

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY, BI-101-M
Bible and Theological Studies [3 credits]
Fall 2014, Christian Life College - Madison

I. INSTRUCTORS

Although this course will utilize many capable and qualified instructors, the lead instructor for the course will be Greg Pechacek (gpechacek@mail.citychurchonline.org). Further information about this course is available through email at clcmadison@gmail.com or by phone at 608-212-1528, ext. 302. Complete information about CLCM is available at: <http://citychurchonline.org/christian-life-college>.

II. SCHEDULE

Thursday evenings, September 5 to December 19, with class times from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. CLCM meets at Abundant Life Christian School, room #202, 4901 E Buckeye Rd., Madison, WI.

III. DESCRIPTION

The Old Testament serves as the beginning of the revelation of God's heart for humanity. For some, the Old Testament can be a daunting challenge. Yet, the revelation of God in the Old Testament makes our New Testament faith fuller and richer. The Old Testament offers an exciting discovery of the character and ways of God. From the beginning of the world in the opening chapters of Genesis thru to the last prophecies of Malachi, God was clearly at work in humankind, preparing the world for the revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ. We have the privilege of hearing God's revelations of himself through all of this history and the challenge of applying it to our world today.

IV. OBJECTIVES

- A. To immerse the student in the text of the Old Testament books.
- B. To become familiar with the basic elements in the production of the OT.
- C. To be able to recognize the various types of literature in the OT.
- D. To know the general outline of Israel's history as portrayed in the OT.
- E. To understand issues of authorship, dating, role of scribes and scrolls, the Hebrew language, historical background, and geography.
- F. To get a firm handle on the thematic unity AND broad diversity of the OT texts.
- G. To recognize OT trajectories pointing to Jesus and the New Testament.

V. TEXTBOOKS

- A. Required:
 1. *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey (Third Edition)* by Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer (Baker, 2015)
 2. *Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World* by Andy Stanley (Zondervan, 2018)
- B. Recommended:
 1. *How to Read the Bible Book by Book* by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart (Zondervan, 2002)
 2. *Relationship of Old and New Testament* by G. Goldsworthy in *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology (IVP, 2000)*
 3. *Five Views on Law and Gospel* edited by Stanley N. Gundry (Zondervan, 1996)
- C. Reference:

1. Old Testament Theology for Christians by John H. Walton (IVP, 2017)
2. *Old Testament Law for Christians* by Roy E. Kane (Baker, 2017)
3. *40 Questions about Christians and Biblical Law*, Thomas Schreiner (Kregel, 2010)
4. *Gospel and Law: Contrast or Continuum* by Daniel Fuller (Fuller Seminary Press, 1990)
5. *Paul and the Law; Keeping the Commandments of God* by Brian Rosner (IVP, 2013)
6. *The Law and its Fulfillment: A Pauline Theology of Law* by Thomas R. Schreiner (Baker, 1993)
7. *The Law and the New Testament: A Question of Continuity* by Frank Thielman (Crossroad Publishing, 1999)
8. *Continuity and Discontinuity: Perspectives on the Relationship Between the Old and New Testaments* edited by John Feinberg (Crossway, 1988)
9. *The Unity of the Bible* by Daniel P. Fuller (Zondervan, 1992)

VI. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Quizzes and Reading Assignments – Sections from the OT will be read in conjunction with the course lectures (see course schedule). Weekly quizzes will be given on this material. See the course syllabus for the dates of these quizzes and material to be covered each week. If a quiz is missed with a legitimate excuse, the student should see the instructor about making it up. However, only three quizzes may be made up during the course of the class.
- B. Thesis Paper - Students will write a 3,500-word paper on the relationship of the OT to the NT using Andy Stanley's book, *Irresistible*. A summary of the current scholarly arguments followed by a concise thesis statement should compose the 1-2 paragraph introduction. The body of the paper should contain arguments that are careful to address both opposing views and the author's thesis. The paper should end with a 1-2 paragraph summation of your conclusions. Internet sources—though helpful in orienting students to the current debate—should be used cautiously and sparingly. All papers should be written in APA style, double spaced, in 12 point, Times New Roman font. For writing and citing help see the APA cheat at: www.citychurchonline.org/christian-life-college. All uploaded written paper assignments must be submitted in Word format for ease of grading. Please do not submit papers in PDF or Google Docs.
- C. Mid-term and Final Exams – Students will write two examinations based on the lecture material and textbook reading.
- D. Attendance is mandatory - Failure to attend classes will result in a reduction of one letter grade after 3 excused absences. An absence is considered excused when accompanied with a short email, sent prior to the absence, to the lead instructor explaining the absence.

VII. GRADING

	Percentage
Examinations on Lectures	40%
Weekly Reading and Quizzes	40%
Final Paper	20%

Letter Grade	Scores	Description	GPA
A	93-100	Excellent	4.00
A-	90-92		3.67
B+	88-89	Very Good	3.33
B	83-87	Good	3.00
B-	80-82	Above Average	2.67
C+	78-79		2.33

C	73-77	Average	2.00
C-	70-72		1.67
D+	68-69	Below Average	1.33
D	63-67	Passing	1.00
D-	60-62		.67
F	0-59	Failure	.00
I		Incomplete	

VIII. EXTENSIONS: There will be no extensions in this class except for extenuating family emergencies or medical reasons. Incompletes occur when class work is not completed during the semester. Incompletes automatically become "F" thirty days after the semester ends.

IX. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Academic dishonesty constitutes a serious violation of scholarship standards at CLCM and can result in denial of credit and possible dismissal from school. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on assignments or exams, plagiarism, fabrication of research, the facilitation of academic dishonesty, and depriving others of necessary research materials.

X. CREDIT AND AUDIT

- A. The current cost of 3 credits is \$400. Fees are due on a schedule of ½ before the first class, and the final ½ before the fourth class. Other arrangements may be made if done with prior approval. Students who pay in full at or before the first class will receive a \$25 discount. Students who register and pay in full at least 2 weeks before the first class will receive an additional \$25 discount. Successful completion of this course will result in 3 credits towards an Associate of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Christian Life College, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.
- B. This course may be audited for a lecture fee of \$150. Students who pay in full at or before the first class will receive a \$25 discount. Students who register and pay in full at least 2 weeks before the first class will receive an additional \$25 discount. There are no reading, paper, or exam requirements, but auditing students are urged to do all they can to keep in step with the reading and lecture schedule in order to gain the maximum benefit from the course. Graduates of CLCM may audit any course at the greatly reduced price of \$50 per course.
- C. Application Fee – There is a one-time Registration and Application fee of \$25. This one-time fee must accompany every first-time application for enrollment or audit.
- D. Anyone may audit up to three class periods at no charge.

XI. COURSE SCHEDULE

Week/Date	Lecture Topic/Focus	Assignment Schedule	Lecturer
Week 1 September 5, 2014	Class Orientation & Introduction to the Pentateuch	Encountering OT 1-50	Greg Pechacek
Week 2 September 12	Genesis and Exodus	Encountering OT 51-90 Week 2 Bible Reading Week 2 Quiz	
Week 3 September 19	Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Encountering OT 91-130 Week 3 Bible Reading Week 3 Quiz	

Week 4 September 26	Introduction to the Historical Books and Joshua, Judges and Ruth	Encountering OT 131-168 Week 4 Bible Reading Week 4 Quiz	
Week 5 October 3	Samuel Kings Chronicles	Encountering OT 169-238 Week 5 Bible Reading Week 5 Quiz	
Week 6 October 10	Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Encountering OT 239-256 Week 6 Bible Reading Week 6 Quiz	
Week 7 October 17	Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam: Wks. 1-6	Greg Pechacek
Week 8 October 24	Introduction to Poetic Books and Job and Psalms	Encountering OT 257-290 Week 8 Bible Reading Week 8 Quiz	
Week 9 October 31	Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs	Encountering OT 291-316 Week 9 Bible Reading Week 9 Quiz	
Week 10 November 7	Introduction to Prophetic Books and Isaiah	Encountering OT 317-364 Week 10 Bible Reading Week 10 Quiz	
Week 11 November 14	Jeremiah Lamentations	Encountering OT 365-390 Week 11 Bible Reading Week 11 Quiz	
Week 12 November 21	Ezekiel Daniel	Encountering OT 391-428 Week 12 Bible Reading Week 12 Quiz	
November 28	Thanksgiving Break	No Assignments	N/A
Week 14 December 5	Minor Prophets Hosea - Micah	Encountering OT 429-447 Week 14 Bible Reading Research Paper Due	
Week 15 December 12	Minor Prophets Nahum - Malachi	Encountering OT 448-466 Week 15 Bible Reading Thesis Paper Due	
Week 16 December 19	Final Exam	Final Exam: Wks. 8-15	Greg Pechacek

*All dates and assignments are tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the lead instructor, according to the development of the course material. Be alert in class for any announcements of changes.

XII. OLD TESTAMENT READING SCHEDULE

Week #2
Genesis 1 - 3

Genesis 6 - 9
Genesis 11

Genesis 12
Genesis 15

Genesis 22
 Genesis 27 - 28
 Genesis 32
 Genesis 37
 Genesis 45
 Exodus 1 - 3
 Exodus 7
 Exodus 14
 Exodus 19 - 20
 Exodus 32
 Exodus 40

Week #3

Leviticus 7-10
 Leviticus 16-19
 Leviticus 25-26
 Numbers 11 - 14
 Numbers 16-17
 Numbers 20-22
 Deuteronomy 2 - 4, 6
 Deuteronomy 10 - 13

Week #4

Joshua 1-3
 Joshua 6-7
 Joshua 10
 Joshua 23 - 24
 Judges 2
 Judges 4
 Judges 6-7
 Judges 13-16
 Judges 19
 Ruth 1 - 4

Week #5

1 Samuel 1
 1 Samuel 4 - 6
 1 Samuel 8
 1 Samuel 15 - 17
 1 Samuel 24
 2 Samuel 5 - 7
 2 Samuel 12
 1 Kings 2 - 3
 1 Kings 11
 1 Kings 18
 2 Kings 6 - 7

2 Kings 10
 2 Kings 17
 2 Kings 25
 1 Chronicles 28
 2 Chronicles 6 - 7
 2 Chronicles 29 - 30

Week #6

Ezra 1
 Ezra 6
 Ezra 9-10
 Nehemiah 1-2
 Nehemiah 6
 Nehemiah 8 - 9
 Nehemiah 13
 Esther 1-10

Week #8

Job 1 - 2
 Job 27
 Job 28
 Job 42
 Psalm 1
 Psalm 2
 Psalm 51
 Psalm 89
 Psalm 90
 Psalm 103
 Psalm 106
 Psalm 145

Week #9

Proverbs 1
 Proverbs 3
 Proverbs 8
 Proverbs 15
 Ecclesiastes 1 - 3
 Ecclesiastes 12
 Song of Songs 1-8

Week #10

Isaiah 1
 Isaiah 6-9
 Isaiah 11
 Isaiah 14
 Isaiah 32
 Isaiah 37

Isaiah 40
 Isaiah 42-44
 Isaiah 53-55
 Isaiah 58
 Isaiah 61
 Isaiah 63-65

Week#11

Jeremiah 1-2
 Jeremiah 3-5
 Jeremiah 7-8
 Jeremiah 12
 Jeremiah 15
 Jeremiah 18-19
 Jeremiah 23
 Jeremiah 30-31
 Lamentations 1-5

Week #12

Ezekiel 1-5
 Ezekiel 8
 Ezekiel 18
 Ezekiel 36-37
 Daniel 1-12

Week #14

Hosea 1 - 3
 Hosea 10-11
 Hosea 14
 Joel 1-3
 Amos 1-3
 Amos 5-6
 Obadiah 1
 Jonah 1 - 4
 Micah 4 - 5

Week #15

Habakkuk 1-3
 Zephaniah 1-3
 Haggai 1
 Zechariah 1-3
 Zechariah 7-8
 Zechariah 14
 Malachi 1-4