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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice.
The information below is provided as a guide for course selection
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Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

BT6603 Biblical Theology of the Old Testament, 3 credit hours

Course Description

This course is a study of selected topics and themes of the Old Testament or a thorough examination of the theology of a given book/portion of the Old Testament from the perspective of the author(s), with sensitivity to historical setting and the progress of revelation in the Bible. The chosen topics may vary from year to year.

Prerequisites: Introduction to the Old Testament, Biblical Hebrew 2

Course Objectives

After completing this course, you will be able to...

1. Construct a definition of biblical theology and its relationship to exegesis, historical theology, and systematic theology. (Judgment & Design)
2. Distinguish some of the primary emphases of the various Old Testament authors. (Knowledge & Understanding)
3. Employ the method of deriving biblical theology to various topics in the Old Testament. (Judgment & Design, Reflection and Critique)
4. Apply the results of biblical theology to life and ministry. (Commitment & Identity)

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

NOTE: Additional content or links to Internet content may be required and will be provided in the course.

Assignments

Guideline for the Discussion Board: Post your initial response to the discussion question by mid-week (Friday, 11:59pm CT). Then read and respond to at least **TWO** of your classmates' initial posts by the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CT).

Standard for Written Papers: All papers must be in Turabian style. Each page should be approximately 300 words, 12-pt. Times New Roman font on double-spaced lines with 1" margins. (Therefore, a 2-page paper is approximately 600 words; a 3-page paper is approximately 900 words, etc.) Here is a guide to Turabian style: http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html

Assignment 1-1 Method of Biblical Theology Essay: Write a 2-page essay describing what biblical theology is and how it relates to exegesis and Systematic Theology in light of the reading for this week.

Assignment 2-1 Biblical Theologian Presentation: This assignment is comprised of a video presentation and a paper. You will choose one OT biblical theologian for a brief video presentation (about 10 minutes) from the list below. The purpose is to become familiar with key personalities and give a critical review of their method and distinctive contribution. Material for this presentation should come from: 1) their own written biblical theologies, 2) their monographs and articles on particular issues, 3) reviews of their major writings (see *ATLA*, etc.), and 4) dictionary and Bible encyclopedia essays they have written, or about them. The written report should be concise, in outline form, and between 1-2 single-spaced pages addressing their: 1) Biographical information, 2) particular method, 3) theological emphases, 4) contemporary influences, 5) contributions, and 6) problems/critique. This paper will be due at the time of the presentation. Please upload a 10-minute video presentation of your theologian. List of theologians to choose from: Walther Eichrodt, Gerhard von Rad, John Goldingay, R. W. L. Moberly, Bruce K. Waltke, Brevard Childs, Walter Brueggemann, Geerhardus Vos, Christopher J. H. Wright, Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., George E. Wright, John H. Sailhamer, Patrick D. Miller, Paul House, James Barr, Bernard W. Anderson, Phyllis Trible. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 2-2 Exegetical/Theological Summary Exodus 34:1-7: You are required to prepare a two-page, single-spaced exegetical and theological summary of the biblical passage for each week beginning in Week 2 through Week 6. The exegetical summary (one page) should include a translation of the assigned passage along with exegetical notes related to Hebrew grammar and syntax. The theological summary (one page) should include theological reflection on the exegesis. This includes highlighting one or two important theological themes raised in the passage as it is understood in context and a reflection on these themes at the level of book and canon. These papers are due on Monday at 11:59pm of each of the weeks. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 3-1 Exegetical/Theological Summary Deuteronomy 6:1-9: You are required to prepare a two-page, single-spaced exegetical and theological summary of the biblical passage for each week beginning in Week 2 through Week 6. The exegetical summary (one page) should include a translation of the assigned passage along with exegetical notes related to Hebrew grammar and syntax. The theological summary (one page) should include theological reflection on the exegesis. This includes highlighting one or two important theological themes raised in the passage, as it is understood in context and a reflection on these themes at the level of book and canon. These papers are due on Monday at 11:59pm of each of the weeks. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 4-1 Exegetical/Theological Summary Psalm 19: You are required to prepare a two-page, single-spaced exegetical and theological summary of the biblical passage for each week beginning in Week 2 through Week 6. The exegetical summary (one page) should include a translation of the

assigned passage along with exegetical notes related to Hebrew grammar and syntax. The theological summary (one page) should include theological reflection on the exegesis. This includes highlighting one or two important theological themes raised in the passage as it is understood in context and a reflection on these themes at the level of book and canon. These papers are due on Monday at 11:59pm of each of the weeks. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 5-1 Exegetical/Theological Summary Job 1:1-2:13: You are required to prepare a two-page, single-spaced exegetical and theological summary of the biblical passage for each week beginning in Week 2 through Week 6. The exegetical summary (one page) should include a translation of the assigned passage along with exegetical notes related to Hebrew grammar and syntax. The theological summary (one page) should include theological reflection on the exegesis. This includes highlighting one or two important theological themes raised in the passage, as it is understood in context and a reflection on these themes at the level of book and canon. These papers are due on Monday at 11:59pm of each of the weeks. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 6-1 Exegetical/Theological Summary Isaiah 7:1-16: You are required to prepare a two-page, single-spaced exegetical and theological summary of the biblical passage for each week beginning in Week 2 through Week 6. The exegetical summary (one page) should include a translation of the assigned passage along with exegetical notes related to Hebrew grammar and syntax. The theological summary (one page) should include theological reflection on the exegesis. This includes highlighting one or two important theological themes raised in the passage, as it is understood in context and a reflection on these themes at the level of book and canon. These papers are due on Monday at 11:59pm of each of the weeks. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 6-2 Book Review: Write a 3-5 page double-spaced book review of Stephen Dempster's, *Dominion and Dynasty: A Theology of the Hebrew Bible*. This review should do the following: 1) summarize the content and major thesis of the book; 2) provide positive and negative critical interaction; 3) interact with how the author presents the relationship between the church and Israel including a discussion of how his view relates to dispensationalism; and 4) reflect on the applicability of the book to life and ministry. See rubric for additional detail.

Assignment 7-1 Biblical Theology Paper: You are to pick a passage from the list provided and write a research paper which: 1) provides an exegesis of the passage; 2) reflects on and clarifies major theological theme(s) raised by the passage; 3) traces and nuances said theme(s) at the book level and at the level of the OT canon; 4) relates these themes to the NT; and 5) offers application of these themes to life and ministry. This paper should include a significant word study, word frequency work, reference to Logos resources and databases, *NIDOTTE*, exegetical commentaries, and journal articles. The work should reflect your own study on the topic as well as a reflection on the scholarly literature. The paper

should be 18-20 pages in length, double-spaced, and follow Turabian guidelines. It should also include a full documentation of sources. The following is a list of passages to choose from: Psalm 103, Psalm 46; Psalm 116; Genesis 15; Genesis 17; Exodus 3; 1 Samuel 4-6; Jeremiah 1:1-10; 1 Kings 18:16-46. If the student has another passage in mind, the passage must be approved by the instructor. See grading rubric for additional detail.

Assessments

Assessments	% of Total
Discussions (7 total discussions)	20%
Biblical Theologian Presentation	10%
Biblical Theology Paper	40%
Book Review	10%
Exegetical/Theological Summaries	20%
Total:	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Description
A	96 – 100	Exceptional work
A-	94 – 95	Excellent work
B+	92 – 93	Very good work
B	89 – 91	Good work
B-	87 – 88	Above average work
C+	83 – 86	Average work
C	79 – 82	Work needs improvement
C-	75 – 78	Minimally acceptable work
F	< 75	Unacceptable work