



## Introduction to the Old Testament (BIB102) Course Syllabus

### I. Learning outcomes for BIB102

Students who complete BIB102 will achieve a foundational understanding of the Old Testament canon and each book respectively. Each book will be considered from a historical, literary, and theological perspective.

### II. Required Reading

Gleason L. Archer, *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*, New Ed., (Chicago, IL: Moody, 2007).

### III. Lectures

William Barrick, [\*Old Testament Introduction\*](#)

### IV. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. **Read *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction* in its entirety.**
2. **Watch/Listen to lectures 1-10B (there are 14 lectures in total).**
3. **Write a two-page double spaced reflection paper on chapter two (pp. 21-38).**  
A reflection paper identifies the subject(s) under consideration and gives a summarization of your reaction to the material with evidence from the material to support your suppositions. Reflection papers answer the questions “Did you agree with the claims of the author?,” “What did you learn?,” “What misconceptions did you have that the author helped you correct?” Footnote all citations. For further help consult [\*How to Write a Reflection Paper\*](#).
4. **Write a two-page double spaced reflection paper on chapter five (pp. 75-88).** Be sure to mention the Apocryphal books included in the canon of the Roman Catholic Church and give three reasons as to why those books are in fact non-canonical.
5. **Write a five to eight-page double-spaced research paper summarizing the basic premise of the documentary hypothesis (i.e., JEDP) and provide a biblical critique.** While there are many iterations of the JEDP theory, outline its broad strokes generally, and interact with the presuppositions at play among higher criticism. This paper should include at least five written works aside from *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*. Footnote all citations and provide both a cover page and a works cited page. Consult either the *Chicago Manual of Style* or Turabian for questions of citation and pagination.