

North Portland Bible College--Portland, Oregon
NTS 205 The Epistle to the Hebrews
Winter Term 2016-2017
January 2 - March 17, 2017
3 Credits

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Course Description:

A historical and theological study of the book of Hebrews emphasizing the contextual message of the author to his believing Jewish brothers. Emphasis will be placed on the authors use of Jeremiah and the New Covenant concept, how it compliments and how it contrasts the former covenant.

Course Expectations:

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

1. Identify the key themes of the book
2. Understand the importance of the Hebraic background informing the book,
3. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the outline and argument of the book

Course Requirements:

Reading: All assigned reading is to be completed prior to the beginning of each class. Supplemental readings or handouts will be for information or research unless specified.

Required Textbook: *Encountering the Book of Hebrews* by Donald Hagner. Any standard translation of the Holy Scripture.

Major Assignments

- 1) Completion of Bible reading of Hebrews.
- 2) Complete assigned reading from textbook

Reading assignments will need to be completed by the end of the term.

- 3) Questions development. Each learner will be asked to develop a total list of 20 questions from the book for further study.

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 (pg 13)

Grades will be weighed based upon the following percentage criteria:

1. Attendance and class participation 35%
2. Reading Assignments 35%
3. Questions development 30% (final exam)

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.

Expectations regarding writing/format style for papers

All papers should be typed. Font size should be at least 12 point in an easy to read font style. Spacing of one or one and a half between lines is fine. Bibliography and endnotes are to be placed on a separate sheet. Papers should reflect appropriate research, source citation and English grammar.

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 Outline:

Week #1 January 4

Introduction to class, Introducing the Book of Hebrews, introduction to Ch. 1

Week #2 January 11

Chapters 1-2 Read Hagner—chapters 1-2

Week # 3 January 18

Chapters 3-4 Hagner, chapters 3-4

Week #4 January 25

Chapter 5 Hagner, chapter 5

Week #5 February 1

Chapter 6 Hagner, chapter 6

Week #6 February 8

Chapter 7 Hagner, chapter 7

Week #7 February 15

Chapter 8 Hagner, chapter 8

Week #8 February 22

Chapters 9-10 Hagner, chapters 9-10

Week #9 March 1

Chapter 11-12 Hagner, chapter 11-12

Week #10 March 8

Chapter 13, R Hagner, chapter 13

Turn in the final exam of 20 questions and reading assignment completion sheet

No class on March 15th

Bibliography
NTS 205 Book of Hebrews

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2. **Dictionary of the Later New Testament**, ed. By Ralph Martin and Peter Davids, IVP Dowers Grove, IL 60515 1997 ISBN 978-0-8308-1779-5
3. **Commentary on the New Testament use of the Old Testament** by G.K. Beale and D.A Carson Baker Academic Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI 49516 2007 ISBN 978—0-8010-2693-5
4. **The Expositors Bible Commentary**, Frank Gaebelin, General Editor, volume 12 Zondervan Publishing Grand Rapids, MI, 49530 1981 ISBN 0-310-36540-6
5. **Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary**, Clinton Arnold General Editor, volume 4 Zondervan Publishing Grand Rapids, MI 49530 2002 ISBN 978-0-310-61321-3