

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. **Basic Plan of the Course: Key themes or Book-by-book?**
- B. **Bible-reading – *Keep your class notebook by your side as you read! Make a note of the chapter and verse of a person or event or idea that seems important. Use these for your writing assignments.***
- C. ***A User's Guide to the Old Testament***

II. CREDIT OPTIONS

A. **Full-Credit:**

1. *A User's Guide* (14 hours);
2. Class lectures (14 hours);
3. Reading/Written assignments (7 hrs per class)
4. 120 hours total

B. **Half-Credit:**

1. Class lectures (14 hours);
2. Reading/Written assignments (3.5 hrs per class)
3. 60 hours total

C. **Audit:**

1. Class lectures (14 hours)
2. No requirements

III. WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

- A. **Full-credit and half-credit students will do writing assignments for all OT readings (beginning in class 2).**
- B. **How to get an A**
 1. Write with clear sentences (subjects and verbs!), good punctuation (start with capital letters, end with period or question mark or exclamation point!), and solid paragraphs (each sentence of the paragraph is connected to a main idea).
 2. If you use a source, cite it. If it's a quotation, "please surround the quoted part with parentheses." And then after the sentence or

paragraph where you used another's information, add a parenthetical note or a footnote.

3. A parenthetical note will look one way (*ESV Study Bible*). For extra value, look in the front of the *ESV Study Bible* at the "contributors" page to see what author wrote the notes for the respective book. Then you can include him or her (Thomas Schreiner, *ESV Study Bible*).
4. A footnote will look a different way but have the same information.¹
5. After you cite a source once, for the second and later citations in a row, use "ibid." Wikipedia tells me this, "Latin, short for *ibidem*, meaning "in the same place")."
6. Make sure you include all the elements required for Full or Half Credit.
7. Write well.

C. How to get an A+: Do all the above but have excellent writing and demonstrate hard work.

D. How to get lower than an A: Too many writing mistakes, not fulfilling the elements required.

E. Full-Credit

1. Turn in 1 full page per class (1.5 spaced, 12-pt font, 1-inch margins)
2. For each book that you cover for the assignment, provide the following:
 - a. Basics: Who wrote it, when did they write it, how confident are we about these things?
 - b. Summary of contents, including main characters
 - c. What are important connections to Jesus and/or the New Testament?
3. If you cover a single book, you'll say more. If multiple books, you'll say less.

F. Half-Credit

1. Turn in ½ page per class (1.5 spaced, 12-pt font, 1-inch margins)
2. For each book that you cover for the assignment, provide the following:
 - a. Basics: Who wrote it, when did they write it, how confident are we about these things?
 - b. Summary of contents, including main characters
3. If you cover a single book, you'll say more. If multiple books, you'll say less.

¹ Thomas Schreiner, *ESV Study Bible*. In a footnote you could also say something like, "All factual information comes from Thomas Schreiner, *ESV Study Bible*."

G. To get help with the details for each book, consult the following:

1. *ESV Study Bible* (a really excellent source (also at www.esv.org but it might cost money if you don't own an ESV).
2. NIV Study Bible introductions to each book:
<https://www.biblica.com/resources/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/>
3. www.lumina.bible.org - Type in verse in search bar and then look at articles to the right. Look for things like, "Introduction to Genesis."
4. www.biblestudytools.com - type in the verse using the ESV and then look at bottom of page for useful links
5. Don't use Wikipedia for assignments like this. Too many other issues are discussed there that will confuse more than clarify.

IV. YOUR GRADE**A. Full-Credit**

1. Class Participation – 10% (if you don't sleep and do pay attention, take notes, and answer questions, you get a perfect score)
2. Writing Assignments – 20%
3. Bible Reading – 50%
4. Read, *A User's Guide to the Old Testament* – 20%

B. Half-Credit

1. Class Participation – 10% (see note above)
2. Writing Assignments – 20%
3. Bible Reading – 70%

C. Audit

1. Nothing is required except your basic godliness, so no grade need be given by me.

V. CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	TOPIC	FULL-CREDIT ***date is when work is turned or completed	HALF-CREDIT ***date is when work is turned or completed
Sep 19	Intro to the OT Luke 1; Matt 1 OT Basics	SHOW UP!	SHOW UP!
Oct 10	Law 1 Genesis	<i>User's Guide</i> Intro, Chp 1 Genesis 1-50 Writing Assign.	Genesis 1-25 Writing Assign.
Oct 24	Law 2 Exodus	<i>User's</i> Chp 2 Exodus 1-40 Writing Assign.	Exodus 1-25 Writing Assign.

Nov 14	Law 3 Lev-Num-Deut	<i>User's Chp 3</i> Leviticus 1-10, 16-21; Numbers 9-10, 13-14; Deuteronomy 4-8, 10-11, 26-27 Writing Assign.	Leviticus 1-10, 16-21; Numbers 13-14; Deuteronomy 4-8 Writing Assign.
Dec 5	History 1 Josh-Jdg-Ruth	<i>User's Chp 4</i> Joshua Judges Ruth Writing assign.	Joshua 1-8; Judges 6-8, 13-16, 21; Ruth Writing Assign.
WINTER BREAK			
Jan 9	History 2 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kgs	<i>User's Chp 5</i> 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings Writing Assign.	1 Samuel 1-3, 8-10, 16-17, 2 Samuel 1-7 1 Kings 1-12 Writing Assign.
Jan 23	History 3 Ezra-Neh-Esther	<i>User's Chp 6</i> Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther Writing Assign.	Ezra, Nehemiah Writing Assign.
Feb 6	Wisdom 1 Psalms	<i>User's Chp 7</i> Psalms 1-150 Writing Assign.	Psalms 1-42, 135- 150
Feb 20	Wisdom 2 Proverbs	<i>User's Chp 8</i> Proverbs Writing Assign.	Proverbs 1-14, 31 Writing Assign.
Mar 13	Major Prophets 1 Isaiah	<i>User's Chp 9</i> Isaiah 1-66 Writing Assign.	Isaiah 1-11, 40-66 Writing Assign.
Mar 27	Major Prophets 2 Ezekiel, Daniel	<i>User's Chp 10</i> Ezekiel 1-14, 36-37, 40-48 Daniel 1-12 Writing Assign.	Ezek 36-37 Daniel 1-12 Writing Assign.
Apr 10	Minor Prophets 1 Hosea, Joel, Amos	<i>User's Chp 11</i> Hosea, Joel, Amos Writing Assign.	Joel, Amos Writing Assign.
May 1	Minor Prophets 2 Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	<i>User's Chp 12</i> Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Writing Assign.	Haggai, Malachi Writing Assign.