

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Bible 103 – Fall 2020 **“God’s Grand Narrative – Old Testament Overview”** [Genesis to Jesus’ Birth] Class Syllabus

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Class Location: Annex Building

Class Meets: September 14th to November 16th; Mondays at 6:30pm/7:30pm

Office Hours: Instructor’s tentative hours will be prior to class from 5:15pm to 6:15pm. However, students are strongly encouraged to contact instructor via call or text to determine if a different day and/or time is more compatible.

School of Ministry Mission Statement:

“Equipping men and women to walk in their calling and gifts to accomplish the Great Commission and raise up leaders for the future “C” church.”

The School of Ministry, we want to:

- **Identify** (Help men and women identify their calling and gifts.)
- **Equip** (Train men and women in the areas of theology, biblical understanding and leadership.)
- **Send** (Send them out into “their” world - their community, job, schools - and/or send them out into ministry.)

Attendance and Participation:

This class will consist of men and women from all ages and seasons of life as well as individuals from within our community and neighboring churches. To receive the most of your time in each class, 100% attendance and participation is strongly encouraged. The old adage, “You get out of it what you put into” is holds true for each class.

100% attendance and participation are mandatory for all School of Ministry Interns.

Classroom Etiquette:

Be on time. No phones. Come prepared. Be present & faithful.

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Academic Continuity:

In the event of weather or other emergency situation, S.O.M. may temporarily suspend normal operations. During this time, your instructor from the S.O.M. will deliver communication regarding courses, etc. using email and/or text. It is the student's responsibility to make every effort to receive communications during a campus closure.

Academic Integrity:

A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, and submitting material without properly citing the source is prohibited. Such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden.

Student Evaluation:

Students have the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback at the end of each semester through student course evaluations. Students will receive an email reminder from the office of the School of Ministry when it is time to complete course evaluations online. Please consider taking the time to provide this helpful input to your instructor and the School of Ministry.

Course Description:

This course provides an aerial view of the Old Testament, starting in Genesis and ending at the close of the intertestamental period – right before the birth of Jesus. This course centers around the main themes/topics found threaded throughout the Old Testament. Special attention is given to the connections of the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic covenants, and how these covenants are and will be fulfilled by Christ. This course aids in simplifying the complexity of Scripture and reinforces why we must know our Old Testament history in order to fully appreciate the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.

Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives:

1. Students will gain a greater understanding and appreciation for God's Grand Narrative by identifying how the books of the Old Testament relate to one another AND identifying key "plot points" that develop the story of Scripture from the Old Testament up to the New Testament.

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2. Students will acknowledge how the Old Testaments points to the person and works of Jesus Christ.
3. Students will witness God's character throughout Scripture, particularly focusing on His faithfulness despite man's unfaithfulness AND how He can use for good what man intends to use for evil.

Required Course Materials:

1. Holy Bible
2. Marty, William. *The Whole Bible Story*. Minneapolis: Bethany House, 2011.

Acknowledgement:

The instructor would like to acknowledge Dr. Yarbrough at DTS for material utilized from his BE 201 course. (Yarbrough, Mark. "The Story of Scripture: Genesis to Revelation." Unpublished class notes for BE 201. Dallas Theological Seminary. Summer Semester, 2019.)

Methodology:

There will be a variety of instructional and evaluative activities utilized, including: lecture, handouts, readings, experiential exercises, interactions with the internet, etc. Any experiential exercises are designed to help illustrate the educational process and contribute to your professional development. Educational exercises are not designed to be intrusive and there will be no pressure to disclose personal information beyond your comfort level. All students are expected to treat this environment with mutual respect and confidentiality.

$\frac{3}{4}$ Term Exam (aka midterm exam, just later in the semester)

One exam will be required for this course. This will be a 10 question, multiple-choice quiz covering main themes/topics/verses/etc. that are discussed up to its point in the course (due Nov. 2nd). No study guide will be provided; however, the instructor will provide reviews in classes leading up to the $\frac{3}{4}$ term exam.

Final Paper

Students will write a **2-page**, double-spaced paper (12-point font) where they walk through the story of the Old Testament. The purpose of this paper is to help students develop and articulate a **succinct**, coherent account of God's Grand Narrative leading up to the birth of Christ (due Nov. 16th).

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*Students **must** mention the Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic covenants in their paper.

Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Point
A+	100	4.00
A	93-99	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D+	67-69	1.33
D	63-66	1.00
D-	60-62	0.67
F	Below 66	0.00

Course Assignments:

Class Participation	30%
Reading	20%
¾ Term Exam	20%
Final Paper	30%
TOTAL	100%

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Class Schedule:

Date	Week	Lecture	Reading Prior	Assignment Due
Sept. 14 th	1	Introduction; Structural Overview of the Old Testament	Introduction	
Sept. 21 st	2	God's Shalom; Humanity's Sin Problem	13-22	
Sept. 28 th	3	God's Unconditional Solution: Abrahamic Covenant	23-37	
Oct. 5 th	4	Conditional Covenant Promises: Mosaic Covenant	38-66	
Oct. 12 th	5	Kings and King: Davidic Covenant; Covenant Consequences	67-87	
Oct. 19 th	6	Kings and King: Davidic Covenant; Covenant Consequences	88-114	
Oct. 26 th	7	Kings and King: Davidic Covenant; Covenant Consequences	115-156	
Nov. 2 nd	8	Poetic Wisdom & Worship Literature	None	Exam
Nov. 9 th	9	Captivity, Exile, & Hope; Intertestamental Period	157-177	
Nov. 16 th	10	Captivity, Exile, & Hope; Intertestamental Period	None	Paper; Reading Report

Note: The above class schedule is presented as an outline only. The instructor reserves the right to make modifications to the schedule.