



SYLLABUS

The Story of Scripture, Part I

Dates: Classes meet on Monday evenings, January 28 - April 22, 2019, 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Randall University - The Barber Center, 2nd floor

Course Description:

For many Christians the Old Testament seems to be ancient history that often appears mysterious and difficult to grasp. Yet the New Testament emphasizes that the Old Testament holds great value for believers today. I Corinthians 10:11 clearly states, "Now these things happened to them [those in the Old Testament] as an example and they were written for our instruction." We believe understanding and learning from the Old Testament can be both profitable and enjoyable!

Course Objective:

In a fun, informative, and practical approach, each class member will leave this course with a solid grip on the overall flow and focus of the Old Testament. We will be surveying the important events, people, places, and messages of the 39 books that make up the Old Testament. Ultimately, we will see that Jesus Christ is the consistent theme not only of the New Testament, but also the Old Testament!

Required Textbook: *A Popular Survey of the Old Testament*, by Norman Geisler. The textbook is recommended to be purchased prior to the first class session.

Optional Recommended Books: *Talk Thru the Bible*, by Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, *The Essence of the Old Testament: A Survey*, by Ed Hindson and Gary Yates

Course Requirement:

Each participant will complete the following:

1. Weekly reading assignments from the course text and the Bible
2. Two take home quizzes
3. A final exam covering major points in the course

*See back for Course Policies, Course Schedule, and Instructor bios.

Course Policies:

It is strongly desired that each student be actively engaged with the content of the course and actively participate during class time – consistent attendance is strongly encouraged. Please make every effort to attend all 12 sessions of the class.

Course Schedule:

Jan. 28 - Introduction and Orientation to the Old Testament, *Geisler chapters 1-2*

Feb. 4 - Genesis, *Geisler chapters 3-5*

Feb. 11 - Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, *Geisler chapters 6-9*

Feb. 18 - Joshua, Judges, Ruth, *Geisler chapters 10-12*

Feb. 25 - 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, *Geisler chapters 13-20*

Mar. 4 - Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, *Geisler chapters 21-23*

Mar. 11 - Job, Psalms, *Geisler chapters 24-27*

Mar. 25 - Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, *Geisler chapters 28-30*

Apr. 1 - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Isaiah, Micah, *Geisler Chapters 31-33*

Apr. 8 - Obadiah, Johah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk, *Geisler chapters 34-35*

Apr. 15 - Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, *Geisler chapters 36-37*

Apr. 22 - Daniel, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, *Geisler chapters 38-39*

Instructors:

Bruce A. Hess: Bruce graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in Broadcast Journalism after originally planning to be a radio disc jockey. He attended graduate school at Dallas Theological Seminary majoring in New Testament Literature and Greek Exegesis. Bruce and his family came to Norman, Oklahoma in 1979 having been invited to shepherd a very young Wildwood Community Church. He currently serves at Wildwood as Teaching Pastor. Since 1996 Bruce has also had the privilege of serving on the national speaker team for FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaways, and has spoken internationally on marriage and family. For several decades his Bible teaching ministry has been broadcast twice weekly in the eastern European nation of Latvia on Latvian Christian Radio. Bruce and his wife, Janet, have four children, and six grandchildren..

Jeff Harwell: Jeff holds the Asahi Glass Chair in Chemical Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, where he has taught since 1982. He and his wife, Joyce, have been married 44 years and have 4 grown children and five grandchildren. In addition to his graduate work in engineering, Jeff received a Master of Divinity degree from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, Portland, Oregon. He has taught through the Bible multiple times a variety of venues, including small groups and adult classes within the local church. Jeff also serves as an elder at Wildwood Community Church.