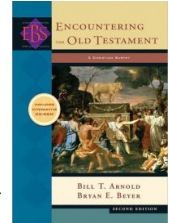


BST 310 Old Testament I

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding and appreciation of the Pentateuch and the Historical Books of the Old Testament.

Recommended Textbook: The recommended textbook for this course is *Encountering the Old Testament*, 2nd Edition. The authors are Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer. Hardcover, 528 pages. ©2008, Baker Publishing Group, ISBN-13: 9780801031700. *A Life Application Study Bible* is also recommended.



Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

1. Recognize the content of the Old Testament including the main characters & events.
2. Comprehend the historical background reflected in the Old Testament.
3. Understand the history of the composition of the texts in the Old Testament.
4. Discuss the literary character and structure evident within the various divisions of the Old Testament.
5. Discuss the various approaches related to the study of the Old Testament.
6. Identify the main themes and theological concepts revealed in the Old Testament.
7. Appreciate the significance of Scripture for Ancient Israel and its application in the Christian Church.

Structure: This course is divided into two sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook

BST 310.1 Encountering the Pentateuch

First Area of Study: What Is the Old Testament and Why Study It?

Second Area of Study: Events of the Old Testament

Third Area of Study: Introduction to the Pentateuch: The Birth of God's People

Fourth Area of Study: Genesis 1-11: The Prelude to Israel

Fifth Area of Study: Genesis 12-50: The Patriarchs: Ancestors of Israel's Faith

Sixth Area of Study: Exodus: A Miraculous Escape

Seventh Area of Study: Leviticus: Instructions for Holy Living

Eighth Area of Study: Numbers: Failure in the Desert

Ninth Area of Study: Deuteronomy: Restoring the Covenant

BST 310.2 Encountering the Historical Books

First Area of Study: Introduction to the Historical Books

Second Area of Study: Joshua: Conquest and Division

Third Area of Study: Judges and Ruth: Israel's Moral Crisis

Fourth Area of Study: 1 Samuel: God Grants a King

Fifth Area of Study: 2 Samuel: David's Reign

Sixth Area of Study: 1 Kings: Solomon and the Beginning of the End

Seventh Area of Study: 2 Kings: The End of National Israel

Eighth Area of Study: 1 & 2 Chronicles: A Look Back

Ninth Area of Study: Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther: A Time to Rebuild

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Old Testament I Examination. The exam has two parts which correspond to the sections listed above.