



Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Certificate: Biblical Theology (Level 2) - 18 Credits



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Course Descriptions:

- + **BT 601 Hermeneutics (3 credits):** An advanced treatment of the rules and techniques of biblical interpretation, applying acquired skills of exegesis of the Hebrew and Greek text of Scripture within the parameters of sound principles of hermeneutical practice. Founded upon the introduction to the principles and the history of hermeneutics received in introductory courses, this course sharpens the student's abilities in grappling with specific issues of which he or she is now more fully and intensely aware.

- + **BT 775 Abrahamic Religions, Sacred Scripture, & Biblical Worldview (3 credits):** This course compares the Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in terms of the Scriptures and a Biblical Worldview.

- + **NT 503 Acts & Paul (3 credits):** The narrative of Acts provides the historical framework for introducing each of Paul's letters in chronological order. Special attention is given to the background and contents of each letter and to Paul's role in the development and spread of early Christianity.

- + **NT 602 General Epistles & Revelation (3 credits):** Background, contents, and theology of each of the catholic epistles and Revelation are surveyed. Special attention is given to the historical occasion, structure, and theology of Hebrews, the social setting and teaching of James, the relationship between II Peter and Jude and their mutual concerns, and interpretive approaches to Revelation.

- + **OT 502 Historical Books (3 credits):** This course concentrates on the study of Joshua through Esther. Special attention is given to the nature and purpose of the Old Testament histories. Introduction, content survey, the archaeological and geographical background, and the biblical theology of the historical books are all examined. Issues of chronology and modern critical theories are evaluated by a careful study of the Scriptures themselves, developing a thorough appreciation for the reliability and accuracy of the narrative histories.

- + **OT 604 Poetic Books (3 credits):** The unique style and role of Hebrew poetry in the "Books of Poetry," among the Writings portion of the Hebrew canon. Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, as well as Lamentations, are analyzed for theological, devotional, and didactic significance.