

## Old Testament Survey Syllabus

### Description:

The background, context, authorship, theme, and basic message of each of the 39 books of the Old Testament.

**Dates:** Sept. 7 to Nov. 9, 2010

**Instructors:** David Bernard, Rodney Shaw, Greg Starks, Paul Urban

### Texts:

Gordan D. Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*, MI: Zondervan, 2002.

### Recommended:

Paul J Achtemeier and Elizabeth Achtemeier, *The Old Testament Roots of Our Faith, Revised Edition*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc. , 1994.

**Handouts:** Old Testament Books

**Class Time:** 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Tuesdays for ten weeks (total of 30 hours of instruction).

**Location:** New Life United Pentecostal Church, 4001 Adelphi Lane, Austin, TX 78727

**Tuition:** \$95 per term, including textbooks and handouts, payable at the first class. For an additional \$10, tuition may be paid in three monthly installments of \$35.

### Assignments:

Students are required to take notes during the lectures. Notebooks may be inspected occasionally. Students will be asked to verify whether or not they have completed the reading assignments. There will be weekly reading assignments due before each class.

### Preparedness and Class Participation:

Students are to take notes during the lectures and notebooks may be inspected occasionally. Students are also expected to come to class prepared to discuss the readings assigned for that day. Classes will have discussions and failure to have read the material will prevent the student from getting as much as possible from the class – as well as slowing down the pace of discussion.

**Attendance:** To be eligible for our certificate program you must attend 8 of the 10 scheduled classes.

### Grading:

A. Class Attendance	80%
Participation	10%
Final Exam	<u>10%</u>
	100%

B. The student’s grades will be determined by performance on the assignments, tests, class participation, and attendance.

C. A grade of “A” (92-100) means that the material is neat, thorough, comprehensive, and grammatically correct.

D. A grade of “B” (83-91) means that the work is lacking in these areas. The work is good, but is not of the highest quality.

E. A grade of “C” (74-82) represents average work.

F. A grade of “D” (65-73) means that the student is grasping enough of the material to warrant recognition, but not enough to be capable of using the material to any degree of excellence.

G. A grade of “F” (64 and below) means that the student is not obtaining any observable value from the course.

H. A grade of “I” means that the student did not complete the work required by the course.

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**Tentative Lesson Plans for 2010 Winter Semester**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reading Due</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
9/07/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Law: Genesis	pp. 1-33	
9/14/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Law: Exodus – Deuteronomy	pp. 34-62	
9/21/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> History: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel	pp. 63-90	
9/28/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Wisdom: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	pp. 121-170	
10/05/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> History: 1&2 Chronicles, 1&2 Kings, Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah	pp. 91-118	
10/12/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Early Prophets from Israel: Jonah, Amos, Hosea Early Prophets from Judah: Micah	pp. 231,222, 211, 235	
10/19/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Early Prophets from Judah: Isaiah Late Preexilic Prophets: Jeremiah, Lamentations	pp. 174, 186, 166	
10/26/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Late Preexilic Prophets: Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, Joel, Obadiah	pp. 240, 248, 244, 217, 228	
11/02/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> Exilic Prophets: Ezekiel, Daniel	pp. 195-210	
11/09/10	<i>How to Read the Bible</i> <b>Final Exam</b> Postexilic Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi	pp. 252-265	