

North Portland Bible College
OT 101—Genesis-Deuteronomy (The Torah)
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an overview of the text, history and interpretative themes of the Torah as the foundation piece of the rest of Scripture. Key patterns in the books will be explored to demonstrate their continued application in the rest of the Scripture and any Messianic implications that arise out of them. Connections to the New Covenant in other themes will also be explored

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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

1. Identify the major themes addressed in Genesis to Deuteronomy
2. Demonstrate, through the means of quizzes, a working knowledge of these themes and links
3. Identify key passages utilized in the New Covenant Scripture

REQUIRED TEXT:

1. Textbook is by Jason S. DeRouchier, “What the Old Testament Authors Really Cared About”—Kregel Publishing.
2. The student will be responsible for reading Genesis-Deuteronomy from any reliable version of the Scripture.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Reading Assignments

1. Assigned reading will be listed in the weekly outline.
2. Supplemental reading: 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.

Written Assignments:

1. The student will complete the reading as described above.
2. The student will complete quizzes given in class and a final exam.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Evaluation and Grading Policy

Letter Grades will follow the standards given on page 14 of the current catalog.

A	90-100	Excellent	4
B	80-89	Good	3
C	70-79	Average	2
D	60-69	Poor	1
F	0-59	Failure	0
W	-	Withdraw	0
Inc.	-	Temporary Extension	

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. Quizzes and final 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.**

Guidelines for submitting written work

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**. All papers should be typed double space in 12 point Times New Roman font, with 1 inch margins on all sides, and should have a cover page and bibliography. Papers should be in MLA format, with all sources cited in parenthetical notes, with the reference listed in the Bibliography. Papers should reflect research and thought on their topic, include proper source citation, and be written with proper English grammar.

NPBC Writing Standards

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 are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEKLY CLASS OUTLINE

Readings from textbook by Jason S. DeRouchier are hereafter identified as “JSD”

Class	Course Topic	Reading Assignments Due Date	Assignments
9/28	Introduction to class	Introduction to the Torah and its Hebrew worldview Introduction to Genesis 1-11	Begin reading pages 27-58 of textbook
10/05	Genesis	Genesis 12-25 continued	Read pages 61-79 of textbook
10/12	Genesis	Genesis 26-50	Read pages 61-79 of textbook Quiz#1
10/19	Exodus	Exodus 1-24	Read pages 81-101 of textbook
10/26	Exodus	Exodus 25-40	Read pages 81-101 of textbook
11/2	Leviticus	Leviticus 1-27	Read pages 103-122 of textbook Quiz #2
11/09	Numbers	Numbers 1-36	Read pages 123-139 of textbook
11/16	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy 1-19	Read pages 140-162 of textbooks
11/23		Thanksgiving Break	
11/30	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy 20-34	Read pages 140-162 of textbook
12/07	Review	Review	Final Exam

COURSE BIBLIOGRAPHY:

OTS 101 Additional Resources for Study

Books and Journals

1. The Pentateuch as Narrative by John Sailhamer Zondervan Publishing House Grand Rapids, Mi. 1992 ISBN 0-31057421-8
2. From Paradise to the Promised Land by T.D. Alexander Baker Academic Books Grand Rapids, Mi. 2002. ISBN 1-84227-136-9
3. Toward an Old Testament Theology by Walter C. Kaiser, Zondervan 1978. ISBN 0-310-37100-7
4. Bible History by Alfred Edersheim. Hendrickson Publishers, Peabody, Mass 1995. ISBN 1-56563-165-X
5. Biblio Theca Sacra published by Dallas Theological Seminary 3909 Swiss Avenue Dallas, TX. 75204. Quarterly journal
6. A Year Through the Torah by John Parsons, 2008 (contact Hebrew4christians website to order, see below)
7. Readings from the Ancient Near East by Bill Arnold and Bryan Beyer. Baker Academic Books Grand Rapids, MI. 2002. ISBN 978-0-8010-2292-0
8. Holman Bible Atlas by Paul Wright. Holman Bible Publishers, 2000. ISBN 10: 0-8054-9445-6

Web Site Resources

1. Carllaney.com Western Seminary Professor, good outline information
2. jcestudies.com Dwight Pryor's website for Jewish-Christian studies
3. juc.edu Jerusalem University Collage resources and study tours
4. messianicJewish.net Good books and resources
5. Hebrew4christians.com. Very good resource for Hebrew word studies, alphabet
6. Ancient-Hebrew.org Interesting articles on words and language
7. FFOZ.org--First Fruits of Zion good resources for study; 1-800-775-4807

Main line Jewish Resources

1. Artscroll Chumash--(Hebrew/English copy of Torah) Mesorah Publications 4401 Second Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11232. website is: artscroll.com
2. Feldheim Publishers 208 Airport Executive Park Nanuet, NY 10954