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Course Description:

This course is a study of the message, major themes, and key theological concepts of the Old Testament, understanding how they are developed and expressed in the ancient historical, cultural, and literary, context. Special attention is given to the relevance of the principles for believers today and the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament.

Course Objectives:

1. Explain briefly the field of Old Testament theology.
2. Describe the foundational concepts of Old Testament theology.
3. Explain how the OT relates to the gospel message of the NT and how to relate the Sinai covenant with all the laws to Christians today.
4. Identify the underlying theological principles of any Old Testament passage and apply them to the Church today with proper understanding of their relation to New Testament theology, including being able to explain how one does Biblical Theology.

Required Textbooks:

Goldingay, John. *Old Testament Theology: Israel's Faith*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2006.

House, Paul R. *Old Testament Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1998.

Various Articles

Course Outline:

Week 1

Introduction to the Course

Week 2

God

Week 3

God's People

Week 4

Restoring God's People

Week 5

Relating to the Nations

Methodology:

This course involves extensive reading and assessment, lecture, reflection, writing, group discussion, and student presentations.

Course Requirements: The class is worth 1000 points in total.

1. **Jewish History** [100 points]: Write a survey of Jewish History according to the instructions on the class handout.
2. **Book Preview** [200 points]: Give a preliminary analysis of John Goldingay's *Old Testament Theology: Israel's Faith*. Follow the outline and instructions on the class handout.
3. **Weekly Reading Analysis** (x4) [100 points each]: Analyze each week's reading according to the instructions on the class handout.
4. **Term Paper** [300 points]: Write a term paper according to the instructions on the class handout.

Attendance: The homework assignments will serve as the basis for class discussions. Attendance will therefore be weighted as a percentage of the grade for each assignment (except for the Term Paper, which is due after the last class session).

Grading Procedure:

1. The class will be worth 1000 points total. Each 100 points will be worth 10% of your total grade.
2. All writing assignments must be typed, double-spaced, original, graduate-level work, and represent a high quality writing style. Excessive errors in grammar, spelling, sentence structure, capitalization, etc., will result in a lower grade.
3. All papers and projects should have the student's name, course number and title, and due dates in the heading on the first page.
4. Late assignments are subject to grade reduction as follows: 1-3 days late = 10% deduction, 4-7 days late = 20% deduction. No late assignments will be accepted after one week without instructor approval.

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Additional Material / Addendums

Reading & Homework Schedule

	Read before class today	Due in class today
Week 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spiro, Ken, "History Crash Course #21-36" Online: http://www.aish.com/il/h/cc/ 2. Reed, Stephen A. Review of John Goldingay, <i>Old Testament Theology: Israel's Faith, Review of Biblical Literature</i> [http://www.bookreviews.org] (2008). Online, http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5616_6201.pdf 3. Goldingay, Ch. 1, "Introduction" 4. Meadowcroft, Tim. <i>Method and Old Testament theology: Barr, Brueggemann and Goldingay considered</i>. Tyndale Bulletin 57 (2006), 35-56. 5. Goldingay, John. "Old Testament theology and the canon." <i>Tyndale Bulletin</i> 59 (2008), 1-26. 6. Seitz, Christopher, "Canon, narrative, and the Old Testament's literal sense: a response to John Goldingay, 'Canon and Old Testament theology.'" <i>Tyndale Bulletin</i> 59 (2008), 27-34. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jewish History 2. Book Preview: Goldingay
Week 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goldingay, Ch. 2, "God". Recommended 1. Watch "Lost Superpower of the Bible" from the History Channel show <i>Lost Worlds</i>. It is about the Hittites. While there is nothing specific to OT theology in the episode, it will help you visualize life back in those days. Available via iTunes. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading Analysis A.
Week 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goldingay, Ch. 3, "Israel"; Ch 4. "The Nightmare" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading Analysis B.
Week 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goldingay, Ch. 5, "The Vision" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading Analysis C.
Week 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goldingay, Ch 8, "The Nations." 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reading Analysis D.

	Term Paper	
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