

**SOUTH FLORIDA BIBLE COLLEGE
AND
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**BBL 101 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
COURSE SYLLABUS**

1. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION: This course will provide a general overview of the Old Testament. It will cover the historical, doctrinal and Christological purpose of each book from Genesis to Malachi. It will give guidelines for the proper understanding of the Old Testament and prepares for a more in-depth study of the Old Testament books.

A. PREREQUISITE(S):

NONE

B: CLASS HOURS:

Days: Tuesdays Time: 2:30 - 5:50 PM. Room: TBD

C. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

Instructor's Name: Dr. John Stevenson

Instructor's Email Address: JohnStevenson@Bellsouth.net

Instructor's Website: <http://JohnStevenson.net> (Powerpoints for the class located on this site).

2. COURSE INFORMATION:

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide a general overview of the entire Old Testament. The New Testament will never properly be understood by a person if the Old Testament remains a mystery to the student. This study will give a book-by-book analysis to reveal important details and the major literary and theological threads that run through the Old Testament.

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B. COURSE CREDIT HOURS:

3 Semester Credit Hours

C. WITHDRAWAL POLICY FOR THE COURSE:

SFBC&TS takes student withdrawals seriously. Students considering such actions should seek counsel from their advisors, and especially from God through prayer. Most adverse circumstances can be resolved. Students electing to withdraw must do so in writing. Contact the Registrar's Office to withdraw. (See details in the SFBC&TS catalog.)

D. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

This course is constructed on a lecture format. Students are expected to participate in class lectures, discussions, and in-class activities.

E. COURSE TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS:

A Survey of the Old Testament: The Bible Jesus Used by John Stevenson, Redeemer.

The Holy Bible (NASB or NIV).

F. COURSE OBJECTIVE:

Upon the completion of this course, students will be expected to be able to:

1. Explain the general content, overall message, and flow of thought for each book of the Old Testament.
2. Interpret the Old Testament in light of its historical and redemptive context.
3. Explain the nature of revelation as progressive and rooted in history.
4. Apply the newly acquired material to their ministries, Bible studies, sermon preparation, and daily lives.

G. COURSE TOPICS:

1. WEEK 1: Introduction & the World of the Old Testament
 - a. Read Stevenson, pg 1-24.

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2. WEEK 2: Genesis 1- 11
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 25-54*
 - b. *Memorize Genesis 1:26-27.*

3. WEEK 3: Genesis 12-50
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 54-71.*
 - b. *Memorize Genesis 12:1-3.*

4. WEEK 4: Exodus.
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 72-90.*
 - b. *Turn in Quiz #1*
 - c. *Memorize Exodus 3:14-15.*

5. WEEK 5: Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 91-142.*
 - b. *Turn in Report/Bible Study/Sermon on Famous Old Testament Character (5-7 pages).*
 - c. *Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-5.*

6. WEEK 6: Joshua - 2nd Samuel.
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 143-344.*
 - b. *Turn in Quiz #2.*
 - c. *Memorize Joshua 1:8.*

7. WEEK 7: 1 Kings - Esther.
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 345-464.*
 - b. *Memorize 1 Kings 18:21.*

8. WEEK 8: Job and Psalms.
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 465-510.*
 - b. *Turn in Quiz #3.*
 - c. *Memorize Psalm 110:1.*

9. WEEK 9: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs.
 - a. *Read Stevenson, pg 511-551.*
 - b. *Memorize Proverbs 1:7.*

10. WEEK 10: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations

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- a. Read Stevenson, pg 552-597.*
 - b. Turn in Quiz #4.*
 - c. Memorize Isaiah 53:6-7.*

- 11. WEEK 11: Ezekiel and Daniel.
 - a. Read Stevenson, pg 598-654.*
 - b. Memorize Daniel 7:14.*

- 12. WEEK 12: The Minor Prophets, Part 1.
 - a. Read Stevenson, pg 655-689.*
 - b. Turn in Report/Bible Study/Sermon on Major Old Testament Theme (5-7 pages).*
 - c. Memorize Hosea 6:6-7.*

- 13. WEEK 13: The Minor Prophets, Part 2.
 - a. Read Stevenson, pg 690-734*
 - b. Turn in Quiz #5.*
 - c. Memorize Micah 5:2.*

- 14. WEEK 14: The Minor Prophets, Part 3.
 - a. Read Stevenson, pg 735-772.*
 - b. Memorize Malachi 3:1.*

- 15. WEEK 15: **Final Exam**

H. COURSE EXPECTATIONS & RULES OF CONDUCT:

Students are expected to perform all course requirements in a fashion that will honor the Lord. This will include the weekly homework, class participation, and assignments facilitated by the professor. All assignments shall be typed (double spaced) and prepared in a scholarly manner that befits this level of learning in a Christian college. Students are further expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner in all areas of life in college. Note: While class is in session, there will be no chewing of gum, no phone text messaging and cell phones will be on silence or vibrate.

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I. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Reading: Students are expected to read the text for every class ahead of the class lectures. Students are to keep a precise record of all reading assignments completed on time (before class), and will be asked to provide a percentage of all reading completed on time for the semester (based on the honor system). Partial credit will be given for readings completed late.

Papers: Students are required to prepare two 5-7 page papers plus a title page plus a reference page:

- a. First Paper: Pick a character from the Old Testament and write a detailed report / Bible Study / sermon about him/her.
- b. Second Paper: Pick one of the following doctrinal themes from the Old Testament and write a detailed report / Bible Study / sermon about it.

Creation and a Christian view of ecology
The Flood and the Ark as a type of Christ
The Abrahamic Covenant and its fulfillment in Christ
Circumcision and its spiritual implications
The Exodus as a Redemptive Event
The Davidic Covenant and its Messianic Implications
Job and Suffering and its correlation to the Cross
Psalm 110 and its Messianic Implications

These papers should be 5-7 pages, typed in Time New Roman, 12 font. All materials used in this project should be cited in Turabian foot note format. Each paper should include at least four references from books from the South Florida Bible College library in addition to any Internet sources. This includes reference books and/or books in circulation.

30% of the course grade is based on completion of these two papers.

Class participation means active participation in the discussions, group work, and assignments provided by the instructor during class; completing the homework and any other assignments are expected to

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be completed prior to entering the classroom unless otherwise stipulated. A substantial portion of student's grades is participation in class discussion. South Florida Bible College believes class interaction is necessary to enrich student education.

10% of the course grade is based on bible memorization assignments and quizzes. These quizzes will be taken at the beginning of the class session and cannot be made up so absence or tardiness to class will automatically result in a failing grade for any day on which such a quiz is given.

Take Home Quizzes will be available on the instructor's web site for download (<http://johnstevenson.net/>) and are designed to be taken with the use of any and all available resources (open textbook, class notes, Internet). They will account for 30% of the grade.

The Final Exam will cover all material covered throughout the class; there will be no mid-term exam. 30% of the course grade is based on this exam.

*** Evaluation of Attendance and Class Participation:**

(i) **Attendance:**

Students need to inform the professor by email at least 12 hours prior to the class if they will be absent. Attendance will be taken at all class sessions. Prompt and consistent attendance is expected for all students enrolled at South Florida Bible College. All students should be ready to answer any questions based on readings and participate in class discussion. Failure to participate will affect 10% of the student's final grade.

A. **Unexcused Absence** - In determining a student's final course grade, the student's cumulative final score will be reduced for each unexcused absence. When a student has four (4) unexcused absences from any one course, it will result in automatic withdrawal from that course, which may result in failure of that course.

B. **Excused Absence** – To qualify as an “excused absence,” your absence must be approved by your instructor prior to the class.

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Excused absences are not cause for automatic withdrawal or reduction of final score; however, they may adversely impact overall performance.

C. **Tardiness** – Class will start promptly at the scheduled time. “Tardy” is defined as being at least fifteen (15) minutes late to class. Three (3) “tardies” will be counted as one (1) unexcused absence.

(ii) Class participation:

South Florida Bible College believes class interaction is necessary to enrich student education. While students do not receive additional points for classroom participation, lack of such participation can result in a lowered grade

J. GRADING SUMMARY:

1. In-class Memorization Quizzes 10%
2. Take-home Quizzes 30%
3. Research / Bible Study / Sermon Papers 30%
4. Final 30%

3. SFBC&TS GENERAL POLICIES:

A. LATE ASSIGNMENTS & EXAM MAKE-UP POLICY:

There are **no** make-up exams except in extenuating circumstances (none for in-class quizzes) and accommodations depend on the situation and are reviewed case by case by the academic committee in accordance with SFBC&TS policies and procedures.

Late assignments will not be accepted unless proper documentation is provided in a timely fashion.

B. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

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Academic dishonesty is not tolerated in SFBC&TS. Any student who commits an academic irregularity may receive a zero for the corresponding assignment and/or the overall course.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following actions:

1. Cheating on a exam
2. Plagiarism:
 - a. Collaborating with other students on an assignment; knowingly assisting another student whereby an assignment or course activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student whose name is stated in the work.
 - b. Submitting work previously used in another course, unless otherwise stated.

C. GRADING SYSTEM:

<u>Letter Grades:</u>	<u>Numeric:</u>
A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	63-66
D-	60-62
F	0-59

D. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

In case of unsafe weather or other emergencies, the College updates its recorded message. All students should call (954) 545-4500 or check with the South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary website at <http://www.sfbc.edu/> to find any recorded and/or written instructions.

SFBC&TS Hurricane Plan

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In case of severe weather or hurricane, the decision to close the College will be considered. The decision to close the College is not determined by the Broward County School System, so students should make that distinction when listening to media reports or closures.

The President or Provost may close the College in advance of a hurricane warning depending on local conditions; however, classes will be canceled once a hurricane warning has been issued by the National Hurricane Center. Class cancellations and closures can occur independently of a college closure. Call the above number for details.

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