

BIBLICAL INTRODUCTION I BIB 112
Center for Urban Biblical Ministry - Fall Term 2008
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Wednesday Evenings – CUBM Classroom, 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. This course will familiarize students with the language and history of the Hebrew people and the interplay between the Hebrew people and neighboring nations.
2. Students will be exposed to the theological foundations of the various books of the Old Testament and the historical situations and contextual problems of each book.
3. Students will also be engaged in an inquiry of the issues of authorship of each book.
4. The course will review the history of transmission of the ancient texts to their contemporary forms.
5. At the end of this course, students should be competent in applying biblical modern criticism to an interpretation of the books of the Old Testament.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction. Moody Press, Chicago, (1994).

WRITTEN AND ORAL ASSIGNMENTS/TESTS: Each student is expected to complete a ten-page paper (topic to be assigned October 15th and due on November 12th). The paper will show evidence of familiarity with Old Testament scholarship, contextual exegetical tools and an understanding of theological motifs. The paper should utilize the APA format, be typed, double-spaced; font Times New Romans and font size 12 points. The paper shall consist of a cover page, and a bibliography, one-inch margins on all sides, with pages numbered. Several brief quizzes in class, in addition to a mid-term and a final examination, will be administered. Students not fulfilling these requirements will fail the course.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES: Lectures, quizzes, class assignments, and discussions

GRADING PROCEDURES: Evaluation of academic progress will be based upon completion of the following course requirements: (a) Attendance/class participation (20%); (b) Term Paper (20%); (c) Quizzes and class assignments (20%); (d) Mid-Term examination (20%); (e) Final examination (20%). Students submitting term papers and other assignments beyond due dates will face a penalty of minus 10 percentage points for each late assignment.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: Students are expected to attend all classes.

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Aug. 20- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 1 & 2.
2. Aug. 27- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 3-5.
3. Sept. 3- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 6-8.
4. Sept. 10- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 9-11.
5. Sept. 17- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 12-14.
6. Sept. 24- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 15-17.
7. Oct. 1- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 18-20.
8. Oct. 8- **MID-TERM EXAM**
9. Oct. 15- ULI Conference (No Class)
10. Oct. 22- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 21-23.
11. Oct. 29- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 24-26.
12. Nov. 5- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 27-29.
13. Nov. 12- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 30-32.
14. Nov. 19- Archer, Gleason L., A Survey of Old Testament Introduction, Chaps. 33-35.
15. Dec. 3- **REVISIONS**
16. Dec. 10- **FINAL EXAMS**