**Week 1: Introduction to the Study of the Old Testament**

**Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Describe the historical context of the Old Testament world.
  2. Evaluate higher critical approaches to the study of the Old Testament.
  3. Apply a sound methodology to the interpretation of the Old Testament.

**Week 1 Reading/Viewing/Listening**

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 1-9, Introduction to Part IV
  2. Genesis Chapters 1-4, 12-22

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. [“Methodological Questions for Doing Old Testament Theology”](http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/ASX/Video/wmv/Education/MDL/MDL/Method_Questions.asx" \t "_blank)

### Week 2: The Pentateuch

**Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Evaluate the issues and interpretive options concerning the creation of the world.
  2. Locate the events of the Pentateuch within their Ancient Near Eastern context.
  3. Explain the issues related to the composition of the Pentateuch.
  4. Develop a summary of theological themes in the Pentateuch.

### Week 2 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 10-14
  2. Schreiner, chapters 1-5
  3. Exodus 1-20; Deuteronomy 27-30

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. [“Abraham’s Journey of Faith”](http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/ASX/Video/wmv/Education/MDL/MDL/Abraham's_Journey.asx" \t "_blank)
  2. [“The Covenant on the Plains of Moab”](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-846007-dt-content-rid-5271431_1/xid-5271431_1" \o "Covenant on the Plains of Moab" \t "_blank)

### Week 3: The Deuteronomic History

**Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Locate biblical events from the Conquest to the Exile within the context of the Ancient Near East.
  2. Relate the purpose of the books of the Deuteronomic history.
  3. Explain the importance of the Davidic covenant to biblical theology.

### Week 3 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 15-19
  2. Schreiner, chapters 6-10
  3. Joshua 1-7; Judges 1-3; 2 Samuel 1-7; 1 Kings 1-7; 2 Kings 17, 25

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. “[Grace in the End](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-846012-dt-content-rid-6012964_1/xid-6012964_1" \t "_blank) ”

### Week 4: The Chronicler’s History

**Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Distinguish between the perspective of the Deuteronomic history and the Chronicler’s history.
  2. Locate the events of the exilic and the post-exilic period within the Ancient Near Eastern context.
  3. Explain the significance of books describing the exilic and post-exilic period to biblical theology.

### Week 4 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 20-22
  2. Schreiner, chapters 11-13
  3. 2 Chronicles 7, 14-20, 29-35; Esther 1-10

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. "[Revival in the Old Testament](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/bbcswebdav/pid-846017-dt-content-rid-6009309_1/xid-6009309_1" \t "_blank) "

### Week 5: The Poetic Books

**Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Locate the poetic books within their Ancient Near Eastern context.
  2. Evaluate the evidence concerning the composition of the poetic books.
  3. Apply theological themes from the poetic books in both ancient and modern contexts.

### Week 5 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 39-44
  2. Schreiner, chapters 14-18
  3. Job 1-2, 19, 28, 42; Psalm 1-2, 22-23, 32, 34, 41, 51, 69, 72-73, 90, 96-99, 100 109-110, 127, 139, 150, Song of Solomon 1-8

**View or listen to the following for this week**:

* 1. [“Job: Why Do the Righteous Worship?”](http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/ASX/Video/wmv/Education/MDL/MDL/Job_Message.asx" \t "_blank)
  2. [“Song of Solomon: Four Views”](http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/ASX/Video/wmv/Education/MDL/MDL/Song_Solomon.asx" \t "_blank)

### Week 6: The Major Prophets

**Objectives**

* 1. Locate the books of the Major Prophets within their historical and literary context.
  2. Explain the role of the Old Testament prophet in relation to the covenant community.
  3. Apply theological themes from the major prophets in both ancient and modern contexts.
  4. Analyze the implications of Old Testament prophetic texts for later theological developments.

### Week 6 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 23-26
  2. Schreiner, chapters 19-27
  3. Isaiah 6-12, 49-55; Jeremiah 26-33

**Watch the following for this week:**

* 1. ["Introduction to the Prophets"](http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/ASX/Video/wmv/Education/MDL/MDL/Intro_Prophets.asx" \o "Introduction to the Prophets" \t "_blank)

### Week 7: The Minor Prophets

**Objectives**

By the completion of this week's lesson, you should be able to:

* 1. Locate the books of the Minor Prophets within their historical literary context.
  2. Apply theological themes from the Minor Prophets ancient and modern contexts.
  3. Analyze the implications of Old Testament prophetic texts for later theological developments.

### Week 7 Reading/Viewing/Listening

**Read the following for this week:**

* 1. Merrill, Rooker, Grisanti, chapters 27-38
  2. Schreiner, pp. 397-427
  3. Joel 1-3, Amos 1-9, Zechariah 1-14, Malachi 1-4

**Watch the following for this week:**

* 1. "[An Unfinished Story](http://openaudiovideo.moody.edu/OSAM/OSAM/ASX/Video/wmv/Education/MDL/MDL/Unfinished_Story.asx" \o "An Unfinished Story" \t "_blank)"

### [Assignment 7-1 Messiah in the Book of Zechariah Paper](https://blackboard9.moody.edu/webapps/assignment/uploadAssignment?content_id=_846039_1&course_id=_25782_1&group_id=&mode=view)

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.   
  
Submit your assignment by the end of this week by clicking on the **Assignment 7-1 Messiah in the Book of Zechariah Paper** title link above and attaching your assignment.