

Institute for Christian Studies
The Torah: The Books of Moses
Course Syllabus 2011

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Course Objectives: To familiarize the participants with the overarching content and themes of Pentateuch with a particular attention to bridging the gap between the original meaning of the Scriptures and their contemporary significance.

Required reading: First of all, read the entire Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). Secondly, read John Walton, Andrew Hill, Old Testament Today, (Zondervan, 2004) pages 1-124. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com for \$20.00 to \$30.00 new, less if used. It is a goldmine of material for the entire Old Testament and will serve you well for further study. It is well worth the investment.

Required Project: Write **two** reflection papers at least 5 pages in length, double spaced, 1" margins, 12 point font.

- 1.) Write a synopsis of the main purpose of each of the books of the Pentateuch and explain how they are interrelated. In other words, how would you, not only summarize the content of the books, but also describe their relationship with each other. Be sure to cite both Scripture and evidence of your having read the material in Old Testament Today.
- 2.) Select a key text from any book of the Pentateuch and write a well developed reflection paper that answers the following questions:
 - 1.) What does the passage say? (Observation).
 - 2.) What does the passage mean? (Interpretation)
 - 3.) What does the passage mean to me? (Application)

The papers are due one month from the date of the class (January 4, 2012) and should be either e-mailed or mailed to the Instructor. E-mailed documents should be in Word format or a format that can be opened with Word. They will be read, reviewed, graded and returned to the students as soon as possible. If you have questions concerning any of this you may email me DGNEWHART@yahoo.com or call at 772-480-3163. Remember what you get out of things is directly proportionate to what you put into them. With God's work always strive to put in your best effort.

In Christ Alone

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