



NEW ORLEANS

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

LEAVELL COLLEGE AT NOBTS
Church Training Institute: EBA
CTI 102: Exploring the Old Testament
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The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Church Training Institute prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission...

Course Description

This course is designed to provide a general overview of the Old Testament. The study consists of a brief overview of each book, giving more emphasis on various concepts of Old Testament studies. Geographical and historical elements will be explored in order to encourage students toward a more contextual biblical interpretation.

Student Objectives

By the end of the semester, the student will:

1. develop an appreciation for and enjoyment of the Old Testament;
2. demonstrate an understanding of Old Testament history;
3. demonstrate an understanding of themes, purposes, and messages from each book of the Old Testament;
4. be able to apply the methods and lessons learned to his/her personal Bible Study, personal ministry, through intended internalization of biblical truths.

Textbooks

The following textbooks are required:

The Bible. (Acceptable versions: NASB, NASBB95 Update, NIV, KJV, NKJV, RSV, ESV, NRSV, HCSB, or NLT)

Thomas Nelson Publishers. *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps and Charts: Old and New Testaments* 3rd ed. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2010.

Course Requirements

1. The student will be required to attend class and participate in class discussion, reading selected chapters of the Bible in preparation for scheduled sections of Scripture (read before class dialogue).
2. No formal test will be given. Taking of “extra notes” as well as personal gleanings are highly recommended for future remembrance.

Course Outline

Readings

Week 1	Genesis 1-12, 16, 22. Ex. 3&4,
Week 2	Lev. 26, Num. 14, Deut. 30, Joshua 24, Judges 2
Week 3	Ruth 4, 1Sam 15, 2Sam 11, 1Kings 12, 2Kings 25
Week 4	1Chron. 17, 2Chron 14-16, Isaiah 7, Esther 8
Week 5	Job 1-2, Psalm 1, 8, 51, Proverbs 3, Eccl. 12, Jer. 31
Week 6	Lam. 3, Ezek. 37, Dan. 3, Hosea 4
Week 7	Joel 2, Amos 7, Obadiah 1, Jonah 4, Micah 6, Nahum 1
Week 8	Hab. 3, Zeph. 3, Haggai 2 Zech. 14, Mal. 4

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