

BT 102 – Old Testament Survey I

Course Description

A survey of the books of the Old Testament covering the period from Creation through the Davidic monarchy. Attention will be given to the distinctive message and major features of each book with an emphasis on the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic Covenants as they pertain to God's purposes for Israel and the world.

Emmaus Mission Statement

The mission of Emmaus Bible College is to glorify God through the teaching of the Bible and through educating and equipping learners for service and leadership in their ministries, communities, and vocations.

This mission will be furthered for the Emmaus student through Survey of the Old Testament by achieving the following objectives:

Course Objectives

Upon the successful completion of Old Testament Survey-I the student will:

1. Be able to name, spell, and arrange canonically the books of the Old Testament.
2. Be able to identify, by book and chapter, key concepts, persons, and events of this portion of the Old Testament.
3. Be able to summarize the message of each Old Testament book studied.
4. Be able to sketch the basic outline of Old Testament history against the political and geographical background of the ancient Near East.
5. Be able to articulate some major issues of Old Testament historicity and theology.
6. Be able to state the basic issues of the relationship between science and the Bible with respect to origins and the flood.
7. Be able to discuss the creation, purpose, and progress of the nation of Israel during this period.
8. Have a deepened awareness of God's sovereign working in history.
9. Have a deepened appreciation of how the Old Testament prepares for the coming of Messiah Jesus.
10. Have personally, consistently interacted with the biblical text through the practice of journal writing.

Please note: If you have learning or test taking issues or any special needs or concerns that make it especially difficult for you to accomplish these objectives, please see the instructor as soon as possible. We will make every effort to address legitimate needs but must know what they are to do so.

Course Materials

1. **The Bible.** You may read any version you choose (except the Reader's Digest Condensed version). You may read from more than one version if you would like to compare.
2. **Texts.** There are two required texts: Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998; and Baylis, Albert H. *From Creation to the Cross*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996. These texts complement one another and will be useful for a lifetime of study. *Encountering the Old Testament* includes a CD that may be useful in study and review.
3. **Composition book.** This is required for the Journaling assignment. You must purchase the one from our bookstore. No other type of notebook will be accepted.
4. **Class Notes.** These will be distributed throughout the semester.

Course Development

Note the accompanying schedule carefully. We will be studying the Old Testament chronologically. This means that we will not always be following the order in which the books occur in our English Bibles. This is a survey course; so we will move quickly, dealing with the big picture and major themes, yet pausing along the way to apply the truth to life.

Academic Standards

Attendance

The student is responsible for compliance with the updated college attendance policy, which includes the following: *Students are expected to fully participate in the academic programs at Emmaus. Attendance is required in all classes. Because absences impact the quality of learning, the maximum number of absences without penalty for any reason (illness, emergencies) shall not exceed the number of times a class meets per week. (Absence for college-sponsored activities may be excused by the Dean for Academic Affairs in consultation with the instructor, and is not included in the maximum number of absences.) Additional unexcused absences will result in the reduction of the final course grade by 2% per absence. **This may result in failure of the course.** Students whose absences exceed 30% of the class meetings will not be allowed to continue attending, and will receive an F for the course. STUDENTS ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP RECORD OF ALL ABSENCES.*

For a M/W/F course **three (3) absences** are allowed for the above reasons. In addition **three (3) lates** will count as **one absence** for the purpose of assessing the grade penalty. If the student is more than 15 minutes late it may be marked as an absence. If a student leaves the room during class it may be marked as a late or an absence depending on the situation. Attendance applies to the mental presence of the student, not merely the presence of the body. Therefore, sleeping in class will likely result in a late mark for attendance, sleeping for more than 15 minutes may be counted as an absence. Students may be asked to leave class for chronic slumber.

Student Integrity

Emmaus Bible College expects students to complete all academic work with integrity. Students are responsible to complete all of their own work. Dishonesty in the completion of assignments, papers, presentations, examinations or any other academic work is contrary to

biblical principles of Christian living, and is unacceptable at the college. Cheating, plagiarism, or other violations of academic integrity will result in academic penalty, which may include failure of the assignment, exam, or paper, failure of the course, and further disciplinary action brought by the Student Judiciary committee. The student is responsible for knowing and observing the college's standards with respect to plagiarism and cheating as specified in the revised policy statement.

Course Schedule

Material	Bible	EOT	FCTC
Visual Historical Structure of the Old Testament			
Introductory Materials on the Book of Genesis	[ANE Religion]	17-75	25-38
(Labor Day - No Class)			
Visual Historical Structure of the Old Testament - Review	Gen 1-2	77-82	39-42
Introductory Material on the Book of Genesis - Continued			
Genesis 1-3: Scientific Explanation for Creationism		[Age of Earth Articles]	
The Big Theme of Genesis – Relationships	Gen 3-9	82-87	42-56
Relationships in Genesis – Genesis 1-11 (Primeval History)	Gen 10-11		
The Genesis Deluge – Flood or Fantasy?	Gen 12-15	89-101	
Covenants in the Bible – The Abrahamic, part 1	Gen 16-25		
Covenants in the Bible – The Abrahamic, part 2	Gen 26-35		79-93
Contents of the Books of Genesis and Job	Gen 36-50		
(Service Day – No Class)			
The Book of Job	Job 1-26	289-99	252-262
The Book of Job (Part 2)	Job 27-42		
The Book of Exodus	Exod 1-15	103-115	
(Columbus Day – No Class)			
The Book of Exodus (Part 2)	Exod 16-24		99-116
The Book of Exodus (Part 3)	Exod 25-32		121-127

The Law	Exod 33-40		
The Book of Exodus (Part 4)	Lev 1-9	117-126	127-129
The Book of Leviticus (Part 1)	Lev 10-20		
The Book of Leviticus (Part 2)	Lev 21-27		
The Book of Leviticus (Part 3)	Num 1-19	127-139	129-139
The Book of Leviticus (Part 4)	Num 20-36		
The Book of Numbers (Part 1)	Deut 1-15	141-153	
The Book of Numbers (Part 2); The Book of Deuteronomy (Part 1)	Deut 16-26		146-158
The Book of Deuteronomy (Part 2)	Deut 27-34		
The Book of Deuteronomy (Part 3)			
The Book of Deuteronomy (Part 4)	Josh 1-12	157-166	165-173
The Book of Joshua (Part 1)	Josh 13-24	167-178	
The Book of Joshua (Part 2); The Book of Judges (Part 1)	Jud 1-10	181-187	173-177
The Book of Judges (Part 2); The Book of Ruth; The Books of Samuel (Part 1)	Jud 11-21		179-182
The Books of Samuel (Part 2)	Ruth 1-4	187-193	177-179
The Books of Samuel (Part 3)	1 Sam 1-15	196-206	189-192
The Books of Samuel, Kings, & Chronicles (Davidic Kingdom Part 1)	1 Sam 16-31		192-202
The Books of Samuel, Kings, & Chronicles (Davidic Kingdom Part 2)	2 Sam 1-12	209-220	
The Book of Psalms (Part 1)	2 Sam 13-24		
The Book of Psalms (Part 2)	Psalms 1-72		231-248
The Book of Psalms (Part 3)		281-288	231-248 (Skim)

The Book of Psalms (Part 4)	Psalms 73-77	303-312	JMVA Psalms
The Book of Psalms (Part 5); Wisdom Literature (Part 1)	Prov. 1-4		252-259
Wisdom Literature (Part 2); The Book of Proverbs (Part 1)	Prov. 5-9	313-323	259-269
The Book of Proverbs (Part 2)	Ecclesiastes Psalms 78-80	325-335	JMVA Ecclesiastes
The Book of Proverbs (Part 3); The Book of Ecclesiastes (Part 1)	Song of Songs Prov. 10-11		JMVA Song of Songs
The Book of Ecclesiastes (Part 2); The Song of Solomon (Part 1)	1 Kings 1-11	221-228	207-215
The Song of Solomon (Part 2); The Book of Kings (Part 1)	1 Kings 12- 22 Psalms 81-88	228-235	
The Book of Kings (Part 2)	2 Kings 1-8 Prov. 12-13	237-249	
The Book of Kings (Part 3)	2 Kings 9-17	339-352	215-217
The Book of Jonah, Obadiah & Joel	Jonah Obadiah Psalms 89-92	451-454	274-278 & 310-311
The Book of Amos; The Role of the Prophets (Part 1)	Joel Prov. 14-15	443-444	283-285
The Role of the Prophets (Part 2); The Book of Hosea (Part 1)	Amos	444-449	278-281
The Book of Hosea (Part 2); The Book of Micah (Part 1)	Hosea Psalms 93- 101	440-443	281-283
The Book of Micah (Part 2); The Babylonian Captivity (Part 1)	Micah Psalms 102- 105	454-456	285-287

The Babylonian Captivity (Part 2); The Book of Isaiah (Part 1)	2 Kings 18-25 Prov. 16-17		217-222
The Book of Isaiah (Part 2)	Isaiah 1-16	353-368	287-295
The Book of Isaiah (Part 3)	Isaiah 17-35 Psalms 106-109	369-381	
The Book of Nahum; The Book of Zephaniah (Part 1)	Isaiah 36-48 Prov. 18-19		
The Book of Zephaniah (Part 2); The Book of Habakkuk (Part 1)	Isaiah 49-66 Nahum Psalms 110-118	456-457	
The Book of Habakkuk (Part 2); The Book of Jeremiah (Part 1)	Zephaniah Habakkuk Prov. 20-21	458-461	301-307
The Book of Jeremiah (Part 2)	Jeremiah 1-19		307-310
The Book of Jeremiah (Part 3); The Book of Lamentations	Jeremiah 20-38 Psalms 119	383-392	
The Book of Ezekiel (Part 1)	Jeremiah 39-52 Lamentations Prov. 22-23	393-405	311-314
The Book of Ezekiel (Part 2)	Ezekiel 1-19 Psalms 120-128	407-416	
The Book of Daniel (Part 1)	Ezekiel 20-32 Prov. 24-25		314-318
The Book of Daniel (Part 2)	Ezekiel 33-48 Psalms 129-135	417-425	
The Book of Daniel (Part 3)	Daniel 1-6	427-438	

The Book of Daniel (Part 4); The Books of Nehemiah & Esther (Part 1)	Daniel 7-12 Psalms 136- 139		318-322
The Books of Nehemiah & Ezra (Part 2)	Ezra Prov. 26-27	263-268	333-343
The Books of Haggai, Esther & Zechariah (Part 1)	Nehemiah Esther	268-277	343-346
The Book of Zechariah (Part 2)	Haggai Zechariah 1- 7 Psalms 140- 144		352-354
The Book of Zechariah (Part 3); The Book of Malachi (Part 1)	Zechariah 8- 14 Prov. 28-29	463-473	354-358
The Books of Malachi (Part 2) & Chronicles (Part 1)	Malachi		358-363
The Books of Chronicles (Part 2); Covenants (Part 1)	1 Chronicles 1-15 Psalms 145- 150	251-261	337
Covenants (Part 2)	1 Chronicles 16-29 Prov. 30-31 2 Chronicles 1-36		

Bibliography

The text books (Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998; and Baylis, Albert H. *From Creation to the Cross*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996) both contain excellent bibliographies for additional reading and research. These will be found at the end of sections and chapters and in the footnotes.