

BITH504 OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY I

INTRODUCTION

The Old Testament books of Genesis-Kings are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

- Identify various genres of literature in Genesis through Kings and learn to interpret them well.
- Articulate the significance of Genesis 1-11 as the primeval historical and theological foundation for understanding our human experience in the world.
- Understand how the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) lays the historical and especially theological foundation for the Former Prophets (Joshua-Kings) and for the rest of the Bible.
- Understand how the Pentateuch and the Former Prophets fit together within the canon, and how they contribute to our understanding of faith experience in ancient Israel.
- Value the ways Ancient Near Eastern literature can inform our reading of Scripture.
- Become familiar with the history recorded in Genesis through Kings how it relates to the history of the surrounding Ancient Near Eastern world.
- Trace the overall historical progression of God's covenantal redemptive program from Genesis through Revelation.
- Value all of the above as crucial to an ongoing study of the whole canon of Scripture as well as foundational to the way we live our Christian lives and pursue our ministries.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

Lesson 1 - God, People, and the Bible

Lesson 2 - Introduction to the Book of Genesis

Lesson 3 - Creation & Structure Of the Cosmos: Genesis 1

Lesson 4 - The World of Mankind: Genesis 2

Lesson 5 - The Fall & Fallenness: Genesis 3:1-13

Lesson 6 – The Curses: Genesis 3:14-24

Lesson 7 – The Effects & Aftermath Of the Fall: Genesis 3-4

Lesson 8 - The World of the Flood Genesis 5:1-6:8

Lesson 9 - The Flood, Noahic Covenant & Abram's Call and Commission: Genesis 6-12

Lesson 10 – Covenant & Redemption In the Bible

Lesson 11 - Covenant Commitment & Continuity in the Bible

Lesson 12 - In the Wilderness & At Sinai

Lesson 13 - Theophany & Law at Sinai: Exodus 19-20

Lesson 14 - The Book of the Covenant, The Tabernacle & God's "Presence"

Lesson 15 – Introduction to the Levitical Regulations

Lesson 16 – Levitical Regulations, Purity & Holiness

Lesson 17 - The Law, The Church & The Christian Life I: The Goodness, Weakness & Unity of the Old Testament Law

Lesson 18 - The Law, The Church & The Christian Life II: From the Goodness to the Weakness of the Law

Lesson 19 - The Law, The Church & The Christian Life III: From the Weakness to the Unity of the Law

Lesson 20 - History & History Writing In Ancient Israel I: From Creation Through the Divided Kingdom

Lesson 21 - History & History Writing In Ancient Israel II: The Nature of History Writing & the Institution of Judge

Lesson 22 - The Book of Joshua

Lesson 23 - The Period of the Judges & the Transition from Judge to King In Ancient Israel

Lesson 24 - The Institutions of Priest & Prophet in Joshua through Kings