

MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

BI5533 Old Testament History, Literature, and Theology, 3 credit hours

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of the Old Testament with a focus on its trustworthiness and purpose. It will review select Old Testament books addressing both matters of general introduction and contribution to the larger message that emerges out of the Old Testament canon. It includes attention to history, geography, authorship, culture, literary genre, and biblical theology as well as application to contemporary life.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Trace the story line, context, matters of general introduction (including authorship, date, genre, geography, and cultural background) as well as central biblical theological themes pertaining to the Old Testament.
2. Identify the roles of major persons, places, events, and themes in the Old Testament for the proper understanding of the biblical text.
3. Relate major events in Old Testament history to the divine program as revealed in the Bible.
4. Apply the results of Biblical Theology to life and ministry, including articulating such in writing.

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Textbooks:

Merrill, Eugene H., Mark F. Rooker, and Michael A. Grisanti. *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Nashville: B & H, 2011. ISBN: 97808805440317

Schreiner, Thomas R. *The King in His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013. ISBN: 9780801039393

Logos Research Systems, Inc. *Logos Bible Software – Gold 6.0 or most recent version*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Videos:

- “Methodological Questions for doing Old Testament Theology”
- “Abraham’s Journey of Faith”
- “The Covenant on the Plains of Moab”
- “Grace in the End”
- “Revival in the Old Testament”
- “Job: Why Do the Righteous Worship?”
- “Song of Solomon: Four Views”
- “Introduction to the Prophets”

- “An Unfinished Story”

Supplemental Bibliography (Recommended for Future Study, but Not Required):

- Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. *Readings from the Ancient Near East*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.
- Barrick, William D. “The Mosaic Covenant.” *The Masters Seminary Journal* 10/2 (Fall 1999): 213-232 Accessed 26 May 2016. <https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj10o.pdf>
- Beckwith, Roger. *The Old Testament Canon of the New Testament Church*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985.
- Brisco, Thomas V. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Nashville: B & H, 1998. Logos.
- Bullock, C. Hassell *An Introduction to the Old Testament Poetic Books*. Chicago: Moody, 1988.
- Busenitz, Irvin A. “Introduction to the Biblical Covenants; The Noahic Covenant and the Priestly Covenant.” *The Masters Seminary Journal* 10/2 (Fall 1999) 173-189. Accessed 26 May 2016. <http://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj10m.pdf>
- Chisholm, Robert B. Chisholm, Jr. *Handbook on the Prophets*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.
- Essex, Keith H. “The Abrahamic Covenant.” *The Masters Seminary Journal* 10/2 (Fall 1999): 191-212. Accessed 26 May, 2016. <https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj10n.pdf>
- Grisanti, Michael A. “The Davidic Covenant.” *The Masters Seminary Journal* 10/2 (Fall 1999): 233-250. Accessed 26 May 2016. <https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj10p.pdf>
- Hasel, Gerhard. *Old Testament Theology: Basic Issues in the Current Debate*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991.
- Hill, Andrew E. and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.
- House, Paul R. “Old Testament Theology.” Accessed 26 May 2016. <https://www.biblicaltraining.org/old-testament-theology/paul-house>
- House, Paul R. *Old Testament Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1998.
- Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. *A History of Israel: From the Bronze Age through the Jewish Wars*. Nashville: B & H, 1998. Logos.
- Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. *The Messiah in the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
- Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. *The Promise-Plan of God: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.
- Keathley, J. Hampton, III. “Concise Old Testament Survey.” Accessed 26 May 2016. <https://bible.org/series/concise-old-testament-survey>
- Longman, Tremper, III and Raymond B. Dillard. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.
- McConville, J. Gordon. *Grace in the End: A Study in Deuteronomistic Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.
- Pettegrew, Larry D. “The New Covenant.” *The Masters Seminary Journal* 10/2 (Fall 1999): 251-270. Accessed 26 May 2016. <https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj10q.pdf>
- Rydelnik, Michael and Michael Vanlaningham. *The Moody Bible Commentary*. Chicago: Moody, 2014.
- Rydelnik, Michael. *The Messianic Hope*. Nashville: B & H, 2010.
- Sailhamer, John H. *Introduction to Old Testament Theology: A Canonical Approach*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

- Vos, Howard F. *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Manners and Customs*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1999.
- Walton, John H. *Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.
- Wolf, Herbert. *An Introduction to the Old Testament Pentateuch*. Chicago: Moody, 1991.
- Zuck, Roy B., ed. *A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody, 1991. Logos.

Assignments

Guideline for the Discussion Board: Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Friday, 11:59pm CT). Then read and respond to at least **TWO** of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CT).

Standard for Written Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.) Here is a guide to Turabian style: http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html

Assignment 1-1: Write a four-page (1000-1200 words) paper that identifies the books, which belong in the Old Testament canon and offers a defense for this identification. Use a minimum of three sources and document your research with footnotes and bibliography in Turabian format.

Assignment 2-1: Write a four-page (1000-1200 words) presentation of the gospel using only the five books of the Pentateuch (no New Testament references). What would the original readers of these books have understood to be the "good news?" Use a minimum of three sources and document your research with footnotes and bibliography in Turabian format.

Assignment 3-1: Write a four-page (1000-1200 words) paper describing the overall message of the books Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings. Use a minimum of three sources and document your research with footnotes and bibliography in Turabian format.

Assignment 4-1: Construct a timeline (4 pages) of Old Testament history from creation until the close of the Old Testament canon. Include significant events, people (kings, prophets, etc.), nations, and Bible books. Be sure to consult both the course textbook and the timeline module in Logos. Document your research with a bibliography in Turabian format.

Assignment 5-1: The Messiah in Psalm 110: Write a four-page (1000-1200 words) paper describing the messianic significance of Psalm 110. Use a minimum of three sources and document your research with footnotes and bibliography in Turabian format.

Assignment 6-1: Write a four-page (1000-1200 words) paper describing the overall message of the book of Isaiah. Use a minimum of three sources and document your research with footnotes and bibliography in Turabian format.

Assignment 7-1: Write a four-page (1000-1200 words) paper describing the messianic prophecies in the book of Zechariah. Use a minimum of three sources and document your research with footnotes and bibliography in Turabian format.

Quizzes: Each week there will a multiple-choice quiz covering the readings of the respective week. You will have 20 minutes to take the quiz. Multiple attempts will be allowed and the final grade on the quiz will be accepted as the final grade. The questions on the successive quizzes will vary and be shuffled.

Assessments

Assessments	% of Total
Discussions (7)	21%
Quizzes (7)	35%
The Canon of the Old Testament	6%
The Gospel in the Pentateuch	6%
The Message of the Deuteronomic History	6%
Timeline of Old Testament History	8%
The Message of the Psalms	6%
The Message of Isaiah	6%
Messiah in the book of Zechariah	6%
Total:	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work

Course Resources

Online students have access to the Moody Library. Though students may wish to check out books via inter-library loan, the online database has a number of articles and reviews available for download. You can access the online database by logging into your account at my.moody.edu. If you have not previously accessed the library database you may wish to complete the database tutorial at <http://library.moody.edu>. Here are additional tutorials on how to use the Crowell Library:

- "Finding Resources in the Moody Online Library: **Overview**" - http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/Video/wmv/Education/Courses-Blackboard/Video_Files/BI-5528_Koehler_Overview.wmv
- "Finding Resources in the Moody Online Library: **References**" - http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/Video/wmv/Education/Courses-Blackboard/Video_Files/BI-5528_Koehler_Reference.wmv
- "Finding Resources in the Moody Online Library: **eBooks**" - http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/Video/wmv/Education/Courses-Blackboard/Video_Files/BI-5528_Koehler_eBooks.wmv
- "Finding Resources in the Moody Online Library: **Articles**" - http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/Video/wmv/Education/Courses-Blackboard/Video_Files/BI-5528_Koehler_Articles.wmv

In addition to the resources available at the Moody Library, you may wish to visit <http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk> or www.bible.org. These sites contain content on various topics written by competent biblical scholars

The final resource that deserves mention here is **iTunes University**. Apple has developed a platform for colleges and universities to post audio and video content. There are a number of lectures available on iTunesU from various schools such as Dallas Theological Seminary, Seattle Pacific University, Duke, Yale, Covenant Theological Seminary, and others that may benefit in your studies or understanding of this course.

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