



Syllabus

BIB 105: Reading the Old Testament

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course surveys the major themes of the Old Testament. Students are directed to read large portions of Scripture, helping them gain an understanding of the Old Testament in its historical context. Particular emphasis is given to the anticipatory nature of the Old Testament, which looks to the coming of the promised Redeemer. From the first prophecy of Jesus in Genesis 3:15 to the final prophecy in the last chapter of Malachi, students learn how Jesus is revealed prophetically in each of the books of the Old Testament.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Describe how Christ is portrayed in each of the Old Testament books;
- Explain the overarching themes of each Old Testament book;
- Describe key events in the Pentateuch, including the flood, the Abrahamic Covenant, the Passover, and Israel's wilderness wanderings;
- Describe the characteristics of key individuals in the Books of History who shaped God's kingdom on earth;
- Analyze the book of Job to determine the appropriate biblical responses to suffering;
- Compare and contrast the types of poetry found in Psalms;
- Explain the influence that major and minor prophets had on Israel and the surrounding nations;
- Categorize the prophets according to their pre-exilic, exilic, and post-exilic time periods;
- Recite the names of the Old Testament books in the order they appear in the Bible.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 45 points / 45% of grade)
The Study Guide consists of 6 units. You will reply to 15 short-answer questions in each unit for a total of 90 questions. Each answer is worth .5 points and must be 100 words or fewer.
- *Assignment 1: God Uses Simple Objects* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
Throughout the Old Testament God uses simple, ordinary objects to accomplish his purpose in the world. In this assignment, you will read and study various passages of Scripture to describe how these ordinary objects are used to bring about extraordinary results.

- *Assignment 2: Top-Ten List* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
You will create a decorative poster that displays a top-ten list of proverbs that are currently most relevant in your life.
- *Assignment 3: Create a Greeting Card* (worth 5 points / 5% of grade)
You will create a greeting card that provides comfort to someone in a time of need. The purpose of this assignment is to lift someone up who is hurting with the same comfort, compassion, joy, and peace we receive through Christ Jesus.
- *Final Exam* (worth 30 points / 30% of grade)
The Final Exam will help measure your knowledge of course concepts and will be based on material in the Study Guide and the Old Testament passages you are assigned to read. You will also be asked to list all 39 books of the Old Testament from memory.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	45 points	45%
God Uses Simple Objects	10 points	10%
Top-ten List	10 points	10%
Create a Greeting Card	5 points	5%
Final Exam	30 points	30%
Total	100 points	100%