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C102 Introduction to the Old Testament

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About Your Instructor

Bruce Cochran served as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Seymour, Indiana for twenty-two years. He previously served at First Baptist Church in Pomona, CA, Clarklake Community Church (Clarklake, MI) and Long Run Baptist Church (Vevay, IN).

He holds a B.S. degree from Liberty University (1980), an MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1983), a ThM from Fuller Theological Seminary (1993) and a Dmin from Carolina Graduate School of Divinity (2016).

Bruce currently serves on staff with American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky as a Resource Minister working with church leaders and pastors with the primary focus of equipping leaders, empowering churches and expanding mission.

He is an USAF veteran. He has a wide variety of extracurricular interests having secured an amateur radio license and instrument rating as a private pilot. Presently, he enjoys motorcycling, bird watching and hunting. He is married and has two sons and four grandchildren.

Nature and Purpose of the Course

“Introduction to the Old Testament” introduces students to the history, literature, and theology of the thirty-nine books known to Christians as The Old Testament and to Jews as the Hebrew Bible (or Torah). This course provides a beginning understanding of the Old Testament story as well as a basic grasp of the contents, setting, and occasion of these thirty-nine books. It will be taught from a perspective that affirms the divine inspiration of the writers in their own time period and the spiritual illumination of the reader (student) today.

Course Objectives

After completing this course students should be able to do the following:

- List all thirty-nine OT books in canonical order and give a brief summary statement of the theme of each book.
- List the basic elements which make up the flow of the Old Testament.
- Identify and locate the Israelite prophets in their historical period (e.g., pre-exilic, exilic, post-exilic).
- Identify different types of literature found in the OT (e.g., poetry, history).
- Discuss the primary theological themes found in the OT (e.g., covenant, sin).
- Gain an appreciation for the redemptive and Christological significance of the OT.
- Locate 15 geographic sites on a map of Israel.

Required Texts

- David & Pat Alexander, eds., Zondervan Handbook to the Bible, 4th ed. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 2011) ISBN 0-310-23095-0, hardback. (Can be purchased new or used at Amazon.com, but Cokebury's price is very good. Available in a sturdy paperback at \$19.95 list price). This book is challenging and comprehensive, easy to read, faith-based, filled with color pictures, maps, and charts, and serves as a ready reference. *Note: You may use the 1999—3rd Edition David & Pat Alexander, eds., Zondervan Handbook to the Bible, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1999) ISBN 0-310-23095-0, hardback.*
- Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., The Messiah in the Old Testament. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1995). ISBN 0-310-20030-X, paperback.
- An English translation of the Old Testament, preferably a modern translation. (Revised Standard Version, New International Version, Good News Bible, and New King James Version are good examples.) Using a modern translation will make your reading easier and faster. The Message is *not* a good text to use, because it is a paraphrase.

Note: The Zondervan book is also used for the Introduction to the New Testament class and you will find it a very helpful resource beyond these class experiences.

Please bring the following to each class session:

- Required texts
- Good English translation of the Bible
- Notebook (for handouts, assignments and taking notes)
- 2 pens / pencils (electronic device to take notes, if preferred)

Requirements for earning credit for the class

- Complete assigned readings in Zondervan Handbook to the Bible (ZHB) and Kaiser's The Messiah in the Old Testament prior to the class meeting for which they are assigned.
- Read the suggested scripture passages for each class session.
- Meet the CLI attendance requirements for earning credit.
- Participate in class discussions.

Class Calendar

Jan 21:	Introductory Matters Old Testament Overview and Stages The Messiah in the Old Testament The Pentateuch: Creation (Genesis 1-11) The Patriarchs (Genesis 12-50) The Exodus and Wilderness (Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers Deuteronomy)	ZHB, 14-29, 46-65, 80-107 Kaiser, 13-64 ZHB, 108-219
Feb 4:	Historical Books Entry into the Promised Land (Joshua, Judges) Israel Becomes a Nation (Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles) Exile and Return (Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther)	ZHB, 220-339
Feb 18:	Prophets Pan-Exilic Prophet (Isaiah) A-Exilic Prophets (Joel, Jonah) Pre-Exilic Prophets (Amos, Hosea, Micah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Jeremiah) Exilic Prophets and Apocalyptic (Ezekiel, Obadiah, Daniel) Post-Exilic Prophets (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)	ZHB 408-458, 461-514
Mar 4:	Wisdom, Worship and Devotional Literature (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Job, Lamentations) Theological Themes in the Old Testament	ZHB, 340-407, 459-460

NOTE: It seems the page numbers are consistent whatever edition of the Handbook you have, but please make sure that you are reading the appropriate sections of the ZHB depending on the edition of the ZHB you have and in accordance to the topic for the class session.

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