



Welcome to  
BIL101  
Old Testament Survey

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# Introductions & Cards

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Activities: Reading ; Lifting Weights

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# Course Objectives:

Together we will seek to:

1. To understand the books of the Old Testament as literature conveyed in several different forms; narrative, poetry, and prophecy.

Narrative - - Genesis

Poetry - - Psalms

Prophecy - - Isaiah

# Course Objectives:

Together we will seek to:

2. To acquaint you with the basic content of the Old Testament material which is foundational for a life-time of Old Testament study.

# Course Objectives:

Together we will seek to:

3. To acquire a general understanding of the *history* and *culture* which stands behind the people of God as presented in the Old Testament.



בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים

אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

Genesis 1:1

# Course Objectives:

Together we will seek to:

4. To understand that when Jesus spoke of the scriptures, He meant the Old Testament. Thus, we will investigate the relationship that the Old Testament had upon the New Testament.

Furthermore, we will ask the question, “Can we really know Jesus apart from a firm grasp on the Old Testament?”

“And beginning with  
Moses and all the  
prophets, he interpreted  
to them in all the  
scriptures the things  
concerning himself.”

NIV Luke 24:27

# Course Objectives:

Together we will seek to:

5. To recognize that as part of our Christian Canon, the Old Testament has practical application for our lives today.

“Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.”

NIV 1 Corinthians 10:6

# Textbooks:

*1. Encountering the Old Testament, Bill Arnold*

2. The Bible; NIV Study Bible  
(preferably the NIV study Bible or  
some other study Bible)

# Class Requirements:

## 1. Exams (15% of grade each, 45% total)

We will take three (3) examinations corresponding to the three sections of this course:

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| 1. <i>Pentateuch</i> | (Genesis-Deut)     |
| 2. <i>Historical</i> | (Joshua-Esther)    |
| <i>Poetry/Wisdom</i> | (Job-Ecclesiastes) |
| 3. <i>Prophecy</i>   | (Isaiah-Malachi)   |

# Class Requirements:

## 2. Quizzes (5% of Grade)

There will be two (2) *announced* quizzes which will come throughout the semester.

The quizzes will be worth a total of 50 points.



# Class Requirements:

## 3. Reading (15% of Grade)

Reading will be assigned from both the text and the corresponding reading in the Old Testament.

You will also be responsible for terms that are listed at the end of syllabus.

Most will be found in the *Encountering the OT* textbook on reserve.

# Class Requirements:

## 4. Character Study Outline (15% of Grade)

Choose a character of the Old Testament and investigate his/her life, culminating in a three (3) page double-spaced typed outline which could be used in a Small Group, Youth Group, or Sunday School setting.

# Class Requirements:

## 5. Research Project (20% of Grade)

Please choose one (1) book of the Old Testament and write a 5 page typed essay.

**Or**

Perform a “dramatic reading” of a text (20 verse minimum). Possibly four students can get together to dramatically perform all of **Ruth** or **Jonah** at one time!

# Class Requirements:

## 6. Class Participation

Class attendance will be taken regularly. You will be allowed three (3) absences throughout the semester without penalty. Subsequently, each additional unexcused absence will carry a penalty of 2% off the final grade. See Kingswood University Catalogue for detailed explanation.

Please keep a close watch on your absences. They will be recorded in *Populi*.

# Course Grade:

Unit Examinations	45%	(450 points)
Quizzes	5%	(50 points)
Reading	15%	(150 points)
Character Study	10%	(100 points)
Research	15%	(150 points)
Class Participation	<u>10%</u>	<u>(100 points)</u>

**Total**                      **100% (1000 points)**

# Grading Scale:

1000-950	A	769-730	C
949-900	A-	729-700	C-
899-870	B+	699-670	D+
869-830	B	669-600	D
829-800	B-	599 below	F
799-770	C+		