

**North Portland Bible College
Portland, Oregon**

**OTS 201—Genesis, Chapters 1-11
Summer Term 2016-2017
3 Credit Elective Course**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an in-depth study of the text, history and interpretative themes of Genesis, chapters 1-11. Along with a more in-depth look at these chapters, special emphasis will be given to the importance of Messianic themes, how the themes form the foundational elements of the New Covenant and the foundational nature of those themes to the rest of Scripture.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the major themes addressed in these chapters
2. Demonstrate an ability to talk through the first 11 chapters providing the key themes to the chapter.
3. Identify key Messianic allusions in the narratives

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Reading Assignment: The student will be responsible for reading Genesis, chapters 1-11 from any reliable version of the Scripture at least 5 times. No required textbook.

Supplemental reading: There will be no required textbook other than the Chapters 1-11 of Genesis, however periodic readings in commentaries, handouts, and articles will be distributed for reading by the instructor to the student. Any commentary work will be discussed beforehand.

Assignments:

1. The student will complete the reading of chapters 1-11 of Genesis as described above.
2. The student will complete a mid-term and final exam given in class.

Evaluation and Grading Policy:

Letter grades will follow the “Academic Policies” section of the Catalog (pg. 13)

Grades will be weighed based upon the following percentage criteria:

1. Attendance and class participation 20%
2. Reading Assignments 30%
3. Mid-term and final total 50% (25% each)

Late Assignment Policy:

A grace period of 2 (two) days will be given for incomplete assignments that have not been pre-arranged with the instructor and NPBC Administration. Upon completion, students must e-mail or call the instructor by 3:00 PM of the 2nd day. A 5% grade reduction per day will be given for work turned in after the 3:00 pm cut off without prior approval from instructor. Extensions can be granted with advanced permission or in emergency situations.

Written Assignments:

The format for all papers will follow the MLA standards listed in the Student Handbook. All work must have a **Bibliography**, and appropriate **source citation**.

Academic Integrity in writing:

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author's ideas used in papers, document your source.

CLASS SCHEDULE

June 26—Introduction to Class, video

Section One—Creation and Corruption

June 28—Genesis 1

July 3—Genesis 2

July 5—Genesis 3

July 10—Genesis 4

Section Two--Generations

July 12—Genesis 5

Section Three--Noah

July 17—Genesis 6-7

July 19—Genesis 8-9

Section Four—Sons of Noah, Tower of Babel

July 24—Genesis 10

July 26—Genesis 11

Bibliography: Suggested Readings for Further Study in Genesis

General Reference Works:

1. Essential Bible Background by J. Carl Laney, CreateSpace.com 2016
ISBN 9781539635048
2. The Pentateuch as Narrative by John Sailhamer, Zondervan Pub.1992
ISBN 0-310-57421-8
3. Encountering the Old Testament by Arnold and Byer, 2nd edition Baker Academic 2008
ISBN 978-0—8010-3170-0
4. The Moody Bible Atlas of Bible Lands by Barry Beitzel, Moody Publishers 1985
ISBN 10-0-8024-0438-3
5. Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible, 5 volumes Merrill Tenney editor
Zondervan Publishing 1975, ISBN 0-310-33188-9
6. Dictionary of the Old Testament, edited by Alexander and Baker, IVP 2003
ISBN 978-0-8308-1781-8

Semi-Technical Works:

1. Ariel's Bible Commentary, The Book of Genesis by Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Ariel
Ministries Pub. 2009 ISBN 978-1-935174-00-4
2. Themes in Old Testament Theology by William Dyrness, Inter-Varsity Press 1979
ISBN0-87784-726-6
3. Genesis by Derek Kidner, Inter-Varsity Press 1967
4. Genesis 1-15 by Gordon Wenham, Word Biblical Commentary, Thomas Nelson
Publishers 1987 ISBN 0-8499-0200-2
5. Torah Club, Series 1, volume 1 Genesis, series 2 volume 1 Genesis, First Fruits of Zion

Technical and Rabbinic Works:

1. Targum Onkelos, vol.1 Genesis, translated by Israel Drazin and Stanley Wagner—
Gefen Publishing 2006 ISBN 965-229-342-3
2. Etz Hayim Torah and commentary, David Lieber, editor. Jewish Publication Society,
2001 ISBN 10-0-8276-0712-1
3. The Pentateuch by Samson R. Hirsch, vol. 1 Genesis Judica Press 1963
ISBN 0-910818-12-6
4. The Weekly Midrash, translated by Miriam Zakon, Mesorah Publishing 1983
ISBN 0-89906-925-8
5. Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament by G.K Beale and D.A
Carson Baker Academic 2007 ISBN 978-0-8010-2693-5