

## BT708 Advanced OT Synthesis III

**Course:** BT708 Advanced OT Synthesis III: Writings  
**Credits:** Three Credits  
**Semester:** Spring 2024 Cycle 5  
**Dates:** March 11 – May 3, 2024  
**Time:** Tuesdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Place:** Microsoft Teams  
**Professor:** Dr. Jeremy D. Lyon, Ph.D.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the historical backgrounds, arguments, biblical theology, and interpretive issues in the Writings section of the Hebrew Bible. Students will study how these books relate to the post-exilic period of Israel's history and how these books were used in the worship of God by Israel. Students will study the Messianic prophecies in these books and do exegetical studies in the Hebrew text of these Old Testament books.

*This course is offered in two formats: in-person and online. Students registered for in-person attend the classes in person. Online students attend the classes via the online classroom. For both in-person and online students, assignments and interaction outside of the class period are done in the learning management system.*

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student who successfully completes this course should . . .

*Strengthen* proficiency in biblical Hebrew and *develop* exegetical skills in the Hebrew text

*Understand* the literary structure, major themes, and theology of the Writings, including the inter-textual relationship of each book with other books in the canon.

*Develop* an understanding of the nature and development of the Abrahamic Covenant and Mosaic Covenant in the Hebrew canon, and the prophetic history of the nation of Israel

*Develop* a working understanding of Hebrew poetry

*Articulate* the basic literary structure and message of the books of the Writings section of the canon

Learn from and interact with past and contemporary scholarship in the field

Apply teachings from the Writings to their life and ministry

### **COURSE TEXTBOOKS**

*The Holy Bible*. A translation based on formal equivalency such as the NKJV, NASB, or ESV is required in every course at Calvary University.

Berlin, Adele. *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism*. Revised and expanded edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans; Dearborn, MI: Dove, 2008. (ISBN: 978-0-8028-0397-9; Amazon \$22 or less)

Cole, Robert L. *Psalms 1–2: Gateway to the Psalter*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2013. (ISBN: 979-1-9075-3430-0; Amazon \$80 or less)

Longman III, Tremper and Peter Enns, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005. (ISBN: 978-0-8308-1783-2; IVP \$60)

Schnittjer, Gary Edward. *Old Testament Use of Old Testament: A Book-by-Book Guide*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2021. (ISBN: 978-0-3105-7110-0; Amazon \$55 or less)

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignment 1 – Read Cole’s book *Psalms 1-2: Gateway to the Psalter* and write a book review (minimum of 4 pages double spaced) (100 points)

Assignment 2 – Read Berlin’s book *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism* and write a book review (minimum of 4 pages double spaced) (100 points).

Assignment 3 – The student will give a 30 minute presentation in class on a Hebrew text from the Writings section of the Hebrew Bible. The text from the Hebrew Bible will be selected by the professor (100 points)

Assignment 4 – The student will read 200 pages from the book edited by Longman and Enns: *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry and Writings* and write a critical review of the articles read (100 points)

Assignment 5 – The student will answer questions in Discussions (200 points).

Assignment 6 – The student will read the Hebrew Bible’s Writing section in Schnittjer’s book *Old Testament Use of Old Testament* and type a book review (minimum of 4 pages double spaced). (100 points)

Assignment 6 – The Hebrew Bible Comprehensive Exam. This exam has two parts – a written exam and an oral exam. In the written exam the student will be asked to translate a text from the Hebrew Bible and parse all verbs. In the oral exam the student will be given a list of questions to study to prepare to answer in a two oral exam. (100 points for written and 200 points for oral exam = 300 total points)

### **POINTS AND FINAL GRADE**

960-1000 points	A
940-959 points	A-
920-939 points	B+
880-919 points	B
860-879 points	B-
0-859 points	F

### **HELP FOR STUDENTS**

Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator ([aso@calvary.edu](mailto:aso@calvary.edu)) of any disabling condition that may require support.

The Clark Academic Center ([learning@calvary.edu](mailto:learning@calvary.edu)) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for Calvary University students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

Attend class in Microsoft Teams. Each PhD student is expected to be at every class on time. Make class attendance a priority.

Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (F) grade and the student will be reported to the Ph.D. Director.

Use Turabian style for all research papers. All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 edition.

**SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- Arnold, Bill T. and H. G. M. Williamson, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005. (ISBN: 978-0-8308-1782-5; IVP \$60)
- Dorsey, David A. *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis–Malachi*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 1999. (ISBN: 0-8010-2793-4; Amazon \$32 or less)
- De Waard, Jan, Piet B. Dirksen, Yohanan A. P. Goldman, Rolf Schäfer, and Magne Sæbø. *Biblia Hebraica Quinta: General Introduction and Megilloth*, Vol. 18. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2004. (ISBN: 3-438-05278-4; Amazon \$48 or less)
- Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1997. (ISBN: 978-1-6830-7352-9; Amazon \$60 or less)
- Rydellnik, Michael and Edwin Blum, eds. *The Moody Handbook of Messianic Prophecy: Studies and Expositions of the Messiah in the Old Testament*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2019. (ISBN: 978-0-8024-0963-8; Amazon \$33 or less)