrew Bible: A Theology of the Old Testament*. Leiden, the Netherlands: Deo Pub, 2005 (ISBN # 9058540200)..

