

The Message of the Old Testament: Part 1

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Overview

This course is designed to help you become a “better reader” of the Old Testament. Interpreting the Bible can be a challenging endeavor. On the one hand, the ideas, language, and world of the words seem so foreign to us today. On the other hand, we read these stories through the lens of the New Testament. In this class, we will read through two major sections of the Old Testament (Torah and the Former Prophets) and explore the historical, literary, and theological factors that contribute to the beautiful complexity of the Old Testament.

Helpful Resources

- A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the Old Testament (Miles Van Pelt)
- Path Wright Online Platform
- The Bible Project (Read Scripture App)

Course Outline & Reading Schedule

August 19	Introduction to the study of the Old Testament
August 26	Genesis (Gen 1-12, 15, 37-50)
September 2	Exodus (Exod 1-15, 19-20, 32-34, 40)
September 9	Leviticus (Lev 1, 8-10, 16, 19, 23-24, 26)
September 16	Numbers (Num 1, 8-14, 16-17, 20-25)
September 23	Deuteronomy (Deut 1-15, 28-34)
September 30	Joshua (1-13:7, 21:43-45, 23-24)
October 7	Judges (Judges 1-21)
October 14	Ruth (1-4) [Technically in the “Writings”]
October 21	1 Samuel (1 Sam 1-18)
October 28	NO CLASS; CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL
November 4	2 Samuel (2 Sam 1-2, 5-8, 11-12)
November 11	1 Kings
November 18	2 Kings
November 25	NO CLASS; THANKSGIVING WEEK
December 2	A Biblical Theology of the Torah and the Former Prophets
December 9	Q&A Session; Set the stage for Part 2.