



Syllabus

Old Testament II (B-02)

Text for this course:
Encountering the Old Testament:
 A Christian Survey - Third Edition
 by Bill Arnold and Bryan Beyer

Course Requirements:

- Class attendance and participation. (No more than one absence without make-up.)
- Read pages 257-466 in the text. *Old Testament I (B-01)* covers the first half of the book.
- Choose one personality and write a paper giving the requirements listed below or read Job through Malachi in your Bible and turn in a paper saying you have done so.
- Payment of all fees.
- Complete any other assignments as given by the instructor.

The text we are using for this course lends itself to be broken down into four sections, following the heading of the book.

Old Testament II (B-02) will be centered on Part 3 and 4 and Old Testament I (B-01) will include Part 1 and Part 2.

Students are asked to choose two personalities - one for Old Testament II (B-02) (and one for Old Testament I (B-01)) and write a paper giving:

- 1.) The names of the personality
- 2.) A brief history of the personalities
- 3.) The major contribution these personalities made to Jewish history
- 4.) The reason these personalities were chosen
- 5.) How the personalities chosen impacted New Testament life
- 6.) How the personalities chosen have impacted on the student's life

The papers will be discussed during the concluding session of each course.

SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE:

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| Week One: | <i>Part 3: Encountering the Poetical Books</i>
19.) Introduction to the Poetical Books: The Literature of God's People Pages 257-264
20.) Job: One Man's Search for Justice Pages 265-278
21.) Psalms: The Songbook of Ancient Israel Pages 279-290 |
| Week Two: | 22.) Proverbs: Advice on Living in God's World Pages 291-302
23.) Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs: Israelite Faith in Everyday Life Pages 303-316 |
| Week Three: | <i>Part 4: Encountering the Prophets</i>
24.) Introduction to the Prophets: Voices of God's Servants Pages 317-332
25.) Isaiah 1-39: Prophet of Judah's Royal Court Pages 333-350
26.) Isaiah 40-66: Great Days are Coming! Pages 351-364 |
| Week Four: | 27.) Jeremiah 1-20: Struggling with God's Call Pages 365-376
28.) Jeremiah 21-52 and Lamentations: Dealing with Disaster Pages 377-390 |
| Week Five: | 29.) Ezekiel 1-24: Rough Days are Coming! Pages 391-402
30.) Ezekiel 25-48: God Is Planning an Exciting Future! Pages 403-414
31.) Daniel: The Kingdom of God - Now and Forever Pages 415-428 |
| Week Six: | 32.) Hosea, Joel and Amos: A Call for Repentance and a Promise for Blessing Pages 429-440
33.) Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephaniah: God's Plan for the Nations Pages 441-454
34.) Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi: Rebuilding a People Pages 455-466 |