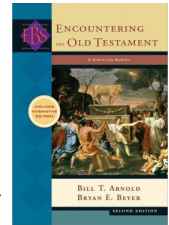


BST 311 Old Testament II

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding and appreciation of the Poetic, Wisdom, and Prophetic 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 311.1 Encountering the Poetical Books

First Area of Study: Introduction to the Poetical Books: The Literature of God's People

Second Area of Study: Job: One Man's Search for Justice

Third Area of Study: Psalms: The Songbook of Ancient Israel

Fourth Area of Study: Proverbs: Advice on Living in God's World

Fifth Area of Study: Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs: Israelite Faith in Everyday Life

BST 311.2 Encountering the Prophets

First Area of Study: Introduction to the Prophets: Voices of God's Servants

Second Area of Study: Isaiah 1-39: Prophet of Judah's Royal Court

Third Area of Study: Isaiah 40-66: Great Days Are Coming!

Fourth Area of Study: Jeremiah 1-20: Struggling with God's Call

Fifth Area of Study: Jeremiah 21-52 and Lamentations: Dealing with Disaster

Sixth Area of Study: Ezekiel 1-24: Rough Days Are Coming!

Seventh Area of Study: Ezekiel 25-48: God's Planning an Exciting Future!

Eighth Area of Study: Daniel: The Kingdom of God; Now and Forever

Ninth Area of Study: Hosea, Joel, and Amos

Tenth Area of Study: Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah

Eleventh Area of Study: Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi: Rebuilding a People

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