

STARTING:

Thursday, September 22, 2022
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

INSTRUCTOR: Adam Copenhaver

LOCATION: Covenant Presbyterian Church, 912 Yakima Avenue, Prosser, WA

COURSE SUMMARY:

This course will introduce the historical background, literary types, and challenges of reading the Old Testament, along with interpretive principles for understanding and applying the texts.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will be in a traditional classroom setting with lecture and discussion. The classes will meet weekly for two hours for twelve weeks.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To grasp the overall story and history of the Old Testament.
- To consider carefully how we read the Old Testament as Christians.
- To develop, practice, and become skilled in an interpretive approach to the Old Testament.
- To learn to read the Old Testament in light of both its historical and redemptive contexts.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS & TEXTBOOK:

- Required: *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament: A Contemporary Hermeneutical Method* by Sidney Greidanus (Eerdmans 1999). Recommended: *Old Testament Today* by John Walton & Andrew Hill (Zondervan 2013 2nd Edition). [Both books are available in Kindle format]
- Weekly readings and reflections (approximately 1-2 hours per week)
- Major project: Each student will do a short presentation to the class after selecting an Old Testament text and preparing a paper and/or lesson developed using principles learned in the course.

COST: \$100 plus textbook

COURSE SCHEDULE:

CLASS	DATE	TOPIC
1	Sep 22	Introduction: the challenge of reading the Old Testament
2	Sep 29	Historical context: reading the Old Testament in light of its Jewish history
3	Oct 6	Redemptive context: reading the Old Testament in light of Christ
4	Oct 13	Redemptive context (cont.): reading the Old Testament in light of Christ
5	Oct 20	Readings in Genesis
6	Oct 27	Readings in Exodus
7	Nov 3	Readings in Leviticus
8	Nov 10	Readings in Exilic Writings: Esther, Ruth
9	Nov 17	Readings in Poetry: Psalms, Ecclesiastes
10	Dec 1	Readings in Prophets: Isaiah
11	Dec 8	Readings in Minor Prophets: Amos, Joel
12	Dec 15	Student presentations/papers