

*Thank you for your interest in taking this course!*

**Description.** A foundational course on the Old Testament from a Christ-centered perspective, with emphasis on certain books and passages for understanding the New Testament and how the Scriptures are a united whole.

**Requirements**

1. Class attendance on the announced dates.
  
2. Reading and Memory
  - a. Key Chapters of the Old Testament (see below) – to be read prior to coming to the classes
  - b. *God and History* by Gordon Ferguson (PDF File); a hardcopy will also be given in class
  - c. Bible passages for memory: Genesis 3:15; 12:1-3; Jeremiah 31:31.
  
3. For credit students only: a) In preparation for the final exam: Read Chapter 5 and 9 (Old Testament narratives; The Law) of Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> edition. ISBN-10: 0310246040; ISBN-13: 978-0310246046. b) Final Exam (to be answered online and emailed back by one month after the classes).

**Key Chapters of the Old Testament (30\*)**

Genesis 1—Creation 3—Fall of man 12—The call of Abraham  Exodus 12—The Passover 20—The giving of the Law; The Decalogue 40—The completion of the tabernacle  Leviticus 8—The anointing of Aaron as Israel’s first high priest 23—The feasts of Israel  Numbers 14—The rebellion at Kadesh-barnea 21—The brazen serpent  Deuteronomy 28—Israel’s future predicted  Joshua 4—Israel enters the Promised Land  Ruth 4—The marriage of Boaz and Ruth  1 Samuel 9—The anointing of Saul as Israel’s first monarch 16—The anointing of David  2 Samuel 6—The centralization of Israel 7—The Davidic Covenant	1 Kings 8—The dedication of the Temple by Solomon 12—The divided kingdom of Israel  2 Kings 17—The capture of the northern kingdom by Assyria 24—The capture of the southern kingdom by Babylon  Ezra 1—The decree of Cyrus and the return to Jerusalem  Psalms 22—The Psalm of Christ’s Passion  Isaiah 7—The prophecy of the virgin birth 53—The sufferings of Christ  Jeremiah 31—The promise of the new covenant to Israel  Ezekiel 10—The departure of the glory cloud from Israel 37—The vision of Israel’s restoration  Daniel 9—The vision of the seventy weeks  Zechariah 14—Vision of Christ and God’s people  *These chapters were chosen based on historical, theological, and Christological significance.
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