



BTH101 Biblical Theology I

Syllabus Highlights

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.

—Exodus 34:6–7

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Course Description

A study of the content of Old Testament Biblical Theology, focusing on the relationship between the testaments and emphasizing the “shadows” of the promised Messiah in the old covenant.

Learning Outcomes

The primary outcome is to recognize and value the theological development that occurs over the course of the Old Testament that leads to the hope for its fulfillment and completion in the New Testament. At the end of this course of study, successful students will be able to:

1. Articulate the organic nature of the covenantal development of the Old Testament.
2. Articulate the essence of each of the Old Testament covenants.
3. Articulate the relation of the message of a particular Old Testament book to its larger covenantal context.
4. Articulate the connection of the Old Testament covenants to Christ.

Textbooks

1. Stephen G. Dempster, *Dominion and Dynasty: A Theology of the Hebrew Bible* (IVP Academic, 2003).
2. Michael Morales, *Exodus Old and New* (IVP Academic, 2020).
3. Stephen G. Myers, *God to Us: Covenant Theology in Scripture* (Reformation Heritage Books, 2021).
4. Outline of Geerhardus Vos, *Biblical Theology* (PDF).

Course Requirements

1. Attend and participate in class.
2. Complete all reading assignments and submit a reading report.
3. Three writing assignments are required.

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