

**North Portland Bible College
Portland, Oregon**

**Joshua-Song of Solomon
OTS 102—3 credits**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers the highlights of the books of Joshua through Song of Solomon. The basic structure and themes will be discussed and where applicable connected to the Torah. Themes which interact with the New Covenant Scripture such as Kingdom, Lineage of Messiah and the importance of wisdom will be connected to the New Covenant counterparts.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify the key themes of each book
2. Understand the importance of the time period of each book.
3. Know at least 3 major Messianic prophecies from the scope of the material studied
4. Integrate the biblical data into a 2-4 page character sketch of any personality from the material studied

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Required Reading:

The required text is “What the Old Testament Authors really cared About.” Author, Jason S. DeRouchie (hereafter referred as JDR).

Also, any translation of the Holy Scripture.

Recommended: Supplemental readings or handouts will be for information or research unless specified.

Major Assignments

- 1) Completion of Bible reading from Joshua to Song of Solomon. March 23
- 2) The assigned reading from text book. March 23
- 3) Character Study of one biblical personality from any of the books studied. Paper should be between 2-4 pages, reflect appropriate outside research, reflection, analysis and citing of sources. Lessons that can be drawn from the person studied should also be explored. Any connections to New Covenant themes should be briefly explored. Due March 23

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Attendance Policy

All students are expected to attend a minimum of 8 of the 10 scheduled classes (Catalog pg 13). Please inform the instructor of planned absences in a reasonable time frame. In crisis or emergent situations, call NPBC and/or instructor as soon as prudent. In the event of inclement weather, the learner is urged to first call the college and confirm if classes are still to be held. Personal judgment regarding your own situation must be considered. No penalty in attendance will be incurred for such decisions by the student.

Evaluation and Grading Policy

Letter grades will follow the “Academic Policies” section of the Catalog. Grades will be weighed based upon the following percentage criteria:

1. Attendance and class participation 50%
2. Reading Assignments 25%
3. Character Study 25%

Late assignment policy

A grace period of 2 (two) days will be given for incomplete assignments. That is each student has two days after normal class period of that week to complete the assignment.

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

NPBC Writing Standards:

All written work must be typed in the format designated by the college. Excessive errors such as grammar, punctuation, format, and spelling will affect your grade. A copy of NPBC Writing Guidelines is available through the office.

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 AND CONTENTS

WEEKLY CLASS OUTLINE –OTS 102

Class Date	Course Topic	Reading Assignments	Assignments
January 11	Syllabus review and Intro to Josh to Song of Solomon	JDR pgs. 172-199	None
January 18	Review of Boks of Joshua and Judges	JDR pgs. 200-217	A survey of the books of Joshua and Judges
January 25	Discussion on 1-2 Kings	JDR pgs. 218-237	Survey of important events in 1-2 Kings and the united Kingdom under David
February 1	1-2 Chronicles	JDR pgs. 442-462	Survey of themes in 1-2 Chron
February 8	Ezra and Nehemiah	JDR pgs. 428-441	Rebuilding and return of the exiles to the land of Israel
February 15	Esther and introduction to Job	JDR pgs. 358-369	Review of Esther and focus of 2 weeks on Job and its message
February 22	Job continued	same	Job continued
March 1	Psalms	JDR pgs. 336-357	Survey of Psalm types and forms
March 8	Proverbs	JDR pgs. 370-381	Discussion of what is a proverb and its uses and place in Israels wisdom tradition
March 15	Ecclesiastes	JDR pgs. 382-391 and 392-399	The wisdom of perspective on life from Solomon
March 22	Song of Solomon	None	Character study due by March 23

Bibliography
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1. Concise Bible Atlas--A Geographical Survey of Bible History by J. Carl Laney
ISBN # 1-56563-366-0
2. Students are given permission to utilize the material found on the web site:
www.CarlLaney.com as it relates to this class material
3. Holman Quick Source Bible Atlas by Paul H. Wright ISBN # 0-80549445-6
4. A Survey of Israel's History by Leon Wood, Zondervan Publishing, Revised Edition
ISBN # 978-0-310-34770-5

Supplemental Research Materials

The following are supplemental works complementing the Course OTS 102

1. Chronological Charts of the Old Testament by John H. Walton Zondervan Pub.
2. Tyndale Handbook of Bible Charts and Maps by Neil Wilson Tyndale House