

## OT HISTORICAL NARRATIVES COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Course PURPOSE

To trace the establishment of the children of Israel in the Promised Land as the beginning of the fulfillment of the covenantal promises to the fathers. OT Historical Books (“Former Prophets”) of Joshua through Ezra-Nehemiah will be surveyed with attention given to each book’s key theme, its relation to the OT canon and canonical message, archaeological highlights and contemporary cultures, and key figures in the narrative.

### READINGS:

1. F. Gabelein, ed. *Expositor's Bible Commentary: Vol. I Introductory Articles*, pp. 253-281; 348-356
2. David Howard. *An Introduction to the OT Historical Books*
3. Gleason Archer. *A Survey of OT Introduction*, chapters 19,20,30
4. All OT Historical books, from Joshua to Esther; read a modern language version. If you can procure this OT harmony, read Samuel through Chronicles in W.D. Crockett's *Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles*
5. One (non-devotional) Commentary of 150+ pages on the Historical book of your choice.

### WRITTEN PROJECT: Choose ONE of the following options:

1. A 10-12 page term paper: exposit a passage, or address a problem passage, or trace a theme in a book(s), or survey the background material of a book. Bibliography should include at least five non-general reference works; facts and quotes need to be documented following the standard college format (e.g., SBL or Turabian style).
2. Five Bible studies from five different books of this section of the OT; outline and illustrate each Bible study in about two pages.
3. In 10 pages or more (double-spaced), outline/review the highlights of the commentary you read for this course.

### MEMORY VERSES:

From the following list of key verses you get to CHOOSE FIVE to recite on paper for your proctor or else in class in June.

Joshua 1:8,9	II Kings 19:19
Judges 21:25	I Chronicles 22:13
Ruth 1:16b-17	II Chronicles 7:14
I Samuel 12:23 or 15:22	Ezra 7:9c-10
II Samuel 23:3,4	Nehemiah 8:8
I Kings 8:23	Esther 4:14

### Exam DEADLINES:

Exam I: Joshua–Ruth	February 1
Exam II: I Samuel–II Kings	June 20
Exam III: I Chronicles–Nehemiah	June 30

**GRADING:** 3 Exams @ 60%                      Readings @ 18%                      Papers @ 15%  
5 Memory Verses @ 5%                      Participation/Oral Exam @ 2%