

Introduction to the Old Testament

Orientation conference call: Monday Jan. 31 at 8:00 PM Central Time

Class Sessions Feb. 4 - April 21, 2022

Course facilitator: Dr. Michael Chan, Luther Seminary

This ten-lesson course introduces students to the high points of the Old Testament:

- The Primeval History in Genesis 1-11
- The stories of Sarah and Abraham
- Exodus-Deuteronomy
- The Deuteronomic History (Joshua-Kings)
- Amos and Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Isaiah 40-55
- Job
- Psalms

The course is supported by an up-to-date textbook and a study guide, including web resources.

Facilitator as Resource

The class facilitator will be familiar with the lectures and reading material, read student postings, and will be rotating the type of interface he uses with the student each week. The week that there is a Zoom discussion, the discussion will be the interface. Other weeks the facilitator will be responding to either essays or to threaded discussions or give a general written response to the issues of that week.

The facilitator for this course is Dr. Michael Chan. Michael Chan is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University (B.A.), Luther Seminary (M.A. in Old Testament), and Emory University (Ph.D.). Chan has written many articles and books including *Exploring the Bible* (with Eric Barreto). In addition to being a sought-after speaker and author, he also hosts the *Gospel Beautiful* podcast, which interviews guests about the challenging task of preaching the Gospel in the 21st century.

Orientation Monday Jan. 31, 2022: You will be enrolled in the course site at the beginning of the orientation week. Please take this time to explore the course site. There are a number of tasks to do during the orientation time: update your profile, introduce yourself in the “Getting to Know You” forum, and indicating your choice about “Why are you taking this course?” You can’t hurt anything, click around the course homepage and explore! There will also be an orientation video conference call using the tool Zoom with the course facilitator on **Monday Jan. 31 at 8:00 PM Central Time**. The instructions for that call will be in the course website.

Weekly course guide:

Sometime Friday –Monday of each week

- read the assigned readings in both the Old Testament and textbook
- watch the lectures on DVD
- post your discussion essay by Monday evening

Tuesday-Thursday

-respond to at least 2 of your classmates essays (respond first to those with no responses or the fewest responses)

-do the assignment for the session

Thursday-Friday

-post to the key question forum based on the week's assignment

-Respond to at least 2 people

Live Discussion– Sessions 5 and 10 on Mondays at 8:00 PM Central Time

During these weeks there will be a live online small group discussion, using Zoom, the online tool used for the orientation call.

Course Schedule

Feb. 4, 2022	Session 1	Canon and Exegesis
Feb. 11	Session 2	The Primeval History - Genesis 1-11
Feb. 18	Session 3	The Ancestral History - Sarah and Abraham
Feb. 25	Session 4	Exodus and the Decalogue; Deuteronomy
March 4	Session 5	The Deuteronomistic History
March 11	Session 6	Amos and Prophecy; the First Isaiah and the Messiah
March 18	Session 7	Jeremiah
March 25	Session 8	The Exile, Second Isaiah, and the Servant
April 1	Session 9	Job
April 8	Holy Week Break	
April 15	Session 10	Psalms
April 28	Final Paper Due	