OLD TESTAMENT EXPOSITION I:

GENESIS - JOSHUA

GOAL:

This course is an exposition of the hexateuch, the first six books of the Hebrew Bible. As such, it is a course that studies beginnings: the beginning of the universe, the creation of man, the appearance of sin, the founding of the nation of Israel, and so forth. Our approach will be both exegetical (historical-grammatical) and theological (the unfolding of redemptive history). In this manner, we will attempt to understand the import of the writings in their time as well as for today. We will also spend significant time analyzing the Ancient Near Eastern background of the hexateuch, particularly focusing on Egyptian and Canaanite cultures. Finally, an examination of Messianic prophecy and typology will be vital to our discussion. In this respect, the student should become aware of the many issues in hexateuchal studies, and how these have been understood and interpreted. Ultimately, this course should provide a good foundation for the student to apply Scripture to all of life.

TEXTBOOKS:

The following books are required for this course:

1. Students who have not taken the Hebrew language (I-II) are required to bring an English Bible to class (preferably the ESV or the NASV). Students who have had Hebrew (I-II) must bring a Hebrew Bible to class.


4. *Syllabus of Readings on Creation*. This is on reserve in the library. You are free to copy the readings for your own use, but you may not disseminate them.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

The grade for the course will be determined on the basis of the following factors:

1. The student is required to submit a 12-15 pp. typewritten paper on a topic assigned during the first day of class. The paper is due on November 26. Late papers will be docked one letter grade per day. 50% of the final grade.

2. The student is expected to read the three textbooks in their entirety and all six books of the hexateuch. You are to report the amount of reading you have done on the final examination. 5% of the final grade.

3. Final examination. 45% of the final grade.

**OUTLINE OF THE COURSE:**

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Marriage

III. The Fall

Causes of the Fall

3. September 10

Results of the Fall

IV. Redemption: Unfolding of the Two Seeds

Seed of the Serpent

Seed of the Woman

4. September 17

Fusion of the Two Seeds

Flood Story

Call of Abraham

5. September 24

Lot: the Foil of Abraham

Sacrifice of the Seed

Jacob and Esau

6. October 1

Jacob and Esau

Joseph

7. October 8

No class (Reading Week)

V. Israel and Egypt (the Seed Conflict)

8. October 15

Israel in Egypt

Plagues

Passover

VI. Seed of the Woman at Sinai

9. October 22

The Law
VII. Laws of the Israelite Cult

10. October 29  
   Priesthood in Israel  
   Sacrificial System  
   Dietary Laws

11. November 5  
   Sabbath  
   Kinsman-Redeemer  
   Pagan Religions: Canaan

VIII. Israel in the Wilderness

12. November 12  
   Numbers  
   Bronze Serpent  
   Israel and Idolatry

IX. Second Law

13. November 19  
   No class (Evangelical Theological Society)

14. November 26  
   Deuteronomy as a Vassal Treaty  
   Ten Commandments as Structural  
   Concept of Law in the ancient Near East

15. December 3  
   Joshua: Conquest and Division of Land