



Welcome to Old Testament Survey

Welcome to Old Testament Survey! I am thrilled to explore the OT Scriptures with you. Nearly 75% of the Bible consists of OT books, but Christians often neglect it in favor of the New Testament. Without the OT, however, there would be no NT! As we learn to read the OT through the lens of Christ, we will come to see and savor God's Word in a whole new way.

To be clear, this course is a significant commitment on your part—it's not just another Bible study you can dip in and out of. Given that this is a certificate program, you will be taking part in deep reading, discussions, and occasional assessments that are intended to help you go beyond passive reception to active engagement. So, please be sure you read through this syllabus to familiarize yourself with what will be required of you.

Even now, I am praying that God would use our time together for his glory, our good, and the spread of the gospel. I look forward to having you in class!

See you on January 15th!

By his grace and for his glory,

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Course Description

This course provides an overview of the authors, books, genres, storyline, and theology of the Old Testament. Students will be equipped and challenged to correctly interpret and apply the Old Testament to their own lives and ministry contexts.



Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students should be able to utilize a deeper knowledge of the authors, books, genres, storyline, and theology of the Old Testament in order to form a biblical vision for life and faithful local church ministry.
2. Students should be able to interpret the original meaning of the Old Testament text more faithfully for teaching and discipleship.
3. Students should be able to utilize a working knowledge of the historical background and theology of the Old Testament in order to faithfully apply Scripture to every area of life.
4. Students should be able to faithfully study and meditate on the Old Testament in order to grow in their love for God, their likeness to Christ, and their passion to reach the nations with the gospel.

Course Texts

House, Paul R., and Eric Mitchell. *Old Testament Survey*. 3rd Edition. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2023.

I will be using the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible throughout this course.

Course Requirements

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to be present when class begins and to remain the entire class session each week of the course. That being said, life happens! We totally get it. However, communication is key—if something comes up, please let your campus point person know. In order to earn credit toward a certificate, students must not miss more than **three** class sessions. We know we are asking a lot, but that’s because we take your theological, spiritual, and ministry formation seriously!
- **Reading:** Students will read through the assigned sections of Scripture and *Old Testament Survey* **before class each week** in order to gain an introductory knowledge of the session topics and to participate in discussions. I would encourage you to break up your reading into “big” reading and “small” reading sessions. In other words, set aside larger chunks of time in the morning or evening to complete the bulk of your reading, but also use smaller windows of time (i.e. while your oil is being changed, sitting at your kid’s soccer practice, nap time for little ones, or a few minutes during your lunch break) to complete the rest.
- **Assessments:** Students will take **four** online, multiple-choice assessments throughout the course. These assessments are designed to help students recall what they have learned and assist instructors in constructing future courses... don’t freak out about these! Because this is a certificate program, you won’t be assigned a grade. By completing the assessments, you will fulfill the requirements for the course. View each assessment as a memory challenge, not a grade.



Course Policies and Procedures

- **Technology Policy:** Students are allowed to use computers in class for the sake of taking notes. However, students are not permitted to use their computers, phones, or other devices to record audio or video of class sessions without the instructor’s written permission.

- **Respect:** Both the instructor and students are expected to conduct themselves as godly men and women who show proper respect for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Even when sensitive and/or controversial subjects are discussed, debate and disagreements should be handled in a

way consistent with conduct among members of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:31-21). Students who fail to conduct themselves accordingly will be dismissed from class.

- **Disclaimer:** This syllabus is intended to accurately reflect the course content, objectives, and requirements. However, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as he deems necessary because of events and circumstances that change during the course.

Course Schedule

DATE	LESSON TOPICS	READING	ASSESSMENTS
Week 1 Jan. 15	Unit 1: The Law • Introduction • Genesis 1–11	• OTS, Intro–Ch. 1 • Genesis 1:26–31	
Week 2 Jan. 22	• Genesis 12–50 • Exodus 1–19	• OTS, Ch. 2 • Genesis 50:15–21 • Exodus 3	
Week 3 Jan. 29	• Exodus 20–40 • Leviticus	• OTS, Ch. 3 • Exodus 34:1–9 • Leviticus 16	
Week 4 Feb. 5	• Numbers • Deuteronomy	• OTS, Ch. 4 • Numbers 21:4-9 • Deuteronomy 4:32-40	
Week 5 Feb. 12	Unit 2: The Former Prophets • Joshua • Judges	• OTS, Ch. 5 • Joshua 1:1-9 • Judges 10:6-16	Assessment #1: The Law
Week 6 Feb. 19	• 1–2 Samuel	• OTS, Ch. 6 • 1 Samuel 16:1-13	
Week 7 Feb. 26	• 1–2 Kings	• OTS, Ch. 7 • 1 Kings 12:16-24	
Week 8 Mar. 5	Unit 3: The Latter Prophets • Isaiah	• OTS, Ch. 8 • Isaiah 53	Assessment #2: The Former Prophets
Week 9 Mar. 12	• Jeremiah	• OTS, Ch. 9 • Jeremiah 1	
Week 10 Mar. 19	• Ezekiel	• OTS, Ch. 10 • Ezekiel 1	

Mar. 26 (No Class)	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
Week 11 Apr. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Book of the Twelve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTS, Ch. 11 Joel 2:28-32 Jonah 2 Malachi 4 	
Week 12 Apr. 9	Unit 4: The Writings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Psalms Job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTS, Chs. 12–13 Psalms 1 Job 1-2 	Assessment #3: The Latter Prophets
Week 13 Apr. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proverbs Ruth Song of Songs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTS, Chs. 14–16 Proverbs 3 Ruth 4:13-22 Song of Songs 1 	
Week 14 Apr. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecclesiastes Lamentations Esther 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTS, Chs. 17–19 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Lamentations 3:19-33 Esther 4 	
Week 15 Apr. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daniel Ezra–Nehemiah 1–2 Chronicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OTS, Chs. 20–22 Daniel 7 Ezra 7:1-10 Nehemiah 1 2 Chronicles 36 	Assessment #4: The Writings

