

# Joshua-Kings: 1OT510

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## Course Description

This course is an exegetical, biblical theological, and expositional study of the Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Samuel, and 1-2 Kings) with the presupposition that this portion of the Bible is to be understood as the Gospel promised beforehand (Romans 1:1-3). Participation at the MDIV level requires Hebrew 1, Hebrew 2, and Hebrew Exegesis. Non-M.Div. students are also welcome and encouraged to enroll.

## Course Protocols

1. **Grading Schedule.** The letter grading scale is stipulated by the institutional catalogue and is summarized below.

97-100%	A	80-82%	C
94-96%	A-	78-79%	C-
91-93%	B+	75-77%	D+
88-90%	B	72-74%	D
86-87%	B-	70-71%	D-
83-85%	C+	0-69%	F

2. **Attendance and Late Assignments.** Attendance is mandatory. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for each class session. Late assignments may be accepted with a penalty of one letter grade per day late.
3. **Electronics.** Computers are not permitted in class. Voice recorders are not permitted in class. Please silence all cell phones during class.
4. **Special Needs.** In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g. tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.
5. **Disclaimer.** This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the learning objectives, instructional format, and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, during the course of the term, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of events and circumstances that occur during the semester.

## Textbooks

### Required

*\*in addition to a standard Hebrew Bible (MDIV) and English Bible (MDIV, MA)*

Currid, John D. and David P. Barrett. *Crossway ESV Bible Atlas*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010.

Goldsworthy, Graeme. *Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics: Foundations and Principles of Evangelical Biblical Interpretation*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2010.

Johnson, Dennis E. *Journeys with Jesus: Every Path in the Bible Leads us to Christ*. Phillipsburg, PA: P & R Press, 2018.

Van Pelt, Miles V., ed. *A Biblical Theological Introduction to the Old Testament: The Gospel Promised*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2016.

### Suggested

Arnold, Bill T. and Williamson, H. G. M. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2005. (978-0830817825)

Graeme Goldsworthy, *Preaching the Whole Bible as Christian Scripture: The Application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. (978-0802847300)

Howard, David. *An Introduction to the Old Testament Historical Books*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2007. (978-0802441553)

Longman, Tremper, III, and Raymond B. Dillard. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2006.

Provan, I., V. P. Long, and T. Longman III. *A Biblical History of Israel*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003.

Rendtorff, Rolf. *The Canonical Hebrew Bible: A Theology of the Old Testament*. Translated by David E. Orton. Leiden, The Netherlands: Deo Publishing, 2005.

Satterthwaite, P., and G. McConville, *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Historical Books*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2007. (978-0830825523)

Stuart, Douglas. *Old Testament Exegesis*. 4th ed. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009. (978-0664233440)

## Course Assignments–MDIV and Language Students

1. **Primary Literature: Hebrew** – Translate and phrase the Hebrew text given for each meeting. In addition to translation and phrasing, students must create an outline based upon the Hebrew text, and then summarize the basic meaning of the passage (one paragraph). This material is to be turned in at the end of class each meeting. This portion of the course constitutes **25%** of the final grade.
2. **Primary Literature: English** – Read Joshua through Kings in a standard English translation. There will be four English Bible quizzes during the course of the semester to test the student's knowledge of basic Bible content. See course schedule for dates. This portion of the course constitutes **20%** of the final grade. Students will indicate percentages complete on each of the English Bible exams.
3. **Secondary Literature: English** – Students will read: (1) *The ESV Bible Atlas*, pages 77–177; (2) *Gospel Centered Hermeneutics*; (3) *Journeys with Jesus*; (4) and *A Biblical Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*, pages 23–42, 159–246. This portion of the course constitutes **20%** of the final grade. Students will indicate percentages complete on the final exam.
4. **Exams** – There will be two exams during the course of the semester, a midterm and a final exam. The exams will focus on lecture content and those portions of the assigned readings discussed in class. This portion of the course constitutes **20%** of the final grade.
5. **Exegesis Paper** –The student will select one passage/pericope from Joshua through Kings and write a major exegesis paper (15-20 pages). The selected passage may not be a text covered in class and all selections will require the approval of the professor. This portion of the course constitutes **15%** of the final grade.

### Summary

Hebrew Assignments	25%
English Bible Reading/Quizzes	20%
Secondary Literature	20%
Exams	20%
Exegesis Paper	15%

## Course Assignments–Non-MDIV and Non-Language Students

1. **Secondary Literature: Commentary Work** – Students will select and read at least three different commentaries for the biblical text assigned each week in the course schedule. A one half page summary (single spaced) will be written and turned in (for each source) at the end of each class. This portion of the course constitutes **20%** of the final grade.
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August	29	Syllabus and Introduction to the Former Prophets: Part 1
September	5	Introduction to the Former Prophets: Part 2
	12	Typology and the Deuteronomic Interpretation of the Former Prophets
	19	Joshua: Holy Land, Holy War (Intrusion Ethics), Covenant Renewal and the People of God <b>English Bible Quiz: Joshua</b>
	26	The Book of Judges: Introductions and Conclusions
October	3	<b>Reading Week</b>
	10	The Book of Judges: Finding Samson <b>English Bible Quiz: Judges</b>
	17	<b>Midterm Exam</b>
	24	Samuel: Samuel and Saul
	31	Samuel: David and the Davidic Covenant <b>English Bible Quiz: Samuel</b>
November	7	Kings: The Reign of Solomon and the Divided Kingdom
	14	<b>No Class</b> – ETS/SBL
	21	<b>No Class</b> – Thanksgiving Vacation
	28	Kings: Elijah and Elisha <b>English Bible Quiz: Kings</b>
December	5	Kings: The Divided Kingdom, the Fall of Jerusalem, Exile. <b>Exegesis Papers Due</b>
	11-13	<b>Final Exam</b>