UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

COURSE NO: CU 2222 - Hospital Certificate Program
COURSE TITLE: Covenant & Kingdom
SEMESTER: SPRING 2018 (Galveston-Houston)
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Class Dates: Thursday Jan 11, Thursday Jan 18, Thursday Jan 25, Thursday Feb 1, Thursday Feb 8, Thursday Feb 15, Thursday Feb 22, Thursday Mar 1

COURSE PROFILE

1.0 Course Description
An introductory course in the Old Testament as the story of a people with emphasis on the historical, literary, theological, and social contexts in the development of the Pentateuch and the Deuteronomistic historical books.

1.1 Course Goal
To develop a greater appreciation of the story of salvation by comparing the events in Israel's history with the stages in biblical writings. Also to develop an understanding of the importance of the Hebrew scriptures to the study of the New Testament writings.

Course Grading
Your grade will be determined as follows:
1st Examination 45%
2nd Examination 45%
Class Work/Discussion 10%

Format of Presentations

The format of the class will be lectures, group work and discussion of assigned readings.

Required Textbooks
New American Bible Revised Edition. Also can be accessed via usccb.org.
Lawrence Boadt, Reading the Old Testament

Class One: Introduction to the Old Testament

Date: Thursday Jan 11
1.1 Introducing the Old Testament
1.2 Literary Tools for Study of Old Testament
1.3 Canon, Translation and Scripture
Reading Assignments

Read Genesis 1-11;
Read Boadt, pp. 1-105 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Two: Composition of the Pentateuch

Date: Thursday Jan 18
2.1 Composition of the Pentateuch: Sources and Forms
2.2 Israel's Prologue to Its Story: Primeval History (Gen 1-11)
2.3 Narrative Form

Reading Assignments
Read Genesis 12-15; 27-31; 39-45
Read Boadt, pp. 108-124 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Three: Primeval History and Creation

Date: Thursday Jan 25
3.1 Israel's Beginnings: Patriarchal Period (Gen 12-50)
3.2 Covenant and Genesis

Reading Assignments
Read Exodus 1-6; 14-18; 19-24
Read Boadt, pp. 127-141 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Four: Israel: the birth of a people

Date: Thursday Feb 1
4.1 Israel Becomes Free: Exodus Event (Ex 1-18)

Reading Assignments
Read Leviticus 16-19;
Read Boadt, pp. 144-162 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Five: Israel: The Formation of a Chosen People

Date: Thursday Feb 8
5.1 Israel Enters into a Relationship: Covenant and Law (Ex, Lev, Num)
5.2 Kosher, Ceremonial and Moral Laws

Reading Assignments
Read Numbers 21-24;
Joshua 6-8; 22-24
Read Boadt, pp. 164-192 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Six: Israel: Conquest and Discord
Date: Thursday Feb 15
6.1 Israel Wanders in the Wilderness (Ex, Num)
6.2 Israel Is Given a Home (Joshua, Judges)

Reading Assignments
Read 1 Samuel 7-12
2 Samuel 7-12; 9-11; 17-20
Read Boadt, pp. 194-208; 254-262 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Seven: The Historical Development of Israel
Date: Thursday Feb 22
7.1 Israel Wants a King (1 Sam)
7.2 Israel’s Time of Glory (2 Sam – 1 Kgs 11)
7.3 Israel Splits in Two (1 Kgs 12 – 2 Kgs)
7.4 Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomic History

Reading Assignments
Read 1 Kings 3-9; 5-8; 17-21; Psalms 1, 8, 18, 22, 23, 51, 91, 95, 104, 137, 145
Read Boadt, pp. 211-251 and review the questions at the end of each chapter.

Class Eight: Final Assessment
Date: Thursday March 1
8.1 Solomon and the Temple
8.2 Psalms
Selected Bibliography