



Truth Today

Old Testament Exposition

Introduction

Colossians 1:28 says, “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.” The goal of *Truth Today* is to grow in a foundational comprehension and working knowledge of Scripture to faithfully proclaim Christ, warn everyone, teach everyone, and present everyone mature in Him.

Class Goals

This class will introduce the culture, context, and content of each book in the Old Testament. Unlike a typical survey, the grand storyline of redemption will be the primary focus while implementing the grammatical-historical hermeneutic introduced in the previous course. This class will provide the members of our church with a foundation for a lifetime of studying, applying, and teaching the Old Testament Scriptures. The learning outcomes for this class are as follows:

1. Be able to articulate the purpose and message of each book of the Old Testament.
2. Be familiar with the major events and people of the Old Testament.
3. Be able to communicate the “big picture” of the Old Testament and relate the parts to the whole.
4. Be able to discuss the major theological themes of the Old Testament.
5. Be able to explain the significance of the Old Testament or any of its parts for a contemporary believer.
6. Be able to address the foundational significance of the Old Testament for the understanding the New Testament.

Required Texts

1. Class Notes - Provided by the Instructor
2. *The Bible Expositor's Handbook: Old & New Testaments*
Greg Harris
Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2020

Recommended Texts

1. *A Survey of the Old Testament (3rd edition)*
Andrew E. Hill and John H. Walton
Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009
2. *Cracking Old Testament Codes:
A Guide to Interpreting the Literary Genres of the Old Testament*
D. Brent Sandy and Ronald Giese, Jr.
Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 1995
3. *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel (2nd edition)*
Eugene H. Merrill
Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2008
4. *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction (Revised and expanded 3rd edition)*
Gleason L. Archer
Chicago, IL: Moody, 2007

Class Requirements (Assessment Indicators)

1. Reading Assignments: Each student is required to read the class notes in preparation for each week's lecture and the entirety of *The Bible Expositor's Handbook: Old Testament* (Greg Harris) by week 11. Highlighted sections of each chapter will be discussed in class according to the schedule. Additional details to be provided the first day of class.
2. Book Review: Each student is required to write a 1000-word book review of *The Bible Expositor's Handbook: Old Testament* by Greg Harris. This review should include not only an overview of the contents of the book but also a discussion of its strengths and weaknesses. The reading of other reviews or summaries of the book is strictly forbidden. A hard copy of this review is due by week 12. We will discuss our findings from the book throughout the class.

Class Policies

Regular attendance is important for the acquisition and understanding of class material. If a student is aware of a foreseeable absence, they should inform the instructor ahead of time. When emergencies occur, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor, receive materials missed, and make-up the work.

All assignments must be double-spaced with 12pt Times New Roman font.

The following should be brought to every class: The Bible each student uses for personal study, a pen, and their class notes binder. The use of laptops, other electronic devices, and additional notebooks should be limited to the taking of supplemental notes from the class's lecture and discussion.

Class Schedule • Material, Books Covered, and Reading Due

Week	Material	Books Covered	Reading Due
1	Class Introduction Approaching the Text		
2	Approaching the Text The Law - Torah		Chapters 1 & 2
3	The Law - Torah	Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Chapters 3 & 4
4	The Former Prophets - Historical/Theological	Joshua Judges	Chapter 5
5	The Former Prophets - Historical/Theological	Samuel Kings	Chapters 6 & 7
6	The Writings - Historical/Theological	Ruth Esther	Chapter 8
7	The Writings - Historical/Theological	Ezra/Nehemiah Chronicles	Chapter 9
8	The Latter Prophets - Major	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel	Chapter 10
9	The Latter Prophets - Minor	The Twelve	Chapters 11 & 12
10	The Writings - Poetry/Wisdom	Psalms Job Proverbs	Chapters 13 & 14
11	The Writings - Poetry/Wisdom	The Song of Songs Ecclesiastes Lamentations Daniel	Chapter 15
12	Review - Following the Thread		Book Review Due