

BI 501 OLD TESTAMENT
COURSE SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2010 (Bloomington/Normal, IL)
URBANA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Textbooks for Readings:

Bruce, F. Revised by Payne, D. Israel and the Nations. (=B in reading assignments)
 Hill, Andrew and Walton, John. A Survey of the Old Testament (third edition). (=HW in reading assignments)
 Richter, Sandra. The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament. (=EE in reading assignments)
 Longman, Tremper III and Dillard, Raymond. An Introduction to the Old Testament. (=LD in reading assignments)

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Topics (approximate correlation with dates)</u>	<u>Assignments for the Following Class Session</u>
August 26	<i>Introduction to BI 501</i> <i>Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament</i> <i>Opening up the OT</i> <i>The Nature of the Book</i> Exodus 34:6-7 <i>Introductory Framework for Study of the OT</i> <i>How to Make Your Christmas List this Year</i> Genesis Genesis 1-2	HW, chapters 1-2, pp 20-54; chapter 26, pp 480-487 EE, Introduction, 1, pp 15-46 <u>Textual assignment:</u> Genesis 1-2 Optional: LD chapter 1, pp 13-37 Audio 1: <i>Context of the OT</i> Audio 2: <i>Arrangement and Words</i>
September 2	<u>Text:</u> Genesis 1-2 Genesis 1-2 <i>Creation in Israel and the Ancient Near East</i> Q&A: Audio 1: <i>Context of the OT</i> Audio 2: <i>Arrangement and Words</i>	HW chapters 3-4, pp 56-99; Appendices A-B, pp 753-769 EE, 2, pp 47-68 <u>Textual Assignment:</u> Genesis 3 Optional: LD chapter 2, pp 38-62 Audio 5: <i>Method</i>
September 9	<i>Introduction to the Pentateuch</i> <i>Issues of Formation of the Pentateuch</i> <i>The Documentary Hypothesis</i> Q&A: Audio 5: <i>Method</i> <u>Text:</u> Genesis 3 Genesis 3-11 <i>The Fall and the Flood: Sin on a Rampage</i>	HW chapter 19, pp 356-373 EE, 3, pp 69-91 Optional: Audio 4: <i>Archaeology</i>

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September 16	Genesis 12-50 <i>The Patriarchal Era</i> <i>A Location in History?</i> <i>The Patriarchs and Their Stories</i> Q&A: Audio 4: Archaeology	HW, chapter 5, pp 100-123; chapter 26, pp 487-499 EE, 4, pp 92-118 Select topic for Research Paper Optional Audio 3: <i>Canon</i>
September 23	Exodus <i>Date of the Exodus</i> <i>Population, Plagues, Escape, and the Red Sea</i> <i>Mount Sinai</i> <i>Introduction to the Law</i> <i>Law and Covenant</i> Q&A: Audio 3: <i>Canon</i> ** Choice of paper topic due ** (on 3x5 card to professor)	HW chapters 6-8, pp 124-179 B chapter 1, pp 1-8 EE, 5, pp 119-136 Begin to research and write Research Paper. Optional: LD chapter 3, pp 63-80
September 30	Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	HW chapters 9-13, pp 180-255 EE, 6, pp 137-165 <u>Textual Assignment: 2 Kings 2:23-3:27</u> <i>How does narrative communicate?</i> <i>What is history?</i> Optional: LD chapter 6, pp 102-119
October 7	<i>Introduction to Historical Books</i> <u>Text: 2 Kings 2:23-3:27</u> <i>Introduction to Narrative</i> Joshua <i>The Nature of the Conquest</i> Judges Ruth	HW chapters 14-16, pp 256-327 B chapter 2, pp 9-15 EE, 7, pp 166-188 Prepare for Objective Quiz 1 Will cover introductory materials and Pentateuch. Optional: LD chapter 7, pp 120-132

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November 11	<u>Text: Amos 9:1-15</u> <i>Introduction to Prophecy</i> <i>The Ninth Century</i> Prophecy in the Ninth Century <i>The Eighth Century</i> Prophets of the Eighth Century ** Research Paper due **	HW chapters 29-32, pp 532-579; chapter 36, pp 618-627; chapters 39-41, pp 650-675 B chapters 5-8, pp 32-64 Optional: LD chapter 20, pp 301-320
November 18	<i>The Seventh Century</i> Prophets of the Seventh Century <i>The Sixth Century</i> <i>The Exile</i> Literature of the Exile ** Textual Assignments due **	HW chapters 42-44, pp 676-713 B chapters 9-11, pp 65-89 EE, 9, pp 209-224 Optional: LD chapter 21, pp 321-341; chapters 23-24, pp 354-396
November 25	Thanksgiving Break— No Class	
December 2	<i>The Return</i> Post-exilic Literature	HW chapters 17-18, pp 328-355; chapters 45-47, pp 714-752 B chapters 12-14, pp 90-115 EE, FAQs, pp 225-233 Optional: LD chapter 35, pp 484-495
December 3-6	<u>Graduate Seminar:</u> Presentation of Research Papers <i>Historical Books:</i> <i>Why kill Canaanites?</i> <i>Theology of history?</i> <i>Poetry and Wisdom: Is there a theology here?</i> <i>Prophets:</i> <i>How many Isaiahs?</i> <i>Can you trust Daniel?</i>	

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December 9	Post-exilic Literature (continued) <i>Relation to the New Testament</i> <i>The Message of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament</i> ** Receive Final Essay Exam **	HW, 40-41, pp 555-570 Prepare for Objective Quiz 2 Will cover historical books, poetry, wisdom, and prophetic literature, history of Israel during the monarchy, exile and post-exilic eras
December 16	** Objective Quiz 2 ** (poetry, wisdom and prophetic literature, history of Israel during the monarchy, and during the exile and post-exilic periods) ** Final Exam Due ** ** Journal Due ** ** Report on Readings Completed**	** Final Exam Due ** This is a comprehensive essay exam. It will include the final Integrative Essay , which sums up your knowledge of the entire field of Old Testament studies. All students in Urbana Seminary programs (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Religion, and Certificate of Christian Studies) are responsible to make <u>an additional copy</u> and include it in your Student Portfolio for assessment. Note: If you have a schedule conflict with the U of I Finals schedule, please talk to the Professor in order to make other arrangements.

