

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## BOT 531 Sp. St. in the Pentateuch: Deuteronomy

Roger D. Cotton

Post-Summer Session 2003

### COURSE SYLLABUS

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exegetical, theological, and homiletical study of Deuteronomy with special emphasis on the nature of the covenant relationship. Some attention will be given to major pentateuchal issues that relate to Deuteronomy, but the focus will be on theological principlizing and application to the church today.

#### OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Outline Deuteronomy and compare it to ANE covenants.
2. Discuss briefly the strengths and weaknesses of the critical theory that Deuteronomy should be dated late in the seventh century B.C.
3. Preach/teach legitimately and effectively the theological principles underlying any passage in Deuteronomy.
4. Explain the theological significance of the Sinai covenant and laws for Christians today.
5. Identify, explain and apply the major theological themes and concepts taught in the book.

#### TEXTBOOKS

##### **Required:**

Cotton, Roger D., ed. *BOT 531 Deuteronomy Handouts, 2003* (AGTS)

The Holy Bible: Contemporary English Version. New York: American Bible Society, 1995.

Wright, Christopher J.H. Deuteronomy. NIBC. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996

##### **Recommended:**

Craigie, Peter C. The Book of Deuteronomy. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976.

#### COURSE OUTLINE

**Monday, June 30**

Introduction to the course and the book; exegesis of Deuteronomy 1-3

**Tuesday, July 1**

Exegesis of chapters 4-5

**HAVE READ:** Introductions to commentaries by Wright and Craigie; Wright, Walking in the Ways of the Lord, chap. 1, pp. 7-45; the handouts on the Sinai covenant and ANE treaties and an hour on the ANE background of the OT covenant out of the bibliography or other comparable scholarly sources; the Ten Commandments article by Kaiser.

**Wednesday, July 2**

Exegesis of chapters 6-8

**HAVE READ:** three commentaries (at least 2 from the bibliog.) besides Wright, and three versions besides CEV outside the KJV tradition on Deut. 6:4.

**Thursday, July 3**

Exegesis of chapters 9-11

**Friday, July 4**

Exegesis of chapters 12-16:17

**HAVE READ:** Handouts on the laws; Wright, Walking in the Ways of the Lord, chap. 4, pp. 111-116; and chap. 6 (all).

**Monday, July 7**

Exegesis of 16:18 through chapter 20. **TURN IN** a diagram of the passage you have chosen for your project.

**Tuesday, July 8**

Exegesis of chapters 21-24

**HAVE READ:** Kaiser, Uses of the O.T. in the New, chapter 10 pp. 203-220.

**Wednesday, July 9**

Exegesis of chapters 25-28

## **Thursday, July 10**

Exegesis of chapters 29-33

**HAVE READ:** the 2 articles on the dating of Deuteronomy by Wenham in Themelios 10, 11 (April and Sept., 1985): 15-20, 15-18.

## **Friday, July 11**

Conclusion

## **METHODOLOGY**

Lecture, discussion, readings, research project, and essay exam.

-

-

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Class attendance is expected; maximum allowable absence is one class period. Please talk to the professor about any absences.

1. Be prepared for each class to discuss the next passages in relation to the CEV, Wright's commentary (to be finished by the end of the course), and any assigned readings according to the class schedule. All specified readings not in the book of handouts, along with other selected important sources, are on 2 hour reserve at the front desk of the library.
2. Turn in on Monday, July 7 a flow of thought analytical syntactical diagram of your passage (see instructions) for the project below in #4. This does not have to be typed and is for feedback from the professor before completing your exegesis. On diagramming see Walter Kaiser's Toward an Exegetical Theology, chapters 4 and 8, besides the handouts.
3. Turn in an essay on the due date for the course (see below) synthesizing the essence of the lectures, discussions, and readings, emphasizing the flow of theological themes in the book, and major theological principles (instructions to be given in class).
4. Turn in on due date for the course (see below) a researched application project on a passage of your choice, approved by the professor before the end of these two weeks.  
This is to be an exegetical, Biblical-theological study of a passage or a theme in Deuteronomy with strong application for God's people today. This must demonstrate good interpretive method including the following:
  - A. Understanding the language of the text(s) through comparing translations and doing some word studies, which include the use of (New) Englishman's Hebrew Concordance

(coded to Strong's) and the New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis.

B. Understanding the significance of the historical and cultural references in the passage(s) through background studies; including, Dictionary of Biblical Imagery, and scholarly, exegetical commentaries.

C. Understanding the literary intent of the passage(s) by outlining the flow of thought and studying the literary devices used by the writer.

D. Understanding the theology intended through analyzing the theological and thematic terms and ideas used in context of the book and the whole Old Testament, and determining the underlying principles intended as the message of the inspired writer. Here again the best commentaries should be consulted, as well as Old Testament theologies, including House, Kaiser, and the essay on Deuteronomy, "Theology of," in the 4<sup>th</sup> volume of NIDOTTE, and any other related theological studies. Be sure to research journal articles and read at least one for "A" level work.

The choice of passage or theme will be approved through feedback on the diagram due Monday, July 7. If a theme is chosen, one or more of the key passages on it must be diagrammed to total at least 6 verses. If a passage is chosen it should be at least 6 verses long.

There are three choices for method of presentation below. All three choices require a full bibliography of all sources consulted and articles in multi-author books must follow 11.26 in Turabian 6<sup>th</sup> ed. All three should have a strong practical relevance in the conclusions if not the whole presentation.

#### CHOICES FOR METHOD OF PRESENTATION:

- 1) Present in class the highlights in 20 minutes of a detailed 2-3 page outline of the results of your study. The outline must be turned in by noon the day before the presentation for photocopying by the department and preview by the professor.
- 2) OR Present the above outline to the professor in his office, turned in the day before.
- 3) OR Turn in a 9-12 page paper OR a 5-7 page typed, researched exegetical sermon outline on the course due date.

For a paper the style should conform to Turabian 6<sup>th</sup> ed. with your choice of citation method: footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical references (see Turabian 6<sup>th</sup> ed. chap. 10). However, for a sermon outline few citations are expected. Most of those needed will be for explanations to the professor, not to the sermon audience. A list of all sources consulted is needed for proper evaluation of your research. I greatly prefer to see any signed articles from multi-author works, such as NIDOTTE and encyclopedias, listed by author and title of the article rather than the book, (see Turabian 11.26). Also, the outline need not be double spaced throughout, but do **NOT** justify the right margin. Provide a title page but no cover, just staple it.

For a sermon be sure to capsule your thesis at the end of your introduction in a proposition and a transitional question about that proposition which is answered by the main points of the

sermon. The points must come from the text though not necessarily in the same order. The main points must be sentences and the points parallel to one another.

I recommend the approach of Lloyd Perry in a Manual for Biblical Preaching, the Foundational Pattern, pp. 65-72, 82.

Detailed explanations of significant exegetical decisions behind the sermon need to be written out just as they will be referred to in the sermon. If certain reasons will not be discussed publicly to avoid unnecessary confusion, then they need to be put in some kind of note to the professor set off from the rest of the material. You need to demonstrate the thoroughness and soundness of your exegetical work to the professor if not always to the people. Be sure to include what the text meant to the readers/hearers of Deuteronomy as well as the principles you see that you want your people to apply to their lives today. You may include brief descriptions of the illustrations you plan to use.

Write a careful conclusion summarizing how you have established your proposition or answered your question and then suggesting specific applications for our lives today. Be sure to end with something that will effectively impress the message on the hearers' hearts.

-  
**Due date for the work in this course is Tuesday, at 1:00, August 12, 2003.** Late work may be penalized.

### **GRADING PROCEDURE**

Reading and Class participation	10%
Essay exam	33%
Exegetical project	57%

-

### **SPECIFIC DATA**

Syllabus prepared by Roger D. Cotton, June, 2003.

### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Alexander, T. Desmond, and Brian S. Rosner, eds. New Dictionary of Biblical Theology. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.

Archer, Gleason L., Jr. Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982.

Boecker, Hans Jochen. Law and the Administration of Justice in the Old Testament and Ancient East. Translated by Jeremy Moiser. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1980.

- Brown, Raymond. The Message of Deuteronomy. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1993.
- Cairns, Ian. Word and Presence: A Commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992.
- Carmichael, Calum M. The Laws of Deuteronomy. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University, 1974.
- Carson, D.A., ed. From Sabbath to Lord's Day. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1982.
- Childs, Brevard S. Introduction to the Old Testament as Scripture. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1979.
- Christensen, Duane L. Deuteronomy 1-11. Word Biblical Commentary. Dallas: Word, 1991.
- \_\_\_\_\_. A Song of Power and the Power of Song: Essays on the Book of Deuteronomy. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1993.
- Clements, R. E. Deuteronomy. OT Guides. Sheffield, England: JSOT Press, 1989, reprinted, 1993.
- Craigie, Peter C. The Book of Deuteronomy. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976.
- Dumbrell, Wm. J. Covenant and Creation: A Theology of Old Testament Covenants. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1984.
- Fuller, Daniel P. Gospel and Law: Contrast or Continuum. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980.
- Gianotti, Charles R. "The Meaning of the Divine Name YHWH." Bibliotheca Sacra (Jan/March 1985):38-51.
- Greengus, Samuel. "Law in the OT." The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. Supplementary Volume. Keith Crim. Nashville: Abingdon, 1976, pp. 532-37.
- Hals, Ronald M. Grace and Faith in the Old Testament. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1980.
- Hamilton, Victor P. Handbook on the Pentateuch. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1982.
- Harris, R. Laird, Gleason L. Archer, Jr., and Bruce K. Waltke, eds. Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament. 2 vols. Chicago: Moody, 1980.
- Hillers, Delbert R. Covenant: The History of a Biblical Idea. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University, 1969.

House, Paul R. Old Testament Theology. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1998.

Hummel, Horace D. The Word Becoming Flesh. St. Louis: Concordia, 1979.

Kaiser, Walter C., Jr. "Decalogue." In Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics, ed. Carl F. H. Henry, 165-67. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1973.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Uses of the Old Testament in the New. Chicago: Moody, 1985.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Leviticus 18:5 and Paul: 'Do This and You Shall Live' (Eternally?)." Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society 14 (1971):19-28.

\_\_\_\_\_. Toward An Exegetical Theology. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981.

\_\_\_\_\_. Toward An Old Testament Theology. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978.

\_\_\_\_\_. Toward Old Testament Ethics. Grand Rapids: Zondervan 1983.

Kaufman, Stephen. "The Structure of the Deuteronomical Law." MAARAV 1 (1979):105-158.

Kitchen, K. A. "Ancient Orient, 'Deuteronomism,' and the Old Testament." In New Perspectives on the Old Testament, ed. J. Barton Payne, 1-24. Waco, TX: Word, 1970.

\_\_\_\_\_. "The Patriarchal Age: Myth or History?" Biblical Archaeology Review 21 (Mar/Apr 1995): 45-57, 88, 90, 92, 94-95.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Bible in Its World: The Bible and Archaeology Today. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1977.

Kline, Meredith G. Treaty of the Great King. The Covenant Structure of Deuteronomy. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963.

Knight, George A. F. The Song of Moses: A Theological Quarry. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.

Livingston, G. Herbert. The Pentateuch in Its Cultural Environment. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981.

Manley, G. T. The Book of the Law: Studies in the Date of Deuteronomy. London: Tyndale, 1957.

- Martens, Elmer A. God's Design: A Focus On Old Testament Theology. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994.
- McCarthy, Dennis J. Treaty and Covenant. New Edition. Analecta Biblica 21A. Rome: Biblical Institute Press, 1978.
- McComiskey, Thomas Edward. The Covenants of Promise: A Theology of the Old Testament Covenants. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985.
- McConville, J. G. Law and Theology in Deuteronomy. JSOT Supl. Series. Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1984.
- Mendenhall, George E. Law and Covenant in Israel and the Ancient Near East. Pittsburgh: The Biblical Colloquium, 1955.
- Merrill, Eugene H. Deuteronomy. NAC. Nashville: Broadman/Holman, 1994.
- Millar, J. Gary. Now Choose Life: Theology and Ethics in Deuteronomy. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.
- Miller, Patrick D. Deuteronomy. Interpretation. Louisville: John Knox, 1990.
- Olson, Dennis T. Deuteronomy and the Death of Moses: A Theological Reading. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1994.
- Payne, David F. Deuteronomy. DSB. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1985.
- Perry, Lloyd Merle. A Manual for Biblical Preaching. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1965.
- Poythress, Vern Sheredan. The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses, Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth & Hyatt, 1991.
- Rad, Gerhard von. Deuteronomy. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1966.
- Ridderbos, J. Deuteronomy. Translated by Ed M. van der Maas (orig. from 1950). BSC. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1984.
- Ryken, Leland and Tremper Longman III, eds. A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.
- Ryken, Leland, James C. Wilhoit, and Tremper Longman III, eds. Dictionary of Biblical Imagery. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1998.

Schultz, Samuel J. The Complete Biblical Library: The Old Testament. Volume 4: Study Bible, Deuteronomy. Edited by Thoralf Gilbrant and Gregory A. Lint. Springfield, MO: World Library Press, 1996.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Did Moses Write Deuteronomy?" Christianity Today, 29 August 1975, 12.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Old Testament Speaks. 3rd ed. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1980.

Stamm, J. J., and M. E. Andrew. The Ten Commandments in Recent Research. London: SCM Press, 1967.

Stuart, Douglas. Old Testament Exegesis: A Primer for Students and Pastors. 2d ed. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1984.

Thompson, John Arthur. The Ancient Near Eastern Treaties and The Old Testament. London: Tyndale, 1964.

\_\_\_\_\_. Deuteronomy: An Introduction and Commentary. TOTC. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1974.

Tigay, Jeffrey H. The JPS Torah Commentary: Deuteronomy. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1996.

Van Gemeren, William A., Greg L. Bahnsen, Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Wayne G. Strickland, and Douglas J. Moo. The Law, The Gospel and The Modern Christian: Five Views. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1

VanGemeren, Willem A., ed. New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis. 5 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997.

Vaux, Roland de. Ancient Israel. vol. 1. Social Institutions. vol. 2. Religious Institutions. NY: McGraw-Hill, 1961 paperback edition, 1965.

Walton, John H. Ancient Israelite Literature in its Cultural Context: Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_. Chronological and Background Charts of The Old Testament. Rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Webb, William J. Slaves, Women, & Homosexuals: Exploring the Hermeneutics of Cultural Analysis. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

Weinfeld, Moshe. Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomic School. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1972.

\_\_\_\_\_. Deuteronomy 1-11. AB. New York: Doubleday, 1991.

Wenham, Gordon J. "The Date of Deuteronomy: Linch-pin of Old Testament Criticism." 2 Parts. Themelios 10, 11 (April and Sept., 1985): 15-20, 15-18.

\_\_\_\_\_. Numbers: An Introduction and Commentary. Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity, 1981.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Law and the Legal System in the Old Testament." In Law, Morality and the Bible. A Symposium. Edited by Bruce Kaye and Gordon Wenham. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1978, pp. 24-52.

\_\_\_\_\_. The Book of Leviticus. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979.

Wigram, The New Englishman's Hebrew Concordance: Coded to Strong's Concordance Numbering System. Peabody, Mass: Hendrickson, 1984.

Wright, Christopher J.H. God's People in God's Land: Family, Land, and Property in The Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmens, 1990.

\_\_\_\_\_. Walking in the Ways of the Lord: The Ethical Authority of The Old Testament. Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity, 1996.

\_\_\_\_\_. Deuteronomy. NIBC. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996.