

Old Testament History (Joshua–Esther)
Syllabus– Fall 2022

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I. Order of Study

- A. We will engage in a study/overview of the Old Testament Books of History (12 books).
- B. We will notice the original context of these books as they form the history of God's people in the Old Testament. We will notice the success and failure of God's people throughout these books (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:6,11).
- C. We will also draw lines from these books to the New Testament and see how knowing these books helps us to better understand the New Testament. Also, we will see what these books teach us about Jesus since all scripture ultimately points to Jesus (Lk. 24:44).
- D. There will be occasional assigned readings from Smith's OT History book, but I will always let you know ahead of time. We will give some practical pointers on how to preach from Old Testament history.

II. Memory Verses:

Joshua 1:8-9

Joshua 21:43-45

Joshua 24:14-15

Judges 2:16-17

Judges 2:18-19

Judges 5:1-2

Judges 17:6

Ruth 1:16-17

Ruth 4:18-22

1 Samuel 2:1-2

1 Samuel 15:22-23
1 Samuel 16:7
1 Samuel 17:45-46
2 Samuel 23:1-2
2 Samuel 24:24
1 Kings 2:3-4
1 Kings 22:14
2 Kings 5:13-14
2 Kings 20:1-2
2 Kings 22:13
2 Kings 24:18-20
1 Chronicles 29:11-12
2 Chronicles 7:14-15
2 Chronicles 26:5
Ezra 7:10
Nehemiah 4:6
Nehemiah 6:3-4
Nehemiah 8:5-6,8
Nehemiah 13:31
Esther 4:14

III. Journal Assignments (Reading and Note-Taking)

We will read through these books throughout the semester. I want you to read each of the 12 books in their entirety and keep a journal as well. I will assign the readings at the end of each class. You are to read the assigned chapters and write down 10 observations and 3 questions that I will go over each class.

****Due at the conclusion of each book—dates at the end of the Syllabus****

IV. Writing Assignments

(1)- ****Sermon Outlines**** Students will write 2 one-page sermon outlines on each of the 12 books of history. This will be a total of 24 one-page sermon outlines. The first 12 will be due **October 6th** (the week of Midterms). The second 12 will be due **December 15th** (the week of Finals).

(2)- **Summary of the Books-** Students will write a 2-page summary of each of the 12 books of Old Testament History. These will be due as we finish each book.

****Dates at the end of the Syllabus****

(3)- **Seeing Jesus in the OT-** This assignment will call for students to find out how Jesus is seen or foreshadowed in each of the OT books of history. You will list 7 ways Jesus is seen in each book and give a 2-3 sentences of explanation. You will do 7 of these for each book. The first 6 of these will be due **October 27th**. The second 6 will be due **December 8th**.

V. Exams:

Exam 1: September 8th

Midterm (Exam 2): October 6th

Exam 3: November 10th

Final (Exam 4): December 15th

Projected Outline for Study (subject to change)

August 11- Intro/ Joshua 1-4

August 18- Joshua 5-13 (h.w. read and reflect on Joshua 14-24)

August 25- No class PTP

September 1- Joshua 20-24, Intro to Judges, Judges 1-10—study guide

September 8- Judges 11-2, Test #1 (Joshua)

September 15- Intro to Ruth (Ruth 1-4), Intro to 1 Samuel (1 Sam. 1-8)

September 22- 1 Samuel 9-17

September 29- 1 Samuel 18-31— study guide

October 6- Midterm Exam (Judges- 1 Samuel), Intro to 2 Samuel (2 Sam.1-12)

October 13- Fall Break (No Class)

October 20- 2 Samuel 13-24; Intro to 1 Kings (1 Kgs. 1-8)

October 27- 1 Kings 9-20

November 3- 1 Kings 21-22, Intro to 2 Kings/Highlights of 2 Kings, special study on Elijah/Elisha, H.W. special look at 1 Chronicles 1-10— study guide

November 10- Test #3 (2 Samuel–2 Kings), highlights of 1-2 Chronicles, begin Ezra-Nehemiah

November 17- Ezra-Nehemiah

November 24- Thanksgiving (No Class)

December 1- Ezra- Nehemiah, Esther Introduction

December 8- Esther— study guide

December 15- Final Exam