



BIB254 Writings Syllabus Highlights

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.
Psalm 1:1-2

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Course Description

Following the structure of the Hebrew Bible, this course surveys the books designated as the Writings: Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles.

Learning Outcomes

The student will be able:

1. To read, understand, and apply the OT Writings for personal devotion.
2. To identify the content of each of the books in the OT Writings.
3. To recognize exegetical and theological themes in the OT Writings.
4. To locate the unfolding story of the OT Writings within the biblical canon.

Textbooks

1. Miles Van Pelt, ed. *A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*, Crossway, 2016. ISBN 978-1433533464 (Abbrev. VP)
2. David M. Howard, Jr., *An Introduction to the Old Testament Historical Books*, Moody Publishers, 1993. ISBN: 978-0802441553 (Howard)
3. C. Hassell Bullock, *An Introduction to the Old Testament Poetic Books*, rev. ed., Moody Publishers, 1988. ISBN: 978-0802441577 (Bullock)

Course Requirements

1. Attendance and participation should be self-explanatory.
2. The Reading grade is based on the student's self-report of what percent he completed of the total reading required for the class.
3. There will be a midterm and a final exam which will combine short-answer and essay questions. Study guides will be provided for the students.

*This abbreviated syllabus is subject to revision. A full syllabus will be provided on the first day of class.