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COURSE: WSBM 110 Old Testament Panorama

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DATE: Tuesdays | September 23 – November 25, 2025 | 7-9pm | 3040

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course surveys the biblical narrative from Genesis to Malachi and connects God's self-revelation to his salvation plan through Israel's story. We will identify and study themes that emerge in each section and genre of the OT (Pentateuch, History, Writings and Prophets).

WSBM 110 Old Testament Panorama is one of the core courses at WSBM.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completing the course, students will be able to:

- Identify the big picture of the OT and see God revealing himself and his salvation plan
- Understand the unique characteristics and purposes of each section of the OT
- Personally apply the narrative of the OT as it shapes them as a disciple of Christ
- Live in accordance with God's design, specifically to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our holy and merciful God

REQUIRED READING

The Holy Bible (in any quality translation – ESV, NIV, NRSV, NLT)

Wright, Christopher J.H. *The Old Testament in Seven Sentences: A Small Introduction to a Vast Topic*. IVP Academic, 2019.

RECOMMENDED READING

Bauckham, Richard K. *Who is God? Key Moments in Biblical Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020.

Fee, Gordon D. Fee & Stewart, Douglas. *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

Wright, Christopher J.H. *Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament, 2nd ed.* Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2014.

COURSE PROGRAM

Date	Topic	Assignments Due
Sep 23	Intro to the OT	
Oct 7	Gen: First Stories	
Oct 14	Exo-Deu: Formation	<i>Jesus through the OT Chart</i>
Oct 21	Jos-Rut: Settling	
Oct 28	Sam-Chr: Kingdom	
Nov 4	Ezr-Est: Exile and Return	<i>Textbook Review</i>
Nov 11	<i>Prayer Summit week – no class</i>	
Nov 18	Isa-Mal: Prophetic Message	<i>Personal Application Project</i>
Nov 25	Job-SoS: Writings	
Dec 2	<i>No class</i>	<i>OT Reading and Reflections</i>

STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Old Testament Reading and Reflections (40%)

Students will use the provided guide (*Drama of the OT*, on Moodle) to read selected portions from the OT in a language of their choice during the time of the course. For each passage, provide a short title describing the content or an important lesson.

Due: December 2, 2025

2. Jesus through the OT Chart (10%)

Complete the *Jesus through the Old Testament* chart, which is attached to the end of the syllabus and available on Moodle.

Due: October 14, 2025

3. Textbook Review (20%)

Write a 3-4 page (approx. 750 word) review of *The Old Testament in Seven Sentences*.

Summarize the author's main points and include personal responses to the book.

Consider: How is this book useful/not useful? Would the student recommend this book? Why/why not? How has the material in the book most affected the student?

Due: November 4, 2025

4. Mini quizzes (4 X 5% = 20%)

Four short quizzes will be held in class. Each quiz will take approximately ten minutes.

5. Personal Application Project (10%)

The student will participate in a fresh application project, inspired by their time studying the OT. This will be something the student is not already doing. It should involve at least 1-2 hours of work (plus writing out the report). The report will be a 250-500 word summary of what they did, why they chose to do it (eg. supporting OT verses), what surprised the student during the project, and what was learned in the process. Some examples include:

- Reciting memorized Scripture (6-7 verses minimum) in front of 3 family/friends
- Pursue reconciliation with someone with whom the student has conflict
- Clean up a local playground to honor God's creation
- Serve in the community in some way

Due: November 18, 2025

Jesus through the Old Testament

In the chart below, complete the sentence "Jesus is..." using 15 words or less to describe the coming Ruler and Redeemer.

Reference	Jesus is...
Gen. 3:15	The seed of the woman who will completely defeat the enemy. (Example)
Gen. 12:3	
Gen. 49:10	
Deu. 18:15	
Jos. 5:13-15	
2 Sam. 7:16	
Psa. 22	
Isa. 7:14	
Isa. 9:6-7	
Isa. 11:1-12	
Jer. 23:1-8	
Eze. 21:24-27	
Dan. 2:44-45	
Dan. 7:13-14	
Mic. 5:2	
Hab. 2:14	
Zec. 9:9-10	