

OT 600: Old Testament Introduction

3 credits

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A study of general introduction, including the Old Testament's inspiration, text, canon, chronology, and historical setting, as well as exposure to various disciplines of OT study and evaluation of the major critical theories. Includes the essential data of special introduction with a survey of some of the special problems for individual books.

The course is designed to equip the student with the basic facts about the OT books and provide an overview of chapter content, to introduce the student to liberal views of Scripture along with appropriate conservative answers, and ultimately to demonstrate the credible basis for absolute authority of Scripture.

Week One

Monday:
Tuesday: Chapters 1 and 2
Wednesday: Chapter 3
Thursday: Chapter 4

Week Two

Monday: *Quiz 1* (chapters 3, 4)
Tuesday: Chapter 5
Wednesday: *Quiz 2* (chapter 5)
Thursday:

Week Three

Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: Paper 1—*The Problems of the OT in Relation to Its Inspiration*

Week Four

Monday: Chapter 6
Tuesday: Chapter 7
Wednesday:
Thursday: *Quiz 3* (chapters 6, 7)

Week Five

Monday: Chapter 8
Tuesday: Chapters 9 and 10 and pp. 142-145
Wednesday: Chapter 13
Thursday: *Quiz 4* (Listing 1-9)

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Week Six

Monday: Chapter 14
Tuesday: Chapter 15
Wednesday:
Thursday: Chapter 16

Week Seven

Monday: Chapters 17-19
Tuesday: Chapter 20
Wednesday:
Thursday: *Quiz 5* (chapters 14-20)

Week Eight

Monday: Chapter 21
Tuesday: *Quiz 6* (themes, dates)
Wednesday: Chapter 22
Thursday: Chapters 23 and 24

Week Nine

Monday: *Quiz 7* (essays)
Tuesday: Chapter 25
Wednesday: Chapters 26 and 27
Thursday: Paper 2—*Archaeology and the Old Testament*

Week Ten

Monday: Finish the Study Guide
Tuesday: Finish the Study Guide
Wednesday: Finish the Study Guide
Thursday: Finish the Study Guide

Final Exam

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General Requirements

1. Read each of the assigned chapters in Archer's *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*. Be prepared for the scheduled quizzes over portions of the reading. Be sure to answer each of the items on the study guide.
2. Learn the Hard Core Data and be prepared for the scheduled quizzes.
3. Write a paper on the problems of the Old Testament in relation to its inspiration (5 pages). See the addendum for instructions and suggested readings for research.
4. Write a paper on Archaeology and the Old Testament (5 pages). See the addendum for instructions and suggested reading for research.

Note: Both papers will be formatted according to official seminary requirements.

Note: Grades will be determined by scores earned on the scheduled quizzes, two papers worth 100 points each, and the comprehensive final exam worth one half of the total points available in the course. Written assignments not submitted on the due date will receive a penalty of one letter grade increment for each class period it is late.