



Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Certificate: Old Testament Theology - 18 Credits



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Course Descriptions:

- + **BT 506 OT Biblical Theology (3 credits):** An introduction to the study of the content and method of Old Testament revelation. The development of the covenant concept and the history of redemption is traced from the Pentateuch through the prophets. The Biblical Theology of Geerhardus Vos is used as a text for this course.
- + **BT 775 Abrahamic Religions, Sacred Scriptures, & Biblical Worldview (3 credits):** This course compares the Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in terms of the Scriptures and a Biblical Worldview.
- + **OT 501 Pentateuch (3 credits):** The structure and authorship of the Books of the Law are treated against their historical setting. The biblical theology of the earliest epochs of redemptive history is examined considering the relationship between the Abrahamic and the Sinaitic covenants. Particular attention is paid to the evidence of the historical reliability of even the earliest of the covenantal documents.
- + **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 503 Prophetic Books (3 credits):** Both Major and Minor Prophets are studied in canonical order of the English Bible. Familiarity and understanding of their messages are sought through an examination of the texts and their historical and sociological settings. Theological issues and principles of prophetic interpretation are considered.
- + **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.